

Pianist **Yang Shen** has given concerts and recitals in Asia, North America, Europe and Israel to critical accolades. She has been awarded top prizes in numerous competitions, including The National Society of Arts and Letters Piano Competition, Josef Hoffman International Piano Competition, Los Angeles Liszt Piano Competition, and the Carmel International Music Competition, among

others. She has also been invited to participate in some of the most prestigious piano events in the world, including the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition and the Leeds International Piano Competition, and she was a semi-finalist in The 2004 Sydney International Piano Competition in Australia.

Most recently, Shen has performed in Fort Worth, Tempe, Salt Lake City, Sioux City and Minneapolis. Her performances have been broadcast on ABC Classics (Australia), The Israel Cultural Channel, WXEL- "Classical Variations" (Fla.), Minnesota Public Radio and National TV/Radio stations (China). Shen has also made appearances at the world's most celebrated music festivals, such as the Aspen Music Festival, The Pianofest in the Hamptons and The Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara. Active in teaching, Shen was a studio teaching assistant at the University of Southern California from 2000 to 2005, and has maintained a successful private studio for over 14 years. At Lynn University, she is a collaborative pianist at the Conservatory of Music and teaches courses in secondary piano and ear training. She also serves as a piano faculty member in the Conservatory's Preparatory Division. She earned her Doctoral of Musical Arts degree at University of Southern California, where she also received her Master of Music degree, studying with the renowned pedagogue John Perry.

Prior to moving to California, she graduated summa cum laude from the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University with a Bachelor of Music degree as a student of Roberta Rust. Other prominent pianists she has worked with include Ivan Davis, Philippe Entremont, Philip Evans, Philip Fowke, Jerome Lowenthal, Robert McDonald, Paul Schenly, Nelita True, and Arie Vardi.



## David Cole in Recital Yang Shen, piano

Thursday, February 3, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall de Hoernle International Center Boca Raton, Fla.

David Balko, piano technician

## Program

Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano

Grave Allegro Sarabande - Largo Allegro George F. Handel (1685-1759)

L. van Beethoven

Frédéric Chopin

(1770 - 1827)

(1810 - 1849)



**David Cole** is a fourth generation musician. His great grandfather and grandfather were violinists, and his father, Orlando, was the famed cellist of the Curtis String Quartet and teacher at the Curtis Institute. He graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music having studied with Metta Watts, Orlando Cole, Leonard Rose, and Zara Nelsova.

He participated in the Pablo Casals master classes during two summers at Marlboro, and performed and recorded

with the orchestra conducted by Casals. David also participated in a Jeuness Musical in Yugoslavia and in the Aspen and Tanglewood music festivals.

He has been soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the National Symphony in Washington, the symphony of Nice, France, the Solisti L'Aquilani at Carnegie Hall, and more than 75 solo performances with the Abruzzo Symphany in Italy. He was awarded a Martha Baird Rockefeller grant after performing at Carnegie Hall, and recorded trios with famed pianist Rudolf Serkin and violinist Pina Carmirelli. David had a master class lesson Pablo Casals on the Bell Telephone Hour as part of a documentary on the Marlboro Festival.

David and violinist wife Carol spent over 10 years in Europe where they toured extensively, appearing as soloists, as members of chamber groups, and as principle players in symphony orchestras.

Cole's musical experiences include playing as a member of many orchestras including La Scala in Milan, the Turin Radio Orchestra, the Vancouver Symphony, and, as principle cellist, with the New Jersey Symphony, the Florida Philharmonic, the Abruzzo Symphony, the Bethlehem Bach Festival Orchestra, the Solisti L'Aquilani, the Wilmington Symphony, the Florida Grand Opera, and Pennsylvania Ballet orchestra.

David's love for classical music and his belief in its power as a living art form, have inspired him not only to strive for the highest standards in cello playing, but to devote himself to passing on the knowledge handed down to him by great artists of the past. As a teacher, David began as a teenager at the New School of Music in Philadelphia, continuing at the Istituzione Sinfonica D'Abruzzo in Italy. Over the past decade he has taught at the New World School of the Arts in Miami, the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, and many summers at Indiana University's summer music festival. Presently, David is Professor of Cello and Department Head of Strings at the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida.

Sonata in C Major for Piano and Cello, op.102, No.1 Andante – Allegro vivace Adagio – d'Andante – Allegro vivace

Polonaise Brilliantefor Cello and Piano, op. 3

## INTERMISSON

Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, op.19

Lento – Allegro moderato Allegro scherzando Andante Allegro mosso Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)