Christa Rotolo, French horn
Bachelor of Music Junior Recital
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

2019-2020 Season
Christa Rotolo, French horn
Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano
Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

Program

Sonata No. 3 for Horn and Piano
   I. Moderately Fast
   II. Slowly
   III. With a Solid Beat and a Jazz Feeling
   IV. Tempo Di Valse, Joyously
Alec Wilder (1907-1980)

Ständchen
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Nocturne
Reinhold Gliere (1875-1956)

Intermission

Laudatio
Bernhard Krol (1920-2013)

Sonata for Horn and Piano Halsey Stevens
   I. Allegro moderato
   II. Poco adagio
   III. Allegro
Halsey Stevens (1908-1989)

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Christa Rotolo is from Pembroke Pines, Florida and began her horn studies at the age of eleven. In high school, she studied with Myrna Meeroff, member of the South Florida Chamber Ensemble. Christa has played in numerous masterclasses, including those of Hugo Valverde, Brett Miller, Abel Pereira, Bernhard Scully, and Ryan Little. In 2019, she was awarded Miami Classical Music Festival's Opera Fellowship and played in the MCMF Opera Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra. Recently, the members of her brass quintet were finalists in the Lynn Conservatory Chamber Competition. Christa teaches in the Pembroke Pines area. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree at the Lynn Conservatory of Music under the tutelage of Gregory Miller. In her spare time, Christa enjoys journaling, reading, and learning about personality psychology.

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. Sheng-Yuan’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 the 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 BYU-Hawaii 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 A's Duo, Con Brio Ensemble, Scherzo Trio, Trio Rodin, and South Florida Chamber Ensemble. She serves as piano faculty at the Heifetz International Music Institute as well as staff collaborative pianist and adjunct keyboard instructor at Lynn University Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton, FL.
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