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2016-17 Season



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- Jon Robertson, dean

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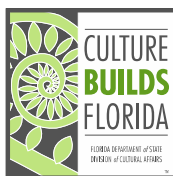
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Professional Performance Certificate Recital  
Axel Rojas, Cello  
Sheng-Yuan Kuan, Piano  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.  
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall  
Boca Raton, Fla.

Cello Sonata No.1 in F Major, Op.5  
*Adagio sostenuto*  
*Allegro*  
*Allegro vivace*

Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

Three Fantasy Pieces for Cello and Piano  
*Zart und mit Ausdruck*  
*Lebhaft*  
*Rasch und mit Feuer*

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

INTERMISSION

*Variaciones sobre un tema de recuerdos*

Axel Rojas  
(b. 1990)

Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op.19  
*Lento- Allegro moderato*  
*Allegro scherzando*  
*Andante*  
*Allegro mosso*

Sergei Rachmaninoff  
(1873-1943)

## BIOGRAPHIES

[Axel Rojas](#) was born in Santiago, Chile. He obtained a Bachelor of Music degree from The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile where he studied cello with Martin Osten. Currently, Axel is doing his Professional Performance Certificate program offered by Lynn University (US). He has had a rich and varied career as a soloist, chamber musician, orchestral musician, and teacher. Axel has performed chamber music and solos all over the world with orchestras throughout South and Central America, Europe, East Asia as well as in North America. He has played under the baton of renowned conductors such as Christoph Eschenbach, Zubin Metha, Semyon Bychkov, Krzysztof Urbanski, Laurence Foster, David Newman and Michael Sanderling. In addition, he has performed in masterclasses for celebrated cellists Natalie Clein, Heidi Litschauer, Gustav Rivinius, Roel Dieltiens and Micha Haran. Axel has made frequent national and international appearances as a chamber musician, with a versatile profile in his performances of both traditional and contemporary repertoire. Additionally, he has participated in several summer festivals including Young National Symphony Orchestra of Chile (OSNJ), -Latin American Festival of Chascomús (Argentina), International Music Academy of Solsona, AIMS Festival (Spain), Orchestra of the Americas (YOA) and for four consecutive years across Schleswig- Holstein Musik Festival, SHMF (Germany). As a chamber musician, he has toured extensively with the Ensemble Bartok from Chile on its "Chile, Window to the Universe" Global Tour, and he has also participated in festivals like Zeist Music Days - Chamber Music Festival & Masterclasses in Netherlands with "Demeter Trio" from Lynn University.

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, KUAJ/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 McCarrey and the late Constance Keene.