



50 YEARS OF MUSIC

1974-2024

Salute to Youth May 18, 2025

Nightingale Concert Hall
University of Nevada, Reno

Kelly Kuo
Music Director
The Gilbert & Elizabeth Lenz Podium

Kara Piatt
Guest Assistant Conductor

Winners of the 2025 Vahe Khochayan
Young Artist Concerto Competition

*Nika Kalanaki, Violin
Junior Division*

*Claire Lin, Piano
Senior Division*

Reno Chamber Orchestra Staff & Board

MUSIC DIRECTOR KELLY KUO



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REPERTOIRE

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Violin Concerto in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

- I. Allegro
- II. Andante

Nika Kalanaki, Violin

Piano Concerto in E Minor. Op. 11

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

- I. Allegro maestoso

Claire Lin, Piano

INTERMISSION

15 minutes

Sage-Grouse Tanner Porter (b. 1994)

- I. Warning
- II. Brush and Dance

Symphony No. 2 in D Major op. 35

Louise Farrenc (1804-1875)

- I. Andante-Allegro
- II. Andante
- III. Scherzo: Vivace
- IV. Andante-Allegro



TODAYS PERFORMERS

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Nika Kalanaki, Violin

Junior Division

Claire Lin, Piano

Senior Division

First Violin

Ruth Lenz*, Concertmaster

A friend of Ruth Lenz & the RCO

Laura Ahn, Acting Associate Concertmaster

Walter Dillard Memorial Chair

Olga Archdekin*

Norm & Jan Ziomek Chair

Ellen Flanagan*

In Memory of Kristell Moller

Claire Tatman

Jeff Lindhorst

Second Violin

David Haskins*, Acting Principal Second

Alison Harvey

Ivanka Dill*

Sponsored by Mary & John Tozzi

Rose Sciaroni

Elizabeth Lenz

Virginia Evans

Viola

Dustin Budish*, Principal

Les & Marsha Cohen Memorial Chair

Sarah Coyl*

The Edie & Pete Cartwright Chair

Noelle Rader

Nat Sattler

Cello

Peter Lenz*, Principal

A friend of Peter Lenz

Barbara McMeen*

Remembering Marilyn Hadley

Karen Stout-Gardner*

In Honor of Dr. Allen H. Brady from the Allen Brady Family

Luciana Gallo*

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Bass

Scott Faulkner*, Principal

Gail & Jack McAllister Chair

Nancy Hoffman*

Flute

Kasumi Leonard, Acting Principal

Mary Ann Lazzari*

Oboe

Noah Breneman*, Principal

Dale Roberts Memorial Chair

Aaron Hill

Lise Lenz Drake Memorial Chair

Clarinet

Karl Busch*, Principal

Marshall & Patricia Postman Chair

Chris Money

Bassoon

Dylan Neff*, Principal

Jimmie's Chair

Kylie Howard

Horn

John Lenz*, Principal

Remembering Jim Whipp

Kevin Miescke
Natalie Higgins
Christine Geiger

Trumpet

Paul Lenz*, Principal
Gaia Brown & Lloyd Rogers Chair
Jef Derderian

Piano

James Winn*, Principal
Remembering Vahe Khochayan

Timpani/Percussion

Dominic Grande*, Principal
Kris & Pat Ellingsworth Chair
Carol Nelson Colwell

** denotes RCO Contract Musician*

SIDE-BY-SIDE PLAYERS

Violin

Christian Carral
Samantha Shouse
Anna Reeder
Eli Joseph
Nika Kalanaki
Chloe Beltran Moronez
Lee Foster
Alexander Oliver
Kingsley Chou
Dominic Hernandez
Jaqueline Oliver

Viola

Alyssa Stepaniak
Nathan Torlao
Alexander Loosley

Cello

Kio Ryan
Teague Lindloff
Jack Vendevert
Duke Fuselier
Georgie Prutzman

Bass

Logan Hegi
Francisco Guerrero

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by Chris Morrison

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