Welcome to the 2018-2019 season. The talented students and extraordinary faculty of the Lynn Conservatory of Music take this opportunity to share with you the beautiful world of music. Your ongoing support ensures our place among the premier conservatories of the world and a staple of our community.

- Jon Robertson, dean

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Karolina Kukolova was born and raised in the Czech Republic. She began her music journey at the age of 6 in studio of Karel Tesar in her hometown, Uhersky Brod. Karolina quickly became the best student of the studio and started participating at local and international competitions. In 2008 she began her studies at the Conservatory of Leos Janacek in Brno in violin studio of Štěpán Graffe, recognized Czech violinist and chamber music player. During her time in Brno Karolina participated at many competitions and performed at different halls across Europe. She was awarded the second prize at Valsesia Musica in Italy, and the firsts prize at Concerto Bohemia in Prague, to name few. In 2016 she was invoiced to play a tour with the Czech National Symphonic Orchestra conducted by Oscar-winning composer, Ennio Moricone. At Lynn University, Karolina is studying in studio of wonderful Maestro Guillermo Figueroa. She also became an active university member as a student ambassador for the office of admissions and was also chosen to participate at Ambassador Corp 2018. Her project was to help organization Mary Open Doors in Belize. This organization focuses on women and children affected by domestic violence. Karolina organized and performed at a fundraising concert that raised over $15,000 USD and helped to purchase a save shelter for those, who need it.

Praised for her “admirable technical finesse and expressive flair” (Baltimore Sun), pianist Sheng-Yuan Kuan has garnered enthusiastic receptions for her solo and chamber music performances at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, Taiwan National Concert Hall, Musikverein in Vienna, and various music festivals and concert series throughout the US. ShengYuan's collaborations with renowned musicians such as Nobuko Imai, Stefan Jackiw, Stephen Taylor, Espen Lilleslatten, Richard Stolzman, Keng-Yuen Tseng, Chad Hoopes, members of the Parker Quartet and Apollo Trio, Sir Angel Romero, Time for Three, and Latin Grammy Award winning flautist Nestor Torres, reflect her passion in making chamber music of eclectic styles. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Sheng-Yuan relocated to America to further her music education. She holds a D.M.A. degree from the Peabody Conservatory, M.M. degree from Yale School of Music, and B.M. degree from the Manhattan School of Music, studying with famous pedagogues like Boris Slutsky, Peter Frankl, Scott McCarrey and Constance Keene. She obtained awards at competitions worldwide, 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), New York Kosciuszko Chopin Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2003), and BYUHawaii Concerto Competition (Winner, 2000). She was also the recipient of Honolulu Morning Music Club Scholarship, Peabody Institute of Music's Career Development Grant, Chamber Music Award and Accompanying Assistantship. Currently a resident in South Florida, Sheng-Yuan performs regularly as a member of Con Brio Ensemble, South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Scherzo Trio, A's Duo, and Femina Camera Trio. She serves as piano faculty at the Heifetz International Music Institute as well as staff collaborative pianist and adjunct keyboard instructor at Lynn University’s Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton, FL.