ARTIST DIPLOMA RECITAL



Monday, April 29th 2024 7:30PM JORDAN HALL

Artist



Yeonjae Cho is a Korean coloratura soprano who has performed in numerous operas, including the roles of Queen of the Night in *Die Zauberflöte*, Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, Norina in *Don Pasquale*, Eurydice in *Orphée aux Enfers*, Diana in *La Calisto*, Diana in *L'arbore di Diana*, Setsuko in *An American Dream*, Aminta in *Il Re Pastore*, Mrs. Jenks in *The Tender Land* and Erste Dame in *Die Zauberflöte*.

Next season, Ms. Cho looks forward to making her debut with Nashville Opera as a Mary Ragland Emerging Artist. Her newest engagements at Nashville Opera include singing Josephine Corcoran in Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

As an artist, she has showcased her talent in various roles, including Lucia from *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Tytania from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Zerlina from *Don Giovanni* in the NEC Perkin Opera Scenes Program. In the past year, she performed as the soprano soloist in Mozart's *Great Mass in c minor* at Jordan Hall and Gabriela Lena Frank's *Conquest Requiem* with the NEC Philharmonia and Chorus at Boston Symphony Hall in the East Coast premiere.

Additionally, she was named a Boston District Winner by the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition and being awarded the Wendy Shattuck Presidential Scholarship for 2022-24. She attained the bachelor's and master's degrees at Seoul National University with honors, and she earned a Graduate Diploma at New England Conservatory. She is currently finishing an Artist Diploma at New England Conservatory under the tutelage of Bradley Williams.



Piano Justin Williams



Flute Yechan Min



Tenor Ilhee Lee

Justin Williams graduated from the Queensland Conservatorium of Music with a Bachelor of Music with distinction in piano performance and the Conservatorium Medal for Excellence. Upon graduation he moved to the United States of America supported by a grant from the Australia Arts Council and the David Paul Landa and Hephzibah Menuhin memorial scholarships to pursue graduate work in piano performance. He graduated with a Masters of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. To round out his studies and consolidate his passion for the vocal arts, he completed a Graduate Diploma in collaborative piano at the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) and subsequently joined the college faculty where he has been working ever since. More recently he joined the faculty of the Mannes School of Music (now part of the New School) in New York City. Prior to his appointment at NEC he served on the faculty of the Brooklyn/Queens Conservatory of Music, maintained a private voice coaching studio and worked as a studio pianist for many of the most important voice teachers in New York. His teaching responsibilities have included classes devoted to lyric diction, vocal repertoire and operatic role preparation as well as coaching singers in recital preparation and operatic repertoire. He has also been the music director of the Undergraduate Opera Studio at NEC for the past nine years. In conjunction with his teaching, Dr. Williams continues to play for select auditions and masterclasses with world class artists such as Renee Fleming and Marilyn Horne. He continues to maintain a private coaching studio and collaborate with established singers, having performed at many important venues including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C, the National Concert Hall in Taiwan, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall in New York City and Jordan Hall in Boston. He has developed a close relationship with Odyssey Opera in Boston and he spends time in Germany each summer further cultivating his love for the german lied. Dr. Williams has worked with various singers preparing them for their roles at the Metropolitan Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Komische Oper Berlin and Opera Boston to name a few.

Yechan Min was born in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He spent his childhood having a lot of opportunity to listen to music and played the flute in his school and youth orchestra.

At the age of seventeen, he started to study with "American Treasure" Ms. Paula Robison who insisted that he moved to Boston, Massachusetts at the New England Conservatory of Music. Not only it began his parts of years of the United States but also it gave huge changes in both his playing and personality. He is the first prize winner of the James Pappoutsakis Flute Competition, Seattle Flute Society Paul Taub Young Artist Competition, Hong Kong International Music Competition, and Singapore Flute Festival Competition. He also played with Borromeo String Quartet as a guest artist and received New England Conservatory Presidential Distinction Award. Yechan has received New England Conservatory's Donna Hieken Presidential Flute Scholarship for his Master of Music degree since Fall 2023.

Korean tenor Ilhee Lee is currently pursuing a Performance Diploma at the Boston University Opera Institute under the tutelage of Penelope Bitzas.

He pursued a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music degree from Seoul National University, as well as a Graduate Diploma from the New England Conservatory of Music. Ilhee Lee has showcased his talent in various roles, including Tito in Mozart's La clemenza di Tito, Prince in Massenet's Cendrillon, Nemorino in Donizetti's L'elisir d'amore, Endimione in L'arbore di Diana, Aeneas in Dido&Aeneas, Tamino in Die Zauberflöte, Quint in The Turn of the Screw, Luigi in Il Tabarro, Don Ottavio in Don Giovanni. In the upcoming season, he will perform the role of Trin in Puccini's opera "La fanciulla del West" and covering the role of Sam in the opera "Street Scene" with the Central City Opera. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Laudamus Te from *Great Mass in c minor* Alleluja from *Exsultate Jubilate K.165*

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868) Aragonese Or che di fiori adorno La fioraia fiorentina

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman! from the opera *Le Toreador* Yechan Min, Flute

INTERMISSION

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Fünf Kleine Lieder Op.69 Der Stern Der Pokal Einerlei Schlechtes Wetter

Kyuyung Chin (b.1948)

Doonam Cho (1912-1984)

Keeyoung Kim (b. 1963) Miryang Arirang (밀양아리랑)

The Song of Birds (새타령) Ilhee Lee, Tenor

Arirang on the Range Yeonjae Cho, Soprano Ilhee Lee, Tenor

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

| Laudamus Te | We praise you |
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| Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. | We praise you, We bless you, We adore(worship) you, We glorify you. |
| Anonymous | |
| Alleluja | Alleluja |
| Alleluja | Alleluja |
| Anonymous | Translations by Yeonjae Cho |

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Aragonese

Mi lagnerò tacendo Della mia sorte amara, ah! Ma ch'io non t'ami, o cara, Non lo sperar da me.

Crudel, in che t'offesi Farmi penar così!

Pietro Antonio Domenico Bonaventura Trapassi

Or che di fiori adorno

Or che di Fiori adorno sorride il colle, il prato, e dolce cosa in torno girsene a passeggiar.

Placidi ovunue spirano soavi zeffiretti, s'odono gli augelletti fra I rami a gorgheggiar.

Anonymous

The reproach

In silence I will complain About my bitter fate But not to love you, dear, do not hope to obtain that from me.

Cruel one, why do you still Let me suffer like this?

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Now adorned with flowers

Now adorned with flowers and hills and meadows smile, and it is pleasant to stroll around.

Everywhere tranquil breezes softly blow, and in the boughs the little birds are heard warbling.

Translation by the Decca Music Group

La fioria fiorentina

I più bei fior comprate, fanciulli, amanti e spose: son fresche le mie rose, non spiran che l'amor.

Ahime! Soccorso implora mia madre, poveretta e da me sola aspetta del pan e non dell'or.

Anonymous

The Florentine flower girl

The most beautiful flowers you can buy, children, lovers, and newlyweds: my roses are fresh, they don't die like love does.

Alas! Help, implores my mother, poor little thing and from me she hopes only for bread and not for gold.

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Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman! from the opera 'Le Toreador'

Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman ce qui cause mon tourment; dequis que jai vy Clitandre me regarder dun air tendre, mon coeur dit à chaque instant, pêuton vivre sans amant?

Cet air me semble charmant, je veux le dire souvent, oui cet air, est charmant, son motif entrainant produit le sentiment le plu tendre, jaime son mouvement vous berçant mollement il est également expressif, élégant, le coeur bat seulement à l'entendre.

Ah, Shall I tell you, Mama

Ah, Shall I tell you, Mama what causes my torment? Ever since I saw Clitandre look at me so tenderly, My heart says every moment, "Can one live without a lover?"

This tune seems charming to me, I want to sing it often, Yes this tune, is charming, Its lively melody produces the tenderest feeling, I love its movement rocking you softly It is also expressive, elegant, the heart beats only to hear it.

Translation by Yeonjae Cho

ΙΝΤΕ R ΜΙ S S Ι Ο Ν

Fünf Kleine Lieder Op.69

Der Stern

Ich sehe ihn wieder den lieblichen Stern; er winket hernieder, er nahte mir gern; er wärmet und funkelt, je näher er kömmt, die andern verdunkelt, die Herzen beklemmt.

Die Haare im Fliegen er eilet mir zu, das Volk träumt von Siegen, ich träume von Ruh. Die andern sich deuten die Zukunft daraus, vergangene Zeiten mir leuchten ins Haus.

by Karl Joachim Friedrich Ludwig von Arnim

The star

I see it again, the lovely star; It waves down here, it approached me warmly; It sends out its heat and twinkles, the nearer it comes, The others become dim, people's hearts are oppressed.

It hastens to me with hair in flight, The people dream of victories, I dream of peace. The others predict the future from it, Times from long ago are illuminated for me in my house.

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Der Pokal

Freunde, weihet den Pokal Jener fremden Menschenwelt, Die an gleichem Sonnenstrahl Sich erhellt, gesellt, gefällt; Glück den lieben unbekannten Lichtgesandten Herzverwandten, Deren Augen übergehn, Wenn sie in die Sonne sehn.

by Karl Joachim Friedrich Ludwig von Arnim

Einerlei

Ihr Mund ist stets derselbe,Sein Ku β mir immer neu,Ihr Auge noch dasselbe,Sein freier Blick mir treu;O du liebes Einerlei,Wie wird aus dir so mancherlei!

by Karl Joachim Friedrich Ludwig von Arnim

The goblet

Friends, consecrate the goblet to that foreign world of mankind, Which, by the same ray of sunshine as we are, is illuminated, joined, pleased; Drink to the happiness of beloved strangers, Ambassadors of light, relatives of the heart, Whose eyes also overflow with tears When they look into the sun.

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Singular one

Her mouth remains the same, Its kiss is ever new, Her eyes yet unchanged, Their boundless gaze true to me. Oh you dear singular one, What wondrous variety comes from you!

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Schlechtes Wetter

Das ist ein schlechtes Wetter, Es regnet und stürmt und schneit; Ich sitze am Fenster und schaue Hinaus in die Dunkelheit.

Da schimmert ein einsames Lichtchen, Das wandelt langsam fort; Ein Mütterchen mit dem Laternchen Wankt über die Straße dort.

Ich glaube, Mehl und Eier Und Butter kaufte sie ein; Sie will einen Kuchen backen Für's große Töchterlein.

Die liegt zu Hause im Lehnstuhl Und blinzelt schläfrig ins Licht; Die goldenen Locken wallen Über das süße Gesicht.

by Heinrich Heine

Tonight is wretched weather

Tonight is wretched weather, It snows and storms, and rains; Out in the pitch-black darkness I gaze through the window-panes.

There flickers a lonely candle, Slow winding down the street; And a beldame, with her lantern, Goes hobbling on in the sleet.

I think 'tis for eggs and butter That she braves this weather wild, To bake a cake for her daughter, Her grown-up ailing child.

Who lies at thome in her arm-chair, And sleepily blinks at the light. Over her beautiful forehead Her golden curls wave bright.

Translation by Emma Lazarus (1849 – 1887), appears in Poems an d Ballads of Heinrich Heine, first published 1881

Kyuyung Chin (b.1948)

Miryang Arirang (밀양아리랑)

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정든 님이 오셨는데 인사를 못해 행주치마 입에 물고 입만 방긋 아리아리랑 쓰리쓰리랑 아라리가 났네 아리랑 고개로 넘어간다 에이 넘어간다

Miryang Arirang

Arirang arariyo Take a look at me, take a look at me, take a look at me, Please just take one look at me as though looking at the flowers that bloom in the depth of winter Ariarirang seuriseurirang, Come on, Arari. Arirrang Hill, I'm walking over it.

My love has come but I cannot say hello, Just under the apron tail in the mouth give a small smile. Ariarirang seuriseurirang, Come on, Arari. Arirang Hill, I'm walking over it. Ei! I'm walking over it. 울 넘어 총각의 각피리 소리 물 긷는 처녀의 한숨소리 아리 아리랑 쓰리 쓰리랑 아라리가 났네 아리랑 고개로 넘어간다

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Anonymous

Crossing over the fence, the bachelor's fluting sound. The maiden's sound of sigh by the well. Ariarirang seuriseurirang, Come on, Arari Arirang Hill, I'm walking over it.

You or me? Who is better? The bills in the copper safe, that's the winner. Ariarirang seuriseurirang, Come on, Arari. Arirang Hill, I'm walking over it. Ariarirang seuriseurirang, Haya!

Translation by Korean Art Song Research Institute In the room

Doonam Cho (1912-1984)

새타령

새가 새가 날아든다 온갖 잡새가 날아든다. 남영에 대붕새야, 오동잎에 봉황새야 상사병에 기러기야. 고국 찾는 접동새야. 짝을지어 원앙새야, 배 띄우는 갈매기야 에루후아 좋고 좋다 봄이로다 봄이로다. 야하~ 삼천리 강산에 새소식 왔다고 산천에도 펄럭펄럭, 창파에도 펄럭펄럭 새가 새가 노래한다. 무슨 새가 노래하나 종달새 비비배배, 부엉새는 부엉부엉 비둘기는 구굴구굴. 딱따구리 딱따르르 뻐꾹새는 뻐꾹뻐꾹, 꾀골새는 꾀꼴꾀꼴

The Song of Birds

A bird flies. All kinds of birds fly. Daeboong bird is in Namyeong, Phoenix is on a paulownia leaf. A lovesick goose, A Jeobdong bird looking for his homeland

A wood duck to mate, A seagull to sail a boat Eh-ru-hu-a, it is good. Spring is here, spring is here.

Ya-ah!, a news arrived in the whole lands, rivers and mountains. Flapping in the mountains. Flapping in the sea waves.

A bird sings. What kind of bird is singing

The skylark sings bi-bi-bae-bae, The owl sings bu-ung-bu-ung The pigeon sings gu-gul-gu-gul The woodpecker sings Ttak-tta-ruh-ruh The cuckoo sings ppeo-kkuk-ppeo-kkuk The oriole sings kkoe-kkol-kkoe-kkol 에루후아 좋고 좋다, 봄이로다 봄이로다.

야하~ 삼천리 강산에 새소식 왔다고 숲에서도 딩동댕동, 들에서도 딩동댕동

Heekyung Park

Eh-ru-hu-ya, it is good. Spring is here, spring is here.

Ya-ah!, a news arrived in the whole lands, rivers and mountains. In the forest, ding-dong-daeng-dong In the fields, ding-dong-daeng-dong.

Translation by Ilhee Lee

Keeyoung Kim (b.1963)

Arirang on the Range

O give me a home where the buffalo roam, where the deer and the antelope play where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day

Home, home on the range where the deer and the antelope play where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day

아리랑 아리랑 아라리요 아리랑 고개로 넘어간다 나를 버리고 가시는 님은 십리도 못 가서 발병난다

American & Korean folk songs

언덕 위의 아리랑

오, 나에게 집을 지어다오 들소와 사슴 그리고 영양들이 뛰노는 곳 근심스런 말 들려오지 않고 하늘이 종일 푸르른 곳

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Arirang Arariyo Crossing over the Arirang hill The lover who broke my heart Might barely go to miles because of his broken ankle.

Translations by KCVM

thankeyou

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has joined us here today. Four years can feel long yet incredibly short. I cannot thank you all enough for the support you've provided me during my time at NEC. Endless gratitude goes to my teacher forever, Bradley Williams, who has opened new musical horizons for me. Thanks to you, I became not only a better musician but also a better person. I am the luckiest person to have had the opportunity to work with you, bringing me one step closer to truly believing in myself as a musician.

I'd like to thank Justin for your abundant passion and support for this recital. Additionally, a heartfelt thanks to Yechan, Ilhee and Joshua for making this recital even more special. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Wendy Shattuck for making all my experiences at NEC possible. Thanks to your generous financial support, I could focus solely on achieving my goal without any concerns.

I sincerely thank my beloved parents, husband, and all my family and friends for their continuous support and for believing in my dreams. I wouldn't be where I am without all your support.

Last but not least, I offer all glory to God, who has always guided me along every path, providing the best, and who is with me in this very moment.

Follow Yeonjae Cho on her social media platforms and keep in touch on her website for updates and performances.

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