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## **COLBURN SCHOOL WELCOMES ORLI SHAHAM FOR HER DEBUT PERFORMANCE, MASTERCLASS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

Castelar Elementary School Performance and Community Program,  
8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

Masterclass, 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

Colburn Chamber Music Society concert, 8:00 p.m.

(Tuesday, January 14, Los Angeles) – Renowned pianist Orli Shaham will join the Colburn School for a three-day residency, January 23 - 25, 2020, that will include a performance and community program at Castelar Elementary School, a masterclass with Conservatory of Music students, and a culminating Colburn Chamber Music Society debut performance featuring a program of Leoš Janáček, Steve Reich and Gabriel Fauré.

Orli Shaham's work with the Colburn School reflects her dedication to nurturing the passions and talents of today's young musicians, to not only hone the craft of their instrument, but also to gain experience with effective community engagement. "I see the role of a touring musician, in part, as a musical ambassador," said Orli Shaham. "As I travel around for performances, I have regularly visited schools, senior centers, prisons, centers for the blind, etc. I feel it's important for music students to have these skills, and it is even more important in today's cultural climate. It is our role to be advocates for music always, even in communities we are only temporarily part of."

“Perhaps the only thing that equals Orli Shaham’s exceptional artistry is her dedication to music education, and we are thrilled to welcome her to Colburn School,” said President & CEO Sel Kardan. “Orli exemplifies the access to excellence that is at the heart of the Colburn School experience, and this residency will certainly have a meaningful and long-lasting impact on our students.”

Each year, the Colburn School welcomes distinguished artists to visit campus and work directly with Conservatory of Music students on the cusp of their professional careers. Students receive a firsthand glimpse into the artistic and creative processes of today’s most accomplished professionals.

Central to Colburn’s commitment to developing young artists with the passion and skills to serve their communities is the school’s newly formed Center for Innovation and Community Impact, which among its many initiatives provides interactive performances at partner schools that offer students engaging educational concerts that help them better understand the inner workings of classical music. On January 23, Orli Shaham will join Colburn School Conservatory of Music students and faculty Leeav Sofer at Castelar Elementary School.

On Saturday January 25, 2020, Orli will make her Colburn School debut in a Chamber Music Society series concert, performing a program of Janáček, Reich and Faure alongside Conservatory of Music students as noted below.

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[Masterclass](#)

Colburn School’s Mayman Hall  
Free - no tickets required

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[Colburn Chamber Music Society](#)

Colburn School’s Zipper Hall  
Tickets are \$15 and \$30  
Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

**JANÁČEK Concertino**

Steven Song, Violin I  
Scott St. John, Violin II  
Clara Bouch, Viola  
Cristina Mateo-Saez, Clarinet  
Tanner West, Horn  
Jordan Brokken, Bassoon

Orli Shaham, Piano

STEVE REICH Quartet for Two Vibraphones and Two Pianos

Samuel Chan, Vibraphone I

Davi Martinelli de Lira, Vibraphone II

Paul Williamson, Piano I

Orli Shaham, Piano II

FAURÉ Piano Quartet No. 1

Aubree Oliverson, Violin

Cassie Drake, Viola

Minji Kim, 'Cello

Orli Shaham, Piano

### **About Orli Shaham**

Concert pianist Orli Shaham has an impressive international reputation as one of today's most gifted pianists. The *New York Times* called her a "brilliant pianist", and she is admired worldwide for her interpretations of both standard and modern repertoire. Her 2019 recording of Mozart concertos with St. Louis Symphony, David Robertson conducting, was cited as "outstanding" by International Piano; and she was selected to serve on the Cliburn Competition Jury in 2021. In addition to performing concertos and recitals around the world, Ms. Shaham created and hosts a live interactive concert series for young children. Orli Shaham's Bach Yard (formerly Baby Got Bach) was founded in 2010, and is recognized by parents, media and the music community as a significant force in music education and entertainment. Bach Yard's 2020 season includes performances in New York and at Princeton University.

### **About the Colburn School**

The Colburn School comprises four academic units united by a single philosophy: that all who desire to study music and dance should have access to top-level instruction.

Units of the School are:

- the diploma- and degree-granting Conservatory of Music, a preeminent training ground for professional musicians
- The Music Academy, a pre-college program preparing musicians to study at top conservatories
- The Trudl Zipper Dance Institute, a comprehensive dance program including the elite pre-professional Dance Academy
- The Community School of Performing Arts, offering a graded curriculum of private lessons and group instruction in music performance, appreciation, and theory for everyone, from the youngest children to adults

Together, these units provide performing arts instruction to more than 2,000 students from around the world, with a renowned artist faculty who serve as invaluable mentors guiding the students' artistic development.

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