

EMERGING ARTISTS ↑ 2020

Our annual listing of emerging composers, conductors, ensembles, and soloists is inspired by the breadth and sheer volume of young classical talent. The following list of emerging talent is provided by League of American Orchestras business partners and is intended as a reference point for orchestra professionals who book classical series. It does not imply endorsement by *Symphony* or the League.

Composers

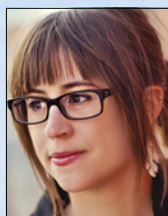


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Katherine Balch
Young Concert Artists

katherinebalch.com
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"Vividly imagined music" (*San Francisco Chronicle*). Recent commissions by the Oregon Symphony, Albany Symphony Orchestra, and wildUp/Los Angeles Philharmonic. Currently Young American Composer-in-Residence for the California Symphony.



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Saad Haddad
Young Concert Artists

saadhaddad.com
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Recently commissioned to write a clarinet concerto for Kinan Azmeh. Orchestral works performed by the Minnesota Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and symphonies of Albany, Columbus, Milwaukee, and Sioux City.



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David Hertzberg
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davidhertzbergmusic.com
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Co-commission by the New York Philharmonic and Mahler Foundation to premiere at the Philharmonic's Mahler Grooves concert and 2020 Mahler Festival at the Royal Concertgebouw, under Jaap van Zweden.



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Tonia Ko
Young Concert Artists

toniako.com
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2018 Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, praised by *The New York Times* for "vivid orchestral palette." American Composers Orchestra commission. Works written for Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, So Percussion, Tanglewood.



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Chris Rogerson
Young Concert Artists

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Commissioned for the Rogue Valley Symphony this season, continues as Amarillo Symphony artistic advisor. Works performed by San Francisco, Atlanta, Kansas City, Milwaukee, and Houston symphonies, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

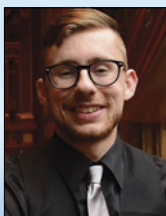


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Derek Weagle
Risanare Music

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Derek's artistic practice as a composer-conductor examines the human condition, telling stories through the unity of seemingly disparate styles and rituals to create a unique experience for many types of listeners.

Conductors

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Ensembles Performing with Orchestra



Merz Trio, Piano Trio
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Lee Dionne, piano; Brigid Coleridge, violin; Julia Yang, cello – Merz Trio is committed to passionate, original playing and thoughtfully curated programming. The Trio presents repertoire in both traditional recitals and multidisciplinary shows that present music alongside art from other disciplines.

Instrumentalists



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Hanzhi Wang, Accordion
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"Dazzled all with her skills and musicianship" (*Communities Digital News*, Washington). Creston Accordion Concerto with the Palm Beach Symphony, also offering Piazzolla, J.S. Bach, Handel, Hovhaness, Gubaidulina, and Mozart concertos.



Jamal Aliyev, Cello
Concert Artists Guild

jamalaliyev.com
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A globally recognized cellist, Jamal made his debut with BBC Proms in 2017. Highlight performances include appearances with the Royal Philharmonic at venues such as Wigmore Hall and Saffron Hall.

Instrumentalists (continued)



Alexander Hersh, Cello
Astral

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Winner: Astral Auditions, New York International Artists Association, Ima Hogg, Schadt, Luminarts, Hellam Young Artist, Society of American Musicians, and Fischhoff competitions. Soloist: Houston Symphony and the Boston Pops.

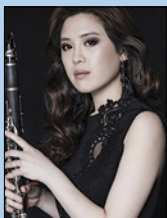


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Jonathan Swensen, Cello
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Debuts this season with the Copenhagen Philharmonic, Phiharmonia Orchestra at Windsor Castle, and Sun Symphony Orchestra in Vietnam, and performs a reengagement with Denmark's Aarhus Symphony Orchestra



Yoonah Kim, Clarinet
Concert Artists Guild

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Hailed by *The New York Times* for her "inexhaustible virtuosity," clarinetist Yoonah Kim is rapidly earning global recognition as a young artist of uncommon musical depth and versatility.



Ekaterina Skliar, Domra & Mandolin
Astral

astralartists.org
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Winner: Astral Auditions, Kaleidoscope Instrumental Competition, "The Hope" International Music Competition. Soloist: Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra, Trans-Siberian Art Festival. Silver Medal Global Music Award for solo domra recording.



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Xavier Foley, Double Bass
Young Concert Artists

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Composed and performed in a double concerto, "For Justice and Peace," co-commissioned and premiered by Carnegie Hall, the Sphinx Organization, and New World Symphony.

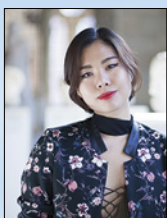


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Anthony Trionfo, Flute
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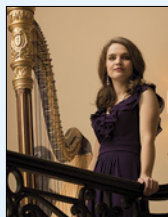
Featured in dynamic educational residencies throughout the season, performs with the Salisbury Orchestra, and solos with the Orchestra of St. Luke's at Alice Tully Hall and Edmonton and Stockton symphonies.



JIJI, Guitarist
Concert Artists Guild

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Applauded by the *Calgary Herald* as "talented, sensitive...brilliant," JIJI is an adventurous artist on both acoustic and electric guitar, playing traditional and contemporary classical music as well as free improvisation.



Rachel Lee Hall, Harp
Astral

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Winner: Astral Auditions, Ima Hogg Competition. Soloist: Houston Symphony. Orchestral: Cleveland, Akron, Firelands, and Roanoke symphony orchestras.

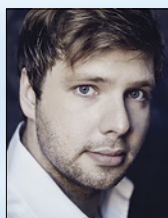


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Olivier Stankiewicz, Oboe
Young Concert Artists

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Principal oboe and featured soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra, performing and recording the Mozart Oboe Concerto with them for LSO Live. Performances with the Tokyo Sinfonietta and Monte-Carlo Philharmonic.



Mitya Nilov, Percussion
Concert Artists Guild

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A passionate advocate for new music and one of the most dynamic percussionists of his generation, Mitya Nilov displays the depth, sincerity, and sensitivity of his distinctive musical voice.

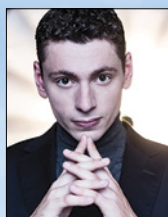


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Martin James Bartlett, Piano
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Winner of 2014 BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition. Performances with the Royal Philharmonic and Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, and also under conductors Sir Bernard Haitink and Kirill Karabits.



Dominic Cheli, Piano
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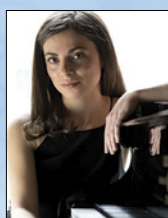
In reference to his rapidly advancing career, Dominic Cheli's playing has been described as "spontaneous yet perfect, the best of how a young person can play." –André-Michel Schub



Sean Chen, Piano
Jonathan Wentworth Associates, Ltd

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American Pianists Award Winner, Cliburn Crystal Medalist, Annenberg Fellowship, from SubCulture to Concertgebouw, with symphonies from Phoenix to Philadelphia. A "million-volt smile" and a "formidable set of fingers" (*Dallas Morning News*).



Natalia Kazaryan, Piano
Astral

astralartists.org
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Winner: Astral Auditions, Concours FLAME, Eastman Young Artists International Piano, Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin, and Second New York Piano competitions. Soloist: National, Harrisburg, and Ann Arbor symphony orchestras.

Instrumentalists (continued)



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Do-Hyun Kim, Piano
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This season, Tchaikovsky Competition Winners' Concert at the invitation of Valery Gergiev, Beethoven Concerto and Fantasia for Piano, Chorus, and Orchestra with the Albany Symphony, Tchaikovsky with the Greenville Symphony.



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Maxim Lando, Piano
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Performs the Beethoven Triple Concerto with violinist Daniel Hope, cellist Lynn Harrell, and the Zurich Chamber Orchestra this season. Past appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Pittsburgh and Vancouver symphonies.



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Nathan Lee, Piano
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Mozart Concerto No. 12 with the Savannah Philharmonic this season. Previous performances with the Cleveland Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, and Buffalo Philharmonic.



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Aristo Sham, Piano
Young Concert Artists

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Performs Rachmaninov with the London Symphony Orchestra/Sir Simon Rattle, and with the Utah, Knoxville, and Eugene symphonies this season. Appearances with the English Chamber Orchestra and Hong Kong Philharmonic/Edo de Waart.

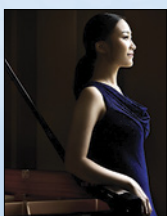


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Albert Cano Smit, Piano
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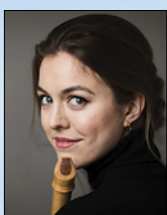
First Prize at the 2017 Walter W. Naumburg Piano Competition, leading to a recital at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall. Concertos with the San Diego Symphony and Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal.



Yi-Nuo Wang, Piano
Concert Artists Guild

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An active performer as a soloist in China, Europe and the United States, Yi-Nuo Wang has been featured as a soloist with many of the top orchestras around the world.



Tabea Debus, Recorder
Concert Artists Guild

tabeadebus.com
212 333 5200

Tabea explores and expands the horizons of music for recorder and performs globally. Her current program is inspired by sight, hearing, and the passage of time, from Baroque to contemporary.



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Steven Banks, Saxophone
Young Concert Artists

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Offers dynamic solo performances, and advocates for diversity and inclusion in music education through writing and lectures, including a TED Talk. Performances with the Durham and North Carolina symphonies.



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Brittany Lasch, Trombone
Astral

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Winner: Astral Auditions, S&R Washington Foundation Award. Second Prize: The American Prize. Soloist: Bucks County Symphony Society, U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," Bowling Green State University Philharmonia. Principal: Michigan Opera Theatre.

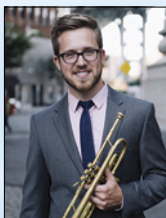


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Brandon Ridenour, Trumpet
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Trumpet soloist, collaborator, composer, and arranger Brandon Ridenour combines his wide-ranging activities as a performer with his passion for composing and arranging, resulting in his distinctive artistic voice and vision.



Jordan Bak, Viola
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Establishing a career as an artist of passion, energy, and authenticity, Jordan is a proud advocate of 20th and 21st century new music, frequently giving world premieres of viola works.



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Benjamin Baker, Violin
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Strauss Concerto in a reengagement with the English Chamber Orchestra, performances with the English Chamber Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic, Auckland Philharmonia, and Long Bay Symphony.



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Randall Goosby, Violin
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Performances this season include the Bach Double Concerto with Itzhak Perlman and the Grand Rapids Symphony and appearances with the Hartford, Virginia, and Toledo symphonies.



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Risa Hokamura, Violin
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Silver Medal, 2018 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, included Tchaikovsky Concerto with the Indianapolis Symphony/Leonard Slatkin. Recent "Violin Virtuosos" gala concert with the Greensboro Symphony, and Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra appearance.

Instrumentalists (continued)



Luke Hsu, Violin
International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

lukehsviolin.com
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10th Quadrennial Indianapolis Competition Bronze Medalist has performed with the Salzburg Soloists, Houston, Dallas, and Odense symphony orchestras. Upcoming performances include Silesian Radio, Wroclaw, and Stavanger orchestras.

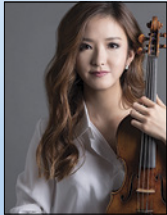


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YooJin Jang, Violin
Concert Artists Guild

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Applauded by *The Strad* for her “fiery virtuosity” and “consummate performances,” versatile violinist YooJin is quickly becoming a household name as a soloist and chamber musician on multiple continents.



Eunice Kim, Violin
Jonathan Wentworth Associates, Ltd

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Astral Artists Award, Milka Violin Artist Prize, appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Seongnam Philharmonic, and a recording with the Albany Symphony. Hailed as “just superb” (*New York Times*).

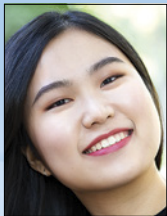


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SooBeen Lee, Violin
Young Concert Artists

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Debuted with the Detroit Symphony this season, performs the Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Sibelius concertos throughout the country, recently appeared with the Orchestra of St. Luke’s at Alice Tully Hall.



Richard Lin, Violin
International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

richardlinviolin.com
317 637 4574

10th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis Gold Medalist. Season highlights include Indianapolis Symphony, New Mexico Philharmonic, National Symphony (Taiwan), and debut recital at Carnegie Hall Stern Auditorium.



Hannah Tarley, Violin
Astral

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215 735 6999

Winner: Astral Auditions, New York Concerti Sinfonietta’s Shining Stars Competition. Third Prize: Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition. Soloist: San Francisco, Detroit, and Knoxville symphonies, Symphony Parnassus, Kiev Soloists.

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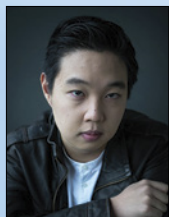
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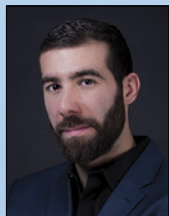
Vocalists



Samuel Chan, Baritone
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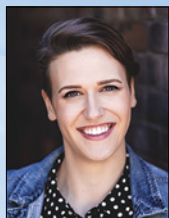
"As Marcello, [Chan] offered a naturally produced, warm baritone and vivid acting" (*La bohème*, Canadian Opera Company). Bachelor of Music, Cincinnati Conservatory; Pacific Opera Victoria; Grand Philharmonic Choir; Saskatoon Opera.



Vartan Gabrielian, Bass-Baritone
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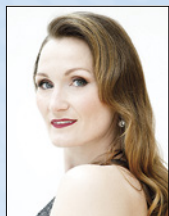
Curtis Institute of Music; Canadian Opera Company Ensemble – Huntsman/*Rusalka*, Ramfis/*Aida*; Toronto Symphony; Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Program; Opéra de Montréal, Sparafucile/*Rigoletto*; MetOpera Regional Finalist; Inaugural 2019 Gerda Lissner IVC Award.



Rebecca Cuddy, Mezzo-Soprano
Dean Artists

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"A heartfelt, beautifully sung and compellingly acted performance by Rebecca Cuddy" (*Opera Ramblings*). Royal Academy of Music, London; Regina Symphony; Tapestry Opera; Toronto Symphony Orchestra; Soundstreams; Vancouver Opera; Winnipeg Symphony.



Meghan Lindsay, Soprano
Dean Artists

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"Shines with greater vocal strength and control...dazzles with her coloratura" (*Opera News*). Opera Studio Nederland; Glimmerglass; Houston Early Music; Odyssey Opera; Opera Atelier; Carnegie Hall; Royal Opera Versailles; Opera Columbus.

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