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- Jon Robertson, dean

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**Bachelor of Music Senior Recital**

**Hugo A. Valverde, French horn**

**Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall**

**Boca Raton, Florida**

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Eugene Bozza  
(1905-1991)

**Horn Concerto No. 2, K. 417**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1791)

**Fantasie über den Sehnsuchtswalzer von Schubert**

Franz Strauss  
(1822-1905)

**Horn Concerto No. 2**

Richard Strauss  
(1864-1949)
Hugo A. Valverde is from Heredia, Costa Rica. He began playing the horn when he was only six years old. Valverde started at his hometown's school of music called Escuela de Música de Barva and four years later was accepted at the National Music Institute of Costa Rica to go and study privately with Luis Murillo. He performed with the orchestra as second and assistant horn from 2007 until 2012, under the baton of conductors such as Mark Russell Smith, Carl St. Clair, John Nelson, Irwin Hoffman, Gerald Brown and Daniel Nazareth. In August 2012, Valverde came to the United States to begin his Bachelor’s Degree. He has had the opportunity to play with the Lynn Philharmonia as well as the Lynn Wind Ensemble. He has attended the Chautauqua Music Festival in 2014, Youth Orchestra of the Americas in 2015 and was designated as an alternate player for the Tanglewood Music Center in 2015. Valverde has performed with many ensembles around the South Florida area including The Florida Grand Opera, Palm Beach Symphony, Miami Symphony Orchestra, and the Bella Musica Orchestra with Andrea Bocelli. He was also extensively engaged with mountain biking competitions in Costa Rica, and won several awards and prizes with his team Ciclismo Barveño.

Pianist Sheng-Yuan Kuan has performed at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, Taiwan National Concert Hall, and Musikverein in Vienna. She has been a featured artist at the Heifetz International Music Institute, KUAF/Fulbright Summer Chamber Music Festival, and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music by Candlelight series. 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, Stephen Taylor, Daniel Phillips, Tim Eddy, Richard Stolzman, Keng-Yuen Tseng, Time for Three, and members of the Borromeo, Parker Quartets and Apollo Trio. She also performed at various music festivals including 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’s Conservatory of Music, Ms. Kuan holds degrees from the Yale School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. She is a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Peabody Conservatory. Her teachers have included Boris Slutsky, Peter Frankl, Scott McCarrey and Constance Keene.

For more information please visit www.kuanpiano.weebly.com