

MUS116b and 88b Chamber Concert No. 2, May 2, 2022

Performer Bios:

Lauren Barkley is a sophomore at Brandeis University studying biology, chemistry, and music. She is a Leonard Bernstein Fellow in piano and is a member of the Brandeis University Chorus. She has 15 years of experience with piano performance and composition. She was the winner of the Seattle NFMC's Helen Crowe Snelling Memorial Piano Competition in 2018 after placing second in this competition in 2017. She also received two Seals of Recognition at the Seattle Young Artists Music Festival in 2015 and 2017. Aside from her musical pursuits, Lauren is the assistant treasurer of the Brandeis Student Union and works in a molecular genetics research laboratory on campus.

Emma Carlson is a sophomore majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Music and Environmental Studies. She is thrilled to be able to perform with Chris Martin and Anacita Shou at her first in-person LBF concert. Emma would like to thank her amazing voice teacher Kristen Watson for coaching this group, as well as for providing so much guidance over the past two years as her vocal instructor. Emma is very grateful to be performing tonight and for this experience!

Noel Cho is a sophomore studying music and business at Brandeis University. She is from New Jersey and has been playing the cello for 13 years. Noel has been a member of the NJSO Academy Orchestra for 6 years and has been principal cellist her senior year of high school. Throughout her years of playing, Noel has participated in numerous competitions. She has also received masterclasses from Steven Doane, Jonathan Spitz, Joel Krosnick, and the Shanghai Quartet. Noel has done many chamber music through the InterPlay Chamber in NYC and was part of the NYYS Chamber Music Program for 5 years. She also enjoys giving back to the community by being part of the Good Neighbor Ensemble that plays music at nursing homes once a week and is part of the mentor program through the NJSO Youth Orchestra. Through the Good Neighbor Ensemble, Noel has been able to go to Jordan during the winter of 2018 to play music for students in the American Academy at Zarqa. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling, running, reading, and drawing during her free time. Currently, she is studying with Professor Gordon and is looking forward to making many more musical memories at Brandeis.

Sofia Cohen is a percussionist from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, majoring in Biology with a minor in Music. Since starting lessons at age ten, she has participated in her middle and high school's jazz band, concert band, orchestra, and pit orchestra. She was also a member of the Philadelphia All City High School Concert Band and Orchestra, where she had the opportunity to take lessons with Don Liuzzi of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She focused primarily on drum set, timpani, and auxiliary percussion in the past, but has had the opportunity to work more with mallet instruments at Brandeis. On campus, Sofia has participated in the Brandeis Wellesley Orchestra, Fafali: Music and Dance from Ghana, chamber music ensembles, and studies privately with Robert Schulz.

Jasmine Huang Fu, pianist, is a junior at Brandeis double majoring in Economics and Applied Mathematics.

Davina Goodman is a sophomore and a Leonard Bernstein Fellow originally from New York City. Growing up, Davina played piano, cello, and sang in choir. As a child, she sang in the National Children's Chorus for five years. From 8th - 12th grade, she sang in HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir. With HaZamir, she performed at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fischer Hall, and the David Koch Theater. Davina attended Special Music High School and majored in classical voice. While there, she performed the role of the 2nd witch in the opera *Dido and Aeneas* and the 2nd spirit in an opera scene from *The Magic Flute*. At Special Music School, Davina studied with Lisa Tamagini. At Brandeis, she is majoring in Biology and minoring in music. Davina currently studies with Matthew Anderson. In addition to singing classical music, Davina also loves to sing musical theater.

Anna Hirsh is a junior majoring in Sociology. She has played the flute since the 6th grade and hopes her skills have improved somewhat since then. Anna is also a part of TopScore, the student-run orchestra on campus. Her favorite musical experience has been playing as a part of a flute quartet in high school, which, strangely, achieved her zero elevation in social status. She is excited to be playing chamber music again, this time at Brandeis!

Victor Liu is a pianist from Beijing, China. He is a senior majoring in business and economics. Victor has been classically trained in piano since he was four and has performed on stage as a soloist throughout his music life. As a chamber music enthusiast, Victor enjoys working with other classical musicians to perform on stage. Thank you for attending our concert.

Michael Mackoff is a junior Majoring in Music and History and minoring in Medieval and Renaissance studies. He is from Chicago, and has been playing flute for 16 years, notably as a member of the award winning Purple Hippopotami Flute quartet from 2017-2019 and chosen to the Illinois All State band in 2019. When not practicing music, Michael loves watching sports, reading and playing video games. He is also involved in Hillel at Brandeis, being a leader for Masorti, the Trad Egal / conservative jewish group on campus.

Chris Martin is a Sophomore tenor at Brandeis majoring in English and History and minoring in Music. Under Matt Anderson, he has studied a variety of genres, including classical, folk, and musical theater. He is excited to perform at his first live LBF concert, and is eager to share the interesting repertoire he's been working on this semester. Rehearsing with Emma Carlsen and Anacita Shou has been a delight, as has learning under Kristen Watson.

Abbie Murphy is a sophomore Leonard Bernstein fellow majoring in computer science, minoring in music.

She is also on the swim team here at Brandeis. Abbie started playing the oboe in middle school and picked it because she could not decide between the flute and the clarinet and somebody told her that the oboe was a combo between the two. They were wrong and she was very disgruntled to discover that it sounds like the bagpipes as a beginner player. But now after much practice she sounds slightly less like a duck and is very happy with her choice.

Ella Russell is a senior majoring in International Relations and minoring in Music and Legal Studies. She grew up in Tallahassee, Florida and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts for high school. She has been playing the piano for over 15 years and has enjoyed being part of the chamber music program for most of her time at Brandeis. Outside of music, she is involved with the Brandeis Justice newspaper, the Brandeis Society for International Affairs and is working in a research group with the Brandeis Ethics Center that is studying the linguistic experiences of international students in English language-medium universities. In her free time, she enjoys reading, puzzles and trivia.

Anacita Shou is a sophomore at Brandeis, where she studies psychology and music. When not studying, Anacita dreams of playing many more beautiful pieces!

Alex Stevenson is a freshman at Brandeis University, studying computer science and music. She is from Denville, New Jersey, where she has participated in many out-of-school and in-school music endeavors. Here, she plays the piano under the guidance of Evan Hirsh and is excited to take on further music opportunities here.

Ice Wang is a senior at Brandeis University majoring in music (performance track) and business. She has been studying piano since four years old and has four years of chamber music experience. Ice will continue to pursue piano study in Mannes School of Music for master degree.

Judy Ye is a clarinetist from Brookline, Massachusetts. She is a sophomore majoring in neuroscience and biology, and minoring in psychology and music. When she's not playing the clarinet, you can find Judy obsessing over ferrets in the Van Hooser lab, giving a campus tour, putting together a fashion show for BAASA, planning events for SASE, coordinating for LEAP, or sleeping. As a Leonard Bernstein Fellow at Brandeis, Judy takes clarinet lessons with Margo McGowan and plays in the Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra and LBF Chamber Ensemble.

Jessie Zeng is a senior, majoring in business, computer science and music performance, at Brandeis University. Jessie studies with Evan Hirsch. She joined Brandeis chamber ensemble in her sophomore year and has been a member ever since. She would like to take the time to thank you for coming to the concert.