

**WISCONSIN  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
ORCHESTRA**



**INAUGURAL CONCERT**

**Pius XI High School**

**Father Robert V. Carney Performing Arts Center**

**May 24, 2016**

*featuring*

**Sinfonietta and Symphony Strings**

*with Special Guest Artists*

**The Guzheng Players and  
Trio Maestoso**

# Good Evening and Welcome

Tonight is very special and we are thrilled that you have joined us. A diverse group of musical pioneers have begun a journey together to celebrate our connection; our love of music and our humanity. The **Wisconsin Intergenerational Orchestra** took flight on February 2 with an Open House. Since then we have gathered together to rehearse nearly every Tuesday evening culminating with tonight's program. We are so proud of our charter members – not only for their musicianship and dedication, but for their vision of an inclusive world without boundaries between people.

We are so grateful to share the stage with our amazing guest artists from far and near - the Guzheng Players from China and our very own local young artists, Trio Maestoso. We are inspired by your artistry and honored by your support of our mission. Our hosts at Pius XI, and especially Bonnie Scholz, Performing Arts Department Chair, have made us feel very welcome. Thank you for sharing your Performing Arts Center so graciously with us.

Please congratulate your favorite musician in the lobby following the performance. "Team **WIO**" will be waiting to meet and greet you, too.

And now, ***"It's Time To Play"!***

**Anne Marie Peterson** – Artistic Director

**Benjamin Leon** – Music Director

**Siew-Eng Goh** – Senior Music Consultant

**Jian Sun** – President

**Dr. Matt Gibson** – Chairman of the Board

# Program

## The Wisconsin Intergenerational Orchestra

**Beginnings** ..... Tracey Rush

**In the Steppes of Central Asia** ..... Alexander Borodin  
*arr. Jamin Hoffman*

## The Guzheng Players

**Yu Zhou Chang Wan** (Notturmo in the Fishing Boat)

*Hong Jing Ai and Grace Zhang*

This song depicts the setting sun shining on the water of the river and a fisherman leisurely in his far away boat. This is the most popular and famous song of Guzheng.

**Qing Hua Ci** (Blue and White Porcelain)

*Yu Kun Sun and Jin Wang*

This song depicts the beautiful scene of Jiang Nan (sounds like a Chinese ink and wash picture).

**Xi Ben Nadam** (Go Celebrate the Nadam Festival)

*Jiao Luo, Wan Luo and Xiao Li Wang*

Nadam is the most important festival for Mongols-it's the new year for them. This song depicts the Mongols riding on their horses and celebrating the Nadam Festival.

**Oh Susanna** (American Minstrel Song). . . . . Stephen Foster

*Yu Kun Sun, Jiao Luo and Grace Zhang*

Oh Susanna is among the most popular American songs ever written. Yu Kun Sun adapted this song for Guzheng.

## WIO Sinfonietta

- The Low Down** ..... Kevin Sluder
- Metro Gnome** ..... Fred Hubbell
- Minuet** ..... G.F. Handel  
*from the Water Music* ..... *arr. M. Williams*
- Star Wars Themes** ..... John Williams

## WIO Symphony Strings

- Sarabanda, Giga and Badinerie** ..... Arcangelo Corelli
- Waltzes From Der Rosenkavalier** ..... Richard Strauss  
*arr. for string orchestra Merle J. Isaac*
- Rhythmic Variations on Two Ancient Hymns** ..... Howard Hanson
- Celebration Fanfare** ..... Jennifer Higdon

## Trio Maestoso

- Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8** ..... Johannes Brahms  
1. Allegro con brio  
*Julian Rhee, violin   Tabby Rhee, viola   John Schindler, piano*

## The Wisconsin Intergenerational Orchestra

- Over the Rainbow** (from the Wizard of Oz) . Harold Arlen/E.Y. Harburg  
*arr. Bob Phillips*

## WIO SYMPHONY STRINGS

*Anne Marie Peterson - Director*

### **Violin 1**

Sophia Sun  
Malcolm Balles  
Julian Rhee \*  
Aparna Jayashankar  
Angela Beltrame  
Clare Marsh  
Tabby Rhee \*  
Hannah Butz  
William Pan

### **Violin 2**

Lauri Kiely  
Elizabeth Tan  
Hannah Park  
Gail Waring  
Sydney Overstreet  
Hannah Sternberg  
Alex Ng  
Eugene Park  
Siew-Eng Goh +

### **Viola**

Tom Spitz \*  
Mackenzie Reid  
Neha Shetty  
Tara Goday  
Sarah Kruis \*

### **Violoncello**

Elizabeth Daily  
Stacy Yang  
Maggie Butz  
Rebecca Yi  
Kyler Birnschein  
Alyssa Beltrame  
Carol Julin

### **Double Bass**

Kayla Blaschke

*\*Assisting Artist/Mentor  
+Senior Music Consultant*

## WIO SINFONIETTA

*Benjamin Leon - Director*

### **Violin 1**

Mohima Aich  
Molly Kane  
Delaney Vu  
Dimitrios Ziogas

### **Viola**

Alaina Sullivan  
Alexandria Williams

### **Violin II**

Abigail Derra  
Lilli Graesing  
Greta Seuss  
Evgenija Tanaskoska  
Aris Ziogas

### **Cello**

Meghan Conley  
Vera Gleisner  
Sennet Siodlarz



*Grace Zhang*

**Yu Kun Sun** - Graduated from China Central Conservatory of Music. Ms. Sun is one of the most influential Guzheng performers in China and lectures via TV and other medias. She also studies how psychology and Guzheng instruments are related. Ms. Sun has published more than 20 research papers about Guzheng. Additionally, she is frequently invited to judge Guzheng Contests across China.

**Hong Jing Ai** - Graduated from China Central Conservatory of Music. Ms. Ai is a member of China National Instrument Orchestra Society and a judge for Beijing Youth National Instrument Contest. She is a Guzheng teacher at Hua De Fu School where many graduates become music professionals.

**Xiao Li Wang** - Ms. Wang has performed Guzheng in many countries across Europe and Asia and been awarded the honor of Outstanding Teacher from both China and organizations in other countries. She has lead 2381 Guzheng players in performance earning a Guinness World Record.

**Jiao Luo** - Graduated from Shenyang Conservatory of Music. Ms. Luo has held leadership positions for several organizations in China and performed Guzheng in many countries in Europe and Asia. She has been teaching Guzheng for more than 20 years.

**Yan Luo** - Is a National Guzheng Player and professional teacher of Guzheng. Ms. Luo performed Guzheng in Vienna Golden Hall in 2007 and lectured Guzheng through China Central Television. She has been teaching for more than 20 years and taught more than 500 students who won many awards through various contests.

**Jing Wang**: Has studied Guzheng since she was a very young child. Ms. Wang has performed with the College Students Culture Exchange Program from China, Thailand and Korea in 2013. She has her own Guzheng Studio and is dedicated to the art of Guzheng.

**Grace Zhang** - Has studied Guzheng since she was 5 years old with Ms. Hong Jing Ai. Grace is currently a student at Pius XI Catholic High School and The Wisconsin International Academy. She has passed the highest level of art test in Guzheng in China and won many awards in Chinese instrument contests. Many organizations in China and the United States have invited Ms. Zhang to perform.



**Trio Maestoso** was formed in the winter of 2015 under the guidance and inspiration of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. Siblings Tabby (viola) and Julian Rhee (violin) are joined by John Schindler (piano) to form a special trio of talented high school musicians. Their passion for music and friendship for one another has been a special experience for them this past year. Each trio member has won numerous individual awards but the combining of their talents into this high-performing trio has been fun to watch and experience.

**Julian Rhee**, age 15, violinist, is the National winner of the 2016 MTNA Music Competition, first place winner of the 2015 MSO Bolz Young Artist Competition the Final Forte, the 2015 Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra Competition, overall winner of the 2013 Walgreens National Junior Competition, semifinalist at Johansen International Competition, Cooper International Competition, Stradivarius International Competition and William Byrd National Competition. He has been the featured soloist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Chippewa Symphony, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Menomonee Falls Symphony, Fox Valley Orchestra, Concord Chamber Orchestra and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

**Tabby Rhee**, age 18, is a violinist and violist. She is the second place winner of the MSO Bolz Final Forte and featured soloist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, winner of the 2016 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, first place winner of the 2016 MYSO Senior Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, Grand Prize winner of the Satori Music Competition, quarter finalist of the Fischhoff Chamber Competition, winner of the Menomonee Falls Young Artist Competition and scholarship recipient of the Montecito International Music Festival. Tabby has performed for artists such as Ilya Kaler, Shumuel Ashkenasi, Alice Schoenfeld, The Ying Quartet, Cavani Quartet and Steven Tenenbom in viola.

**John Schindler**, age 17, pianist, is the winner of the Theodor Leschetizky International Competition, Luminarts Piano Competition, NFMC Stillman Kelley Music Competition, Brevard Music Center Concerto Competition, Sejong Music Competition, PianoArts Wisconsin Youth Piano Competition, Wisconsin Philharmonia Chapman Memorial Piano Competition, Junior and Senior Division of the Chopin Youth Piano Competition in Milwaukee. In 2013, he won the State and Regional MTNA Junior piano competition to place 3rd in the national finals and has played in master classes for Yoheved Kaplinksy, Julian Martin, Nelita True and Frederic Chiu. John will be one of ten semifinalists in the 2016 PianoArts North American Competition.

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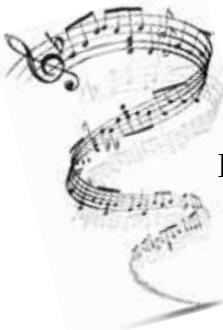


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We hope you will join the  
**FUN** next season!

It will all begin with an **Open House** on

**Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar. Details can be found on our website.