

## *Orchestra*

### **Violin I**

Anton Polezhayev, *Concertmaster*  
Catherine Colquhoun  
Alexandra Calabro  
Audrey Hayes

### **Violin II**

Noah Luft-Weissberg  
Ekaterina Gorkhover  
Yelena Savranskaya  
Hyunju Ji

### **Viola**

Sarah Ludwiczak  
Tonya Bibashka

### **Cello**

Jeong Yoon Park  
Natalia Galebsky

### **Double Bass**

Kageki Nagao  
James Myer

### **Flute**

Dmitry Goldgisser  
Samantha Clarke

### **Oboe**

Jennifer Hood  
Elisabeth Brunbauer

### **Clarinet**

Alexander Negruta  
Eitan Gofman

### **Bassoon**

Carrie Smelser  
Peter Landy

### **Horn**

Megan Bastos  
Bill Riley

### **Trumpet**

Sam Wells

### **Timpani**

Steve DeBellis



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## *Concert Festival Orchestra*

**Conductor Vladimir Polezhayev**

**SOLOISTS:  
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OF  
CONCERTO COMPETITION 2017**

**DALE YANG  
ISABELLE AMEZQUA  
TOMOKA KAWASAKI  
NATHALIE LELOGEAS  
EMILY BECKNER  
FRANCINE LEUNG  
VISHNU SRINIVAS  
MICHELLE STERN**

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**Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2 p.m.**

# Concert Festival Orchestra

Conductor Vladimir Polezhayev

Soloists:

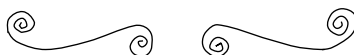
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Program:

<b>Dale Yang</b> _____	J.S. Bach - Piano Concerto F minor, Mov. I
<b>Isabelle Amezqua</b> _____	O. Rieding - Violin Concerto B minor, Mov. III
<b>Tomoka Kawasaki</b> _____	W.A. Mozart - Piano Concerto A major, Mov. I
<b>Nathalie Lelogeais</b> _____	J.S. Bach - Piano Concerto D minor, Mov. I
<b>Emily Beckner</b> _____	W.A. Mozart - Violin Concerto G major, K.216, Mov. I
<b>Francine Leung</b> _____	L .van Beethoven - Piano Concerto #3 C minor, Mov. I
<b>Vishnu Srinivas</b> _____	C.M. von Weber - Piano Konzertstück F minor Op.79
<b>Michelle Stern</b> _____	N. Paganini - Violin Concerto D major Op.6, Mov. I



**Dale Yang**, 10, is a 3rd grader, has been playing piano for 3 years. His teacher is Alla Bell at Great Neck Music Conservatory. Dale loves classical music and loves to perform. His favorite composers - Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Greig, Clementi, Mozart and Beethoven. Dale performed at Carnegie Hall and in Steiway Hall. Now Dale is preparing Level 6 NYSSMA solo program. Besides piano Dale likes theory, flute, swimming and skating. His favorites at school is math and writing. Dale wants to be a professional pianist in the future.



**Isabelle Amezqua** is a young musician with a passion for playing the violin and singing. Her violin teacher is Olga Romoff. Isabelle currently attends 2nd grade at the Rudolf Steiner School in Great Barrington as well as The New England Conservatory's Saturday Prep program in Boston. Isabelle placed first in American Protege's Strings competition for violin in 2016 providing her the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall. She placed first as a solo violinist and second in an ensemble in the Georgia Kiwanis competition for 2016. Isabelle also placed second in the Georgia Kiwanis competition in 2015 with an ensemble. She was accepted into the New England Conservatory's Children Chorus in 2016. Her other passions include theater, science, playing outside, and Tae Kwon Do.



**Tomoka Kawasaki** was born in Yokohama City in Japan and started piano lesson at age 4. Now she is 11 years old and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in NY. And she has been studying the piano with Sayuri Iida since she came to New York in 2013. In 2014, Tomoka was a First Place Winner at NYSMTA Competition. In 2015, Tomoka received the Grand Prix of Concert Festival International Competition, and performed at Carnegie Hall. In 2016, as a Grand Prix winner of Concert Festival Concerto Competition, she had the opportunity to solo with an orchestra. Since this year, she received a second prize at Chopin International piano competition Hartford. In addition, Tomoka shows her great appreciation for music by playing flute. She also is an avid figure ice skater and a great drawer.



**Nathalie Lelogeais**, 13, is no stranger to the stage. She impresses audiences and judges alike with her poise, strength of character, projection and passion. As described by Hei-Kyung Hong, soprano at the Metropolitan Opera: "Nathalie Lelogeais displays an innate ability to communicate her emotions through her music and has a mature stage presence way beyond her years". She was awarded First Prize in 2016 at the International Grande Music Competition and First Prize at the Crescendo International Competition. As winner she performed in concerts at Merkin Concert Hall and at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. In 2017, Nathalie performed Bach's Piano Concerto D Minor at Merkin Concert Hall at the IGMCM Young Musicians' Concert 2017, featuring the IGMCM Orchestra under the direction of Guest Conductor Dongmin

Kim. Nathalie studies the piano at the Palisades School of Music in Fort Lee, NJ where she is a student of Michael Thomopoulos and Hyo-Jin Lee. She is an 8-grader at the Lycee Francais de New York. Her other passions are skiing, tennis and horseback riding. She also enjoys traveling, learning about different cultures and making new friends.



**Emily Beckner**, 13, attends 8th grade at Our Lady Of Mercy School. She studies violin with Carol Kushner at the Music Institute of Long Island. Emily has played in several chamber music groups that have been Grand Prix winners of the Concert Festival Competition with performances at Carnegie Hall. She plays in the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and has served as principal violinist. She has participated in the Long Island Chamber Music Festival at LIU Post and Long Island String Festival. She enjoys playing the piano, reading, swimming and playing softball. Emily would like to thank the Concert Festival for giving her this wonderful opportunity.



**Francine Leung** began studying piano at 7 y.o. with Esther Chung Marks. Francine received the distinction of "Superior Plus" for 10-piece national Piano Guild programs for 6 consecutive years. In 2016 she was a First Prize Winner in the Early advanced division of the Suffolk Piano Teachers' Foundation Competition, earning her a performance in the Honors Recital that year. Francine performed at Carnegie Hall as a Grand Prix Winner in the 2016 Concert Festival Competition. This is her concerto debut as a Grand Prix Winner of the 2017 Concert Festival Concerto Competition.



**Vishnu Srinivas** has received awards and prizes at the National Young Maestro Competition, International Chopin Competition in CT, Americal Protege in NY, NY Young International Artists Competition and Americal Fine Arts Festival. Vishnu has performed a few times at Carnegie Hall and also at the Merkin Hall. He attends Manhattan School of Music as a student of Tatiana Goncharova and has previously studied with Victoria Mushkatkol. He is a freshman at Scarsdale HS and enjoys reading fantasy fiction.



**Michelle Stern**, a 13 year-old native of Douglaston, New York, began her violin studies at the age of 3 with her mother, Anna Heifetz, a distinguished violinist and teacher, and currently studies violin with Professor Ann Setzer at the Juilliard School Pre College Division. Michelle has won first prizes at the New York Music Competition and American Protege Piano and Strings Competition and was awarded both first prize and the Grand Prize at the Concert Festival International. In addition, Michelle won the "Judges Distinction Award" at the American Protege Concerto Competition, "Best Performance Award" at the American Protege Talent Competition and was invited to perform at the Stern's Gala in 2016. Michelle appeared as a soloist with the Connecticut Virtuosi Orchestra, North Shore Symphony, Island Chamber Symphony, and the Manhattan Symphonie at Lincoln Center and will be performing Bazzini's La Ronde Des Lutins in Stern Auditorium, at Carnegie Hall in June 2017. She performed at the renowned Meadowmount Festival and gave solo recitals at Lincoln Center, The Juilliard School, and Jordan Hall (NEC). An 8th honor roll student at MS 67Q, Michelle was a guest artist on the PBS Artscene, and was awarded the Irwin Altman Award of "Excellence in Education" from District 26, Queens.



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