

Colburn Orchestra

Yehuda Gilad, Music Director

Ross Jamie Collins, Conductor

December 5, 2021

Zipper Hall, 3 pm

Kammermusik No. 5 (1927)

I. *Schnelle Halbe*
III. *Mäßig schnell*

Katie Liu, Viola

PAUL HINDEMITH

1895–1963

Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in A Minor, Op. 129 (1850)

Nicht zu schnell

Eugene Lin, Cello

ROBERT SCHUMANN

1810–1856

Concerto for Flute and String Orchestra (1949)

Andante cantabile—Allegro scherzando
Largo—Allegro risoluto

Austin Brown, Flute

ANDRÉ JOLIVET

1905–1974

Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 (1830)

I. Allegro maestoso

Lixin Zhang, Piano

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

1810–1849

Featured Artist

Ross Jamie Collins, Conductor

Ross Jamie Collins is a Finnish-British conductor and is a member of the inaugural class of Salonen Fellows in the Negaunee Conducting Program at the Colburn School. Previously a student of Jorma Panula at the Panula Academy in Finland, Mr. Collins began his studies with Esa-Pekka Salonen at the Colburn Conservatory in 2019. In 2018 he was awarded Third Prize in the VII International Jorma Panula Conducting Competition, and in 2019 he made his debuts with the South Denmark Philharmonic and the Kirkkonummi Chamber Orchestra. Born in 2001 in Nottingham, United Kingdom, Mr. Collins has been living in Helsinki, Finland since 2008 where he began conducting studies at the age of 14 with Klaus Mäkelä. In 2017 he founded his own orchestra, Symphony Orchestra ROSSO, and conducted a full symphony concert at the age of 15.



In the 2021-22 concert season, Mr. Collins will make his conducting debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra, alongside violinist Randall Goosby in music of Mendelssohn, Nielsen, and Sibelius. He will also make his debut with the Turku Philharmonic, Finland's oldest orchestra, where he will be leading them alongside the classic British animated film *The Snowman*. Supported by a scholarship from the Finnish Cultural Foundation, Mr. Collins has participated in numerous international conducting master classes. He has had experience conducting the Kuopio Symphony Orchestra, Vaasa City Orchestra, Sinfonietta Cracovia, MAV Symphony Orchestra, Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra, Lappeenranta City Orchestra, St. Michel Strings, and the Camerata Antonio Soler. Mr. Collins is the former assistant conductor of the Lauttasaari Symphony Orchestra.

As a student of Esa-Pekka Salonen, Mr. Collins has travelled and assisted Maestro Salonen at the Philharmonia Orchestra, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the San Francisco Symphony. He has also had the opportunity to work closely alongside Edo de Waart, James Conlon, Ludovic Morlot, Rossen Milanov, Peter Oundjian, and Ray Chen and has conducted both the Colburn Orchestra and the Colburn Academy Virtuosi.

Soloist Biographies

Austin Brown, Flute

Austin Brown, former Acting Associate Principal Flute of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, has been awarded many prestigious honors. As a soloist, Mr. Brown has won prizes from the Donald Peck International Flute Competition and the Flute Society of Greater Philadelphia's Young Artist Competition. He is also a laureate of the Aeolus and Kobe international flute competitions. As an orchestral musician, Mr. Brown has played with the Jacksonville, Westmoreland, and Colburn Orchestras. He has received orchestral fellowships from Music Academy of the West, and Music from Angel Fire. Mr. Brown is a Professional Studies Certificate candidate at the Colburn School studying with Jim Walker.

Eugene Lin, Cello

Eugene Lin was born in 2001 in Taiwan. He began to study the cello at the age of nine, entered the Colburn Music Academy at the age of fifteen, where he studied with Ronald Leonard, Hans Jørgen Jensen, Robert deMaine, and Clive Greensmith. He currently studies under Clive Greensmith at the Colburn Conservatory of Music. In 2019, he was selected by a competitive program organized by the NTSO, and received a full scholarship at the Taipei Music Academy and Festival and Heifetz Institute of Music. Eugene was also the semi-finalist of Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians, Johansen International Competition and Geneva Competition.

Katie Liu, Viola

Hailing from New Jersey, Katie Liu is a Master of Music Candidate at The Colburn School in the studio of Paul Coletti. Previously, she received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University with a concentration in Operations Research and Financial Engineering and certificates in Computer Science and Musical Performance. She picked up the viola in the spring of her sophomore year at Princeton and made the permanent switch in the fall of senior year.

Lixin Zhang, Piano

Lixin Zhang is a pianist pursuing his Bachelor of Music degree at the Colburn Conservatory of Music, where he studies with Fabio Bidini. He has won each of the major New Zealand piano competitions, and recently received the Silver Medal at the 2021 Gina Bachauer International Young Artists Piano Competition. Mr. Zhang has given recitals in Asia, Europe, New Zealand, and has participated in numerous international music festivals. Rattle Records released his first CD in 2018, which promptly reached first place in Radio NZ's Classical Charts. In addition to playing the piano, Mr. Zhang also plays the violin and has attained the Licentiate Trinity College London certificate. Alongside his professional music activities, Mr. Zhang frequently performs in fundraising concerts for charities and other organizations.

Orchestra Personnel

Conductor

Ross Jamie Collins

Violin I

Melody Yuan ***

Tiffany Kang **

John Fawcett

Ezra Shcolnik

Julia Angelov

Vivan Kukiel

Dallas Noble

Violin II

Wenqi Ke *

Hanna Zhdan

Ethan Mayer

Wei-Lin Chen

Isabella Brown

Sophia Ayer

Viola

Clara Bouch *

Jing Peng

Samuel Choi

Raphael Masters

Abby Smith

Cello

Emma Lee *

Mingchen Ma

Ye Un Park

Hyeri Jo

Bass

Julide San *

Tiffany Kung

Chloe Yu

Maya Letherer

Flute

Martha Chan %

Ann Kuo \$ ^

Arin Sarkissian #

Chi Ting

Oboe

Eder Rivera ^ %

Anqi Zhou # \$

Clarinet

Bence Bubreg #

Víctor Díaz Guerra ^

Gerbrich Meijer \$ %

Bassoon

Jordan Farber

Elena Mateo Sáez \$ ^ %

Xavion Patterson

Ryan Turano #

Horn

Valerie Ankeney ^ %

Henry Bond \$

Jackson Prasifka #

Gabriella Sá

Trumpet

Ian Mertes ^ %

Joey Tkach # \$

Trombone

Gracie Potter

Spencer Schaffer ^

Liam Wilt #

Timpani

Justin Ochoa

Orchestra Librarian

Caitlyn Chenault

Orchestra Manager

Chris Cho

Stage Manager

David Mencos

Key

Concertmaster ***

Assistant Concertmaster **

Principal *

Principal, Hindemith #

Principal, Schumann \$

Principal, Chopin ^

Principal, Strauss %