



# Emerging Artists Alumni Series

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 | 7:30 PM

Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building

University of Victoria

Admission by donation

## Featuring

**SAMUEL SHANBO HE** clarinet

**JENNIFER MITCHELL** piano

**JANY LU** piano

## PROGRAM

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

### Concertino in E-flat Major, Op. 26

Carl Maria Von Weber  
(1786-1826)

### Fantasiestücke, Op. 73

- i. Zart und mit Ausdruck
- ii. Lebhaft, leicht
- iii. Rasch und mit Feuer

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

### Fantasie for solo clarinet

Jörg Widmann  
(b. 1973)

### Jiangnan in Misty Rain

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## INTERMISSION

### Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57

Carl Nielsen  
(1865-1931)

with guest artist Kyle Reyes, snare drum

### Concert Fantasia on Motives from "Rigoletto"

Luigi Bassi  
(1833-1871)

## BIOGRAPHIES

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**Samuel Shanbo He** was born in Victoria BC and began piano at age 6 and clarinet at age 11. He is the winner of the 2017 BC Provincial Festival for senior woodwinds, a prize winner with the Vancouver Women's Musical Society, and has been awarded a number of honors and scholarships, most notably the prestigious British Columbia Graduate Scholarship. A full-time professional musician, Samuel is a member of the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy.

As a diverse musician, Samuel has attended festivals such as Domaine Forget, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestral Institute, and the Beijing International Music Festival Academy, and has performed in masterclasses for such musicians as Yehuda Gilad, Keith Adam Lipson, and Carlos Ferreira.

An alumni of the Harry Ainlay high school music program, Samuel continued with music into university and holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Victoria and a masters degree from the University of British Columbia. His primary teachers include Patricia Kostek, Jose Franch-Ballester, Eric Abramovitz, and Sam Boutris.

In his free time Samuel enjoys playing video games, and between 2013-2015 was signed as a professional gamer for the premier American organization compLexity Gaming, a subsidiary of the Dallas Cowboys football team. In 2018, he was one of 12 North Americans to qualify to attend the Blade and Soul world championship qualifiers at ESL studios in Leicester, England, and in 2021 was awarded from hundreds of applicants a \$10,000 USD esports scholarship+apprenticeship by the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and YESports Hong Kong esports company.

**Jennifer Mitchell** learned piano, violin, and pipe organ while growing up. She studied piano with May Ling Kwok at the Victoria Conservatory of Music and at the University of Victoria. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from UVic and received a Master of Music degree in Collaborative Piano from the University of Western Ontario with John Hess and Mark Payne. Currently, she works at the VCM as a collaborative pianist with the Collegium Strings, and with the Victoria Arion Male Voice Choir, First Unitarian Church of Victoria Choir, and Sooke Philharmonic Choir.

**Jany Lu** studied piano performance at the Victoria Conservatory of Music and University of Victoria with May Ling Kwok, and Piano Pedagogy and Performance with Midori Koga at University of Toronto. She is now based in Victoria, BC, where she works closely with the next generation of musicians. She is currently on the keyboard faculty at the Victoria Conservatory of Music, where she teaches the fundamentals of piano playing and enjoys helping students develop their natural musicality. She also holds a position as collaborative pianist at the VCM and the Collegium program, and frequently performs at the University of Victoria and with the Victoria Symphony.

**Kyle Reyes** received his Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Toronto and is a percussionist with the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy. A versatile musician, he can be regularly heard performing classical, band and jazz music, and was a member of the 2012 National Youth Orchestra of Canada.

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