

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

JUNIOR RECITAL

TIFFANY BLANCO, MEZZO-SOPRANO

WITH

ZHANHONG KUANG, PIANO

JADE TOLENTINO, MEZZO-SOPRANO

NICKERSON STUDIOS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 | 7:30 P.M.

ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

Tiffany Blanco is a junior at Seattle Pacific University who is pursuing a BA in Music with a concentration in Vocal Performance and will be graduating after Spring Quarter, 2026. Tiffany began singing ever since she was little. Her mom recalls her making fun songs on the way to school and at home. When she was around eight years old, when she lived in Puerto Rico, she began to truly form a desire to sing. She was known for belting Adele. Once she moved to Seattle a few years later, she was presented with many opportunities for singing, some being; a youth children's church choir at St. James Cathedral, doing musicals at a Broadway Bound, musicals in high school, and joining school choirs up until college. Over time, she felt a calling to continue to cultivate the gifts God has bestowed upon her, and she hoped to continue singing whether it be at church or with students in the future. She spends her free time serving at church, leading SFLA club on campus, singing in choir, and living a life rooted in the Lord, which makes her life look different everyday. In her time at SPU, Tiffany has taken voice lessons from Professor Beth Ann Bonnecroy and participated in different SPU ensembles such as Concert and Treble Choir.

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

Zhanhong Kuang earned her BA degree in Piano Performance from Seattle Pacific University in 2018. She regularly collaborates with other musicians to perform chamber music, choral music, and church music. She has been working as an accompanist for Seattle School District since 2017, Tukwila School District since 2022, and has accompanied numerous choir concerts, musicals, music festivals, and competitions. In addition, Zhanhong has been serving as the accompanist for the Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle and Magnolia Chorale. Besides accompanying, Zhanhong also enjoys teaching. She teaches private lessons at her own studio in Seattle.

Tiffany would like to give thanks to God, to her family, and friends for their support. Also, great gratitude of making music with Zhanhong and Jade. A special thanks to Professor Bonnecroy for all the ways she has taught and passed on all the wisdom and passion for music she has gathered throughout her career with much generosity, handwork, and joy to Tiffany and all SPU students!

PROGRAM

Deep River Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Give Me Jesus Trad. Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Trad. Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

O Boundless, Boundless Evening Samuel Barber (1920-1981)
Silent Noon Ralph Vaughan William 1872-1958)

Cu-cu-rru-cu-cu, Paloma Thomas Mendez Sosa (b. 1927)
Mi Sueño Edward Kilenyi (1884-1968)
Jota Manuel de Falla (1876-1946)
Calle de Paloma Edward Kilenyi (1884-1968)

When I Fall in Love Victor Young (1900-1956)
When You Wish Upon a Star Ned Washington and Leigh Harline
(1901-1976, 1907-1969)
Orange Colored Sky Milton Delugg and Willie Stein
(1918-2015, 1917-2009)

I'm Here Brenda Russell (1924-1982)
Color Purple Reprise Brenda Russell

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