PROGRAM

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2:30 PM CONCERT

PYCO JUNIOR WIND ENSEMBLE

Tara Yaney & Joshua Branstetter, Conductors

New Wade'n Water Adolphus Hailstork

PYCO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Sean Radermacher, Guest Conductor

Ode to a Joyride Brian Balmages

PYCO CHAMBER STRING ORCHESTRA

Younga Reitz, Conductor

Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043 Johann Sebastian Bach

1. Vivace

Violin I Soloists: Alon Shamir, Ysabelle Smith, Irene Wang, Olivia Codol Violin II Soloists: Katt Neill, Lucy Zuo, Elena Pucevich, Kara Luy, Olive Cramer

Marriage of Figaro Overture Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Jamin Hoffman

PYCO JUNIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Special Collaboration Featuring the Musicians of Junior Wind Ensemble, Junior String Orchestra & Chamber String Orchestra

Younga Reitz, Conductor

Raiders March, Marion's Theme, Journey to Akator, Irina's Theme

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6 PM CONCERT

PYCO CONCERT WINDS

Nolan Petote, Conductor

PYCO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CONFLUENCE BALLET COMPANY

Pablo Ardiles, Conductor

Dancers: Elena Cvetkovich, Shelby Walsh, Grace Wellmon

"Camaraderie" Choreography by Rebecca Levin

Dancers: Emma Brannen, Kaila Carter, Kinsey Love, Jaden Murphy, Kassi Tiedjens

PYCO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CELLO FURY

Pablo Ardiles, Conductor

Cello Fury: Cecilia Caughman, Simon Cummings, Nicole Myers, Ryan Socrates (drums)

Nocturnal Simon J. C. Cummings

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PYCO CONCERT STRINGS

Pablo Ardiles, Conductor

Violin Concertato I: Ethan Zhang; Violin Concertato II: Sidney Young; Cello Concertato: Caitlin Cross

Libertango Astor Piazzola, arr. James Kazik

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Senior Awards

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CELLO

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Kazumi Petinaux*

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Lillian Best Maia Gomez

CLARINET

Juliet (Seoyoung) Bang MiaBella Carlini Ian Eom Nathan Hou Ryan Noir Aradhya Sircar

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TRUMPET

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BASS

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Rowan Williams

Lucy Zuo

VIOLA

Kaitlyn Dubis
Taylor Hollins
Lipi Kairi
Junhee Lee
Mary Grace Lison
Caroline Smith
Ethan Wang
Joyce Wohlgemuth*

CELLO Khyronessa Avotri Graham Carlson Cohen Crossley Riley Ehan Preston Gibbons Chester Harsch Caleb Henri Tyler Hollins Madeleine Jablonski Nathan Leckey Jeremy Lee Shannon Lenigan Nora Mevers Ethan Pucevich Edward Ryu Isabelle Tang Aiden Zilinski

BASS

Michael Ferriolo Tom Lenigan* David Weale*

FLUTE

Callie Devine Rachel Fadeley Arista Lee Tara Yaney*

CLARINET

Nathan Hou Evelyn Seagraves Lucas Wang Darby Wygant

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Remy Liu Owen Taylor

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Gelis Straub

HORN

Samantha Oeler Isaac Eaton ↓

TRUMPET

Connor MacKinnon Rick Murrell *

TROMBONE

TUBA

Benjamin Cavanaugh

PERCUSSION

Allison Gillett

Bert Lerini*

Dieter Schodde*

PIANO

Isabella Muthler \$\infty\$

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Orchestra mentor

PYCO JUNIOR WIND ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

Listed Alphabetically by Last Name

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CLARINET Nathan Hou J Evelvn Seagraves Lucas Wang

Darby Wygant

Owen Taylor TENOR

BASS CLARINET Darby Wygant

SAXOPHONE Remy Liu

ALTO

SAXOPHONE Gelis Straub

HORN

Samantha Oeler Isaac Eaton \$\infty\$

TRUMPET Connor MacKinnon

Rick Murrell *

TROMBONE Joshua Branstetter* BASS

David Weale*

PIANO

Isabella Muthler \$\infty\$

* Guest performer ■ PYCO Concert Winds mentor

♪ PYCO Symphony Orchestra mentor

PYCO JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

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Shyamala Sree Sridhar Rowan Williams

VIOLA

Kaitlyn Dubis Lipi Kairi Junhee Lee Mary Grace Lison Ethan Wang Jovce Wohlgemuth* **CELLO**

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Listed by Seating

VIOLIN I

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VIOLA

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