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Sebastián Castellanos is a native of Colombia, where he was an active member of the Project for the Development of the Symphony Orchestras of the coffee region in the Andes Mountains, recently added by the UNESCO to its list of World Heritage sites. He was the principal bassoonist of the Orquesta Sinfónica de Caldas for 10 years, the Banda Municipal de Manizales for 3 years; and was a member of the Argonavis Woodwind Quintet and the Aulos Double Reed Quartet. As a teacher he has worked for the Universidad de Caldas, the Batuta System, a national youth orchestra program in Colombia, and the Caldas Band Program. Mr. Castellanos is currently the guitar instructor of the Preparatory School of Music at the Lynn University. As a bassoonist, he has performed in several symphony orchestras, Opera and Ballet, including the Piedmont Opera, the Winston-Salem Symphony; Orquesta Filarmónica de Medellín, Ballet de Ana Pavlova, and Orquesta de Cámara de Caldas in Colombia; and Orquesta del Conservatorio Simón Bolívar in the Teresa Carreño in Caracas, Venezuela. He made his first solo appearance, performing a Vivaldi Concerto with the Sinfónica de Caldas when he was 18 years old. His training includes studies with Gustavo Nuñez, principal bassoonist of Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, William Buchman and Dennis Michel of Chicago Symphony and Christopher Millard, as well as yoga studies as a pupil of Jean Bernard Rishi, founder of Le Centre Européen du Yoga. After being awarded a grant from the program Education USA by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Castellanos decided to travel to Winston-Salem, NC and study with Professor Saxton Rose at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, receiving a Bachelor of Music. He holds a Master of Music from the Lynn University, conservatory of music where he pursues a Professional Performance Certificate under the guidance of Dr. Eric Varner, and has the privilege of studying the classical guitar privately with Dr. Luisa Fuentes.

Pianist Sheng-Yuan Kuan has performed at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, Taiwan National Concert Hall, and Musikverein in Vienna. She is a featured artist at the Heifetz International Music Institute, KUAF/Fulbright Summer Chamber Music Festival, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music by Candlelight series, and the Sylvia Adalman Chamber Concert Series at Peabody Conservatory. Tim Smith of the Baltimore Sun praised Ms. Kuan as "(having) admirable technical finesse and expressive flair at the piano." Ms. Kuan has collaborated with famed musicians such as Nobuko Imai, Stefan Jackiw, Espen Lilleslatten, Richard Stolzman, KengYuen Tseng, Time for Three, and members of the Borromeo and Parker Quartets and Apollo Trio. She also made appearances at music festivals such as Bowdoin, Aria, Sarasota, Yellow Barn, Gijon Piano Festival and Norfolk Summer Music Festival. Ms. Kuan has received accolades from many competitions, including the 13th Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna (Best Female Pianist Award, 2009), the 12th Taipei Chopin International Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2008), Corpus Christi International Competition in Texas (2nd Prize, 2008), and New York Kosciuszko Chopin Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2003). She was also the recipient of Honolulu Morning Music Club Scholarship, Peabody Conservatory's Career Development Grant, Chamber Music Awards and Accompanying Assistantship. Currently serving as the collaborative pianist at Lynn University, Ms. Kuan holds degrees from the Yale School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. She is a candidate of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Peabody Conservatory under the guidance of Professor Boris Slutsky. Her teachers have included Peter Frankl, Scott McCaryrey and the late Constance Keene.