# 2022 Spring Concert Series

## Hochstein Merit Scholarship Winners

Sara Ward, baritone saxophone Sean Li, cello

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#### **BIOS**



Sara Ward is currently a junior at Churchville Chili High School. She has been studying saxophone under Nancy Boone-Bahr at The Hochstein School since March 2020. Sara is enrolled in the Hochstein Honors Certificate Program and recently performed with the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony. At Churchville Chili, she participates in wind ensemble, jazz band, pit orchestra, and small chamber music groups. She is a member of the Greater Rochester Robotics 340 Team, working with the electrical group. She enjoys skateboarding, biking, and hiking in her free time. After graduation, she plans to continue her studies in education or music.

**Sean Li** is a senior at Pittsford Mendon High School. He has played the cello since the age of 10 and currently studies with Kathy Kemp at The Hochstein School. He currently serves as the co-principal cellist of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and is part of the Honors Certificate Program. Sean was selected to be a member of the 2021 Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra and was one of 16 students selected for the 2019 Summer Cello Institute at the Eastman School of Music. Sean also studies piano with Joseph Werner and previously performed the Brahms G minor Rhapsody and Rachmaninoff's Polichinelle on Live from Hochstein. Outside of music, Sean is an avid tennis player on Mendon's varsity team and serves as treasurer of Mendon's all-school student council. In the fall, he plans to study Biomedical Engineering and continue his musical pursuits at Johns Hopkins University.



Taiwanese pianist **Tze-Wen (Julia) Lin** is known for her sensitive and virtuosic playing. She holds both MM and DMA degrees in Piano Performance from University of Oregon, where she studied with Dean Kramer, David Riley, Claire Wachter, and Alexandre Dossin. There, she was recognized for extraordinary artistry as recipient of three competitive awards: Excellence of University Outstanding Performer in Music, Outstanding Performer in Keyboard, and Outstanding Performer in Collaborative Piano. Professionally, she held affiliations with University of Oregon Orchestral Conducting Workshop, Eugene Symphony Association, Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble, Eugene Concert Choir, and Cascadia Concert Opera. Tze-Wen earned her BM from Tainan National University of the Arts under tutelage of Marina Drozdova and Mikhail Kollontay. Winner of the concerto competition, she soloed with TNNUA String Orchestra. Now a resident of Rochester, NY, Dr. Lin freelances in association with The Hochstein School and Eastman School of Music, accompanying students on recital programs and assorted local and statewide auditions and festivals.

Pianist Yi-Wen Chang has appeared as a soloist and collaborative pianist in the United States, Canada, Russia, and Taiwan. Chang holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Eastman School of Music, where she was awarded the prestigious Performer's Certificate in recognition of outstanding concert artistry. She received the Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School and Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Eastman. Since 2015, Chang launched the "Then and Now" concert series combining traditional and contemporary music. She recently performed her piano transcription of a Taiwanese folk song, Longing for the Spring Breeze, and premiered her compositions, A Stream of Thought and Imminence, both broadcast on WXXI. Chang has also collaborated with renowned contemporary composers, among them Benet Casablancas, David Liptak, and Jennifer Higdon. In addition to performing extensively as a soloist and collaborator, Chang is a dedicated pedagogue and has been an adjudicator in numerous piano competitions. Chang currently serves on the piano faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Hochstein, and is a collaborative pianist at Nazareth College and SUNY Geneseo.

#### **PROGRAM**

Sonata for Baritone Saxophone and Piano Ronald L. Caravan
I. Prologue (b. 1946)

II. Allegro

Sonata No. 6, BWV 1035 Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Adagio, ma non tanto (1685-1750)

Sonata Lawson Lunde

I. Allegro (1935-2019)

Sara Ward, baritone saxophone Julia Lin, piano

Silbo Andrea Casarrubios

(b. 1988)

Sean Li, cello Yi-Wen Chang, piano

Cello Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude

Sean Li, cello

Sonata No. 2 in F Major, Op. 99

I. Allegro vivace

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Sean Li, cello

Yi-Wen Chang, piano

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- Please remember to bring proof of vaccination to EACH Live from Hochstein performance that you attend.
- In consideration of the performers and the rest of the audience, we remind you that it
  is customary to be as quiet as possible during concerts. Please enter and exit the hall
  only during applause.
- Please turn off any cell phones or other devices that may sound during the performance. The use of cameras/recording devices is strictly prohibited.
- Restrooms are located downstairs and can be accessed from the lobbies at the back of the Performance Hall. Wheelchair accessible/gender neutral restrooms are in the School; please ask an usher for directions.
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