



# NEC Preparatory School Youth Symphony

Steven Karidoyanes  
*Music Director, Youth Symphony*

Hayden Ren, *Cello*  
*2023-2024 Concerto Competition Winner - Category B*

Tuesday November 19th, 2024  
7:30 p.m.  
New England Conservatory - Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

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YOUTH SYMPHONY

**Clarice Assad**  
(b.1978)

**Brazilian Fanfare Overture**

**Giacomo Puccini**  
(1858–1924)

**Preludio Sinfonico in A Major (1882)**

*Intermission*

**Edward Elgar**  
(1857–1934)

**Concerto in E Minor for Cello and Orchestra Op. 85**

I. Adagio – Moderato

II. Lento – Allegro molto

III. Adagio

IV. Allegro – Moderato – Allegro, ma non-troppo –  
Poco più lento – Adagio

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## *First Violin*

Jihye Yun  
Nathan Chun  
Gavin Armstrong  
Jovana Zivanovic  
Betty Ma  
Nileya Liu  
Isabella J Kim  
Carter Chen  
Emily Chen  
Sophia Ai Guo  
Emily Zhou  
Hannah Chen  
Jasmine Gu  
Annabelle Senatori  
Kieran Eichler  
Mari Kang  
Emmy Yang  
Elliott Ho

## *Second Violin*

Audrey Tsai  
Josephine Arnold Mages  
Adrian Solomon  
Viviette Hong  
Daniel Liu  
Jacob Wu  
Joshua Bruno  
Chloe Dimmick  
Kyra Lee  
Dylan Yang  
Grace Nam  
Amber Low  
Kristin Kim  
Daniel Xu  
Yejin Choe  
Yi Ling Sha  
Ayaan Iyer  
Vera Lin  
Susanna Barouch  
Maya Ramanathan  
Sophia Wang  
Alkmene Armoundas

## *Viola*

Aritro Chatterjee  
Abigail Tsai  
Hanna Lee  
Angelina Tang  
Vasili Karanos  
Jessica Tao  
Yifan (Evan) Ding  
Vivian Pan  
Ella Li  
Rachel Miller  
Esther Song  
Hanna Shimbori  
Costa Gay-Afendulis

## *Cello*

Gabriel Jojatu  
Andrew Xia  
Gaven Finnon  
Sunho Lee  
Evan Wong  
Olivia Zlabys  
Nikolas Reuning  
Stefan Ladendorf  
Yiyang Yu  
Sophia Li  
Grace Barrett  
Nathan Zhang  
Ethan Wright  
Andrew Quinn  
John Avery  
Ruhan Iyer  
Madeline Lytton

## *Double Bass*

Luca Vezza  
Samuel Wright

\* College Musician

## *Piccolo*

Rylan Collins \*

## *Flute*

Ziyan (Mobius) Xiong  
Michelle Sun  
Yen-Ching (Megan) Chen

## *Oboe*

Gavin Datta  
Alicia Wen

## *Clarinet*

Leila Mostaghimi  
Aaron Velinzon

## *Bassoon*

Hank Lewis Hicks  
Dominic Panunto \*

## *Horn*

Nadia Hackbarth-Davis  
Jonathan Choi  
Sylvie Kotsonis  
Ashley Chiang \*

## *Trumpet*

Daniel Geho  
Elena MacFadden  
Jacob Hepler \*

## *Trombone*

Timothy Ye-Jun  
HanQuinton Krull \*  
David Paligora \*

## *Harp*

Chloe Cheung

## *Percussion*

Jordan Fajardo-Bird \*  
Taylor Lents (NEC Staff)\*

## Steven Karidoyanes

### *Music Director, Youth Symphony*

As a conductor, composer and broadcaster, Boston native Steven Karidoyanes brings a wealth of musical experiences to the podium. Since 2004 Mr. Karidoyanes has led the New England Conservatory Youth Symphony in their regular concerts in Jordan Hall, concerts in Symphony Hall, and in past concert tours of Italy, Greece, Costa Rica, Eastern Europe, Ireland and Spain. He is also the conductor of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, a professional orchestra on Boston's historic South Shore, since 1994. He became an understudy conductor for the Boston Pops Orchestra in 2008, covering rehearsals and performances in Boston's Symphony Hall, Tanglewood, runout performances, and the 2023 Tour to Japan. He made his Boston Pops conducting debut in Symphony Hall in December 2016.

Past international guest conducting engagements include Hungary's Savaria Symphony Orchestra in Hainburg, Austria, the Prague Symphony Chamber Orchestra, Costa Rica's National Music Institute Youth Symphony, and return engagements with the North Czech Philharmonic. Mr. Karidoyanes has also guest conducted the Knoxville Symphony, Syracuse Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, and orchestras in the Washington, D.C. region. Opera productions conducted include Cape Cod Opera's *Carmen*, *The Mikado* by the Bostonian Opera & Concert Ensemble [a.k.a. "The Bostonians"] and Opera-by-the-Bay's (MA) *Die Fledermaus*.

For a decade Mr. Karidoyanes was Music Director of Boston's Masterworks Chorale, conducting choral/orchestral masterworks in Harvard University's Sanders Theatre. He has also held the posts of Music Director of the Boston College Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Winston-Salem Symphony and Greensboro Symphony orchestras in North Carolina, and Assistant Conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic. He has served on the faculty of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute for ten seasons, and on the conducting faculty of the New England Conservatory.

Complementing his performing activities, Mr. Karidoyanes is a composer and member of ASCAP. His composition, *Yerakína: Dionysian Dance for Orchestra*, was written for and premiered by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and has already been performed by the Boston Pops. His *Café Neon: Fantasy on Greek Songs and Dances* has been performed over forty times by two dozen orchestras coast to coast plus Italy, Greece and Australia. Also a classical music announcer/producer, Mr. Karidoyanes has worked for National Public Radio affiliates in Boston, North Carolina and Indiana.

Steven Karidoyanes holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Boston University. He received training in orchestral conducting at the Canford School of Music in Dorset, England, where he studied with the renowned British conducting coach, George Hurst. Additional orchestral studies earned him the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for two consecutive years from Ball State University in Indiana.

## Hayden Ren

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Hayden Ren, 16 years old, is a junior at Newton North High School. She started taking cello lessons with Allison Eldredge at age eight. Hayden was the 1st prize winner of the 2023-2024 New England Conservatory (NEC) Prep Concerto Competition (age Category B) and 1st prize winner of the 2021 NEC Prep Solo String Competition (Cello in Category A), the winner of 2024 New England Philharmonic Young Artist Competition, Runner-up of 2023 Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto Competition, 2nd prize in 2022 Brockton Symphony Orchestra and 2023 Quincy Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. 1st prize winner of American Fine Art Festival International Concerto Competition 2018-2019, Prized in Austria's 3rd International Artists Competition and Geneva Junior Music Competition 2023. Hayden performed with the New Philharmonic Orchestra, Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra, Wellesley Symphony Orchestra in 2024, and ASMI Chamber Orchestra in 2022. She performed in Carnegie Hall, Jordan Hall, Gilles-Lefebvre Hall in Orford, Canada, Teatro degli Atti in Rimini, Italy, etc. Hayden participated in the masterclasses by Fred Sherry, Laurence Lesser, Paul Katz, Lluís Claret, Mark Churchill, Matt Haimovitz, Amid Peled, etc.

Hayden's Rivers Chamber Music lab Trio Résonne won 1st prize in the 2024 IX International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition (senior category). They participated in Benjamin Zander's interpretation masterclass and performed at the iconic Hatch Memorial Shell in 2024. Hayden's NEC chamber group, Allen Trio, performed in the "NEC Prep Chamber Music Showcase Concert 2023" in Jordan Hall. She now joins the NEC program of Chamber Music Intensive Performance Seminar.

Hayden currently plays cello in the NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. She has been a member of the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for the last three years and performed regularly in Boston Symphony Hall and toured Philharmonie Berlin, Musikverein Vienna, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Rudolfinum Prague in summer of 2024, and prestigious and historic music venues in South Africa in 2023 and Greek Isles in 2022, including Athens' Megaron Christos Lambrakis Hall.

Hayden loves animals and hopes her commitment to music can change people's perspectives and appreciation of classical music.

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### **Thursday, December 5th 2024**

Youth Chorale & NEC Symphonic Choir  
Church of the Covenant Boston

### **Saturday, December 7th 2024**

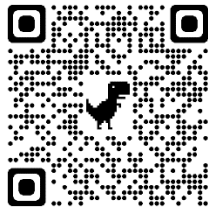
Preparatory String Orchestras  
9:30 and 11:30 AM in Brown Hall

### **Saturday, December 7th 2024**

Youth Jazz Orchestra  
7:30 PM in Brown Hall

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