

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

JUNIOR/SENIOR RECITAL

SUNGHEE JOY KIM, PIANO

NICKERSON STUDIOS
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 | 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

Prelude & Fugue in B flat major Book I WTC	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Piano Sonata Op. 13 in C minor (Pathétique) Mvt. 1	Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Nocturne in D flat major Op. 27 No. 2	Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)
IV. Intermezzo Op. 26 From “Vienna Carnival”	Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Intermezzo in A major Op. 118 No. 2	Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Prelude VL270 b-moll (B flat minor)	Mikalojus K. Čiurlionis (1875-1911)
Un Sospiro No. 3 From “Trois etudes de concert”	Franz Liszt (b. 1811-1886)

Intermisson

How Blessed You Are	Sunghee Kim (b. 1964-)
Mary Carlson, Soprano Sunghee Kim, Piano	
Fugue No. 4 in C# minor for 8 Hands, Piano, Book 1 WTC	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Christina Valdez Echo Vance Keira Shaw Sunghee Kim	
Jamaican Rumba	Arthur Benjamin (1893-1960)
Keira Shaw Sunghee Kim	
White Jasmine No. 1 From “Tropic Night Suite”	Olive Dungan (1904-1997)
Asta Vaičekonis Sunghee Kim	
Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major K.467	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
<i>II. Andante</i> <i>III. Allegro Vivace Assai</i>	
Asta Vaičekonis Sunghee Kim	

ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

Sunghee Joy Kim is a baccalaureate student at Seattle Pacific University currently pursuing a BA in Music with an emphasis in Performance under professor Asta Vaičekonis and will be graduating after Spring Quarter 2025. In 2020, she came back to school to study Music Therapy, following her passion for music and compassion for people. She changed her major last Winter Quarter but her desire remains the same! She has a BA in Music composition from Ewha Womans University in Korea in 1988. Sunghee showed musical talent as a pianist as she won the first place from a national piano competition when she was 12 years old. Growing up as a pastor's kid, Sunghee was naturally exposed to church music and choir as well as classical music. She came to the States to study abroad along with her husband but it took more than 30 years until she could resume her study. God gave Sunghee her precious children, Anna and Joshua, and invited her into ministry as a pastor's wife. Currently, Sunghee is serving True Light Church in Seattle, a Korean-American congregation, as a worship leader as well as pastor's wife. Sunghee is excited to finish her study and anticipates an opening door from God for an opportunity to serve neighbors in need with her academic achievement.

Sunghee performs tonight in partial fulfillment of a B.A. in Music with an emphasis in Performance.

Asta Vaičekonis, a Lithuania native, earned her Master's degree in piano performance from the University of Washington and Bachelor's degree in piano performance, collaborative piano, and music education from the Lithuanian Academy of Music. Asta served as an accompanist and coach at Summer Chamber Music Seminars in Berlin, Germany. She had numerous performance with Chamber Dance Company and made several recordings for the Lithuanian Radio and Television. Asta was affiliated with Lithuanian Academy of Music, University of Washington and Western Washington University as staff pianist and coach. Currently she is piano faculty and staff pianist at Seattle Pacific University and piano faculty at Music Works Northwest.

Mary Carlson is a junior at Seattle Pacific's Music Therapy Program. Mary is a Soprano and has been singing since she was a child. Mary loves to collaborate and make music with others and is excited to be a part of Sunghee's recital!

Christina Valdez is a 3rd year Honors student pursuing her BS in Physiology and minor in Chemistry. She began studying piano in elementary school and is currently taking lessons at SPU with Dr. Vaičekonis. Christina has performed in two senior recitals, the Winter 2025 Collaborative Ensemble concert, and the 2025 SPU Music Competition.

Echo Vance is a classically trained pianist, working towards her B.A. in Music Performance. She currently studies under Dr. Dainius Vaičekonis at *Seattle Pacific University*, and has performed in numerous adjudications and masterclasses, most notably with Dr. Robin McCabe and Dr. Ross Salvosa. Additionally, Echo has performed across the PNW and internationally as a violinist/vocalist with the band, *A Total Fiasco*.

Keira Shaw is a student at Seattle Pacific University pursuing a bachelor's degree in music with a concentration in both Composition and Piano Performance. She is currently studying under the tutelage of Dr. Dainius Vaičekonis for piano, and Dr. Sarah Bassingthwaite for composition and has recently won the composition section of the music competition at SPU. She has participated in numerous recitals and ensembles including Green River Jazz voices, SPU's Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Collaborative Ensemble, during which she played with Sunghee for the first time. She is excited to do so again for Sunghee's senior recital.

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"Please join us for a reception following the program in the lobby!"

