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2022 STUDENT RECITAL
(VIRTUAL)

2022 RÉCITAL D'ÉTUDIANT(E)S
(VIRTUEL)

- ❖⊕ Rebecca Lee: Prelude and Fugue in A Major (BWV 536) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Organ: Rodgers 558
- * Yi Zhou Prelude on 'Rockingham' Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Organ: Casavant (Op. 1539; 1937); St. Luke's Anglican Church, Ottawa
- ❁ Patrick Yang: Prelude and Fugue in F Major (BWV 556) attrib. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sonata in A Major (Op. 65, No. 3) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
ii) *Andante tranquillo*
Organ: Casavant (Op. 2875; 1966); First Baptist Church, Ottawa
- ⊕ Aurora Xu: Sonata in Bb Major (Op. 65, No. 4) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
iii) *Allegretto*
Organ: Casavant (Op. 2875; 1966); First Baptist Church, Ottawa
- ◆ Aleesha Katary: Fantasia in G major (*Pièce d'orgue*) (BWV 572) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Récit de tierce en taille Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
Organ: Rodgers Trillium 927; St. Martin's Anglican Church, Ottawa
- ⊕ Samuel Lee: Marche Moderne, op. 2 Edwin H. Lemare (1865-1934)
Années de pèlerinage II, S.161 - I. Sposalizio Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
arr. Edwin H. Lemare
Organ: Casavant (Op. 615; 1915, 1996); St-Jean-Baptiste, Montreal.

Teachers:

- ◆ Thomas Annand
- ❖ Hans-Ola Ericsson
- * Robert Jones
- ⊕ Jennifer Loveless
- ⊕ Jonathan Oldengarm
- ❁ Shawn Potter

THE ARTISTS

Aleesha Katary is a Grade Eleven student at Earl of March High School in Kanata. She started studying the organ with Frances Macdonnell and is now studying with Thomas Annand. She plays the flute in her school's senior band, is continuing her piano lessons, and is a Prefect in the Christ Church Cathedral Girls' Choir. Even during the lockdown, she has played a number of organ voluntaries at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Kanata United Church, St. Martin's Anglican Church, and at Woodroffe United Church. Aleesha is the co-founder of an initiative called 'Music For Seniors' where local high school students create monthly virtual concerts for retirement homes, long-term care homes and hospitals. This initiative was created over a year ago and continues to build the bond between students and seniors while providing entertainment to local isolated seniors.

In 2015, **Rebecca Lee** was awarded an organ scholarship from the RCCO to start learning organ with Karen Holmes. Since then, she has also participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival. After graduating from Sir Robert Borden High School last year, she is now studying organ performance with Hans-Ola Ericsson and Jonathan Oldengarm at McGill University in Montreal.

Beginning his organ study with Karen Holmes, **Samuel Lee** soon successfully completed the CRCCO in 2014, ARCCO in 2016, and FRCCO in 2018, while at the same time studying his Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance with David Jalbert in the University of Ottawa. Samuel has also assumed the role of Organ Scholar under the mentorship of Dave Dawson, Music Director of St. Martin's Anglican Church. After completing a Master's Degree in Organ Performance at McGill University, Montreal, with Hans-Ola Ericsson and Christian Lane in 2020, Samuel continues his Doctoral study in organ performance in McGill University with Jonathan Oldengarm, and with Isabelle Demers next year. Last summer, Samuel won a third place in the RCCO National Organ Playing Competition. Currently, Samuel is the Organist/Pianist at the Montreal West United Church.

Aurora Xu is in her last year working towards an undergraduate degree in Health Sciences at University of Ottawa. She started organ lessons shortly after she arrived in Ottawa in 2017. Aurora had received the RCCO Organ Academy Bursary which allowed her to attend student academies and various workshops in Calgary and Halifax. Additionally, she received the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Arnt Loa Scholarship twice. In her spare time, she enjoys singing with the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir and the adult choir at St. Joseph's Parish. Currently, she is doing her collaborative pianist internship with ORYC. She is looking forward to working in both health and music fields in the future.

Patrick Yang is a current grade 11 international baccalaureate student at Colonel By Secondary School. He grew up in a quiet suburban neighbourhood in Montreal where he began learning piano at the age of 6. In 2013, Patrick moved to Beijing, China, where he continued studying the piano and began learning the violin and the clarinet. In 2016, he moved again, this time to Budapest, Hungary, where he studied piano under Geza Klembala and Nora Deutsch, acquiring a performance diploma from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). Then, in 2019, he moved to Ottawa where he started learning the organ after being intrigued by Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*. Since October 2019, he has been studying under Shawn Potter, the director of music at First Baptist Church in downtown Ottawa and the 2013 winner of the RCCO Orgelfest Godfrey Hewitt Prize. With Shawn, Patrick has studied a variety of organ music, including works from Mendelssohn, Couperin, Bach, Bédard, and more. He is also a four-time winner of the Kiwanis Music Festival, winning both the regular and Bach organ classes at the novice and intermediate level. In his spare time, he enjoys reading mystery novels, coding and playing video games.

Yi Zhou came to Canada in 2017 and graduated in 2020 with a master's degree in statistics from Carleton University. She is now employed by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. In 2019, Yi was awarded an organ scholarship from the Ottawa RCCO Centre to learn the organ with Robert Jones. She paused the lessons in 2020 because of COVID-19 and resumed her lessons several months ago. She is looking forward to serving as an organist at church.