

Greenville County Youth Orchestras

Inaugural Alumni Recital

August 23 & 24, 2025

6:05–7:30 PM / 6:05–7:00 PM



Performers:

Lauren Vaughn, flute

Seth Russell, cello

Jackie Tso, violin

David Kiser, piano

Passacaglia for Violin and Cello

Johan Halvorsen (1864-1935)

Jackie Tso, violin

Seth Russell, cello (GCYO Alumnus)

Duo for Violin and Cello

Jessie Montgomery (b. 1981)

I. Meandering

II. Dirge

III. Presto

Jackie Tso, violin

Seth Russell, cello (GCYO Alumnus)

Sonata for Flute and Piano

Yuko Uebayashi (b. 1958)

I. Lento

Lauren Vaughn, flute (GCYO Alumnus)

David Kiser, piano

- INTERMISSION -

Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

I. Molto allegro ed agitato

II. Andante con moto tranquillo

III. Scherzo

IV. Finale

Jackie Tso, violin

Seth Russell, cello (GCYO Alumnus)

David Kiser, piano

Lauren Vaughn

(GCYO ALUMNUS
2002 - 2006)



Lauren Vaughn serves as Chair of the Music Department at the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, where she teaches applied flute, chamber music, seminars and masterclasses, music history, and world music. She performs as Piccoloist with the SC Philharmonic Orchestra and has performed as guest principal flute of the Augusta Symphony, Greenville Symphony, and Asheville Symphony, among others. As an educator, she is continually inspired to explore creative approaches to music instruction, foster individuality in the classroom, and support students' personal growth through the study of the arts and humanities. Her work also examines the role of music in community engagement, and she has presented related research at national conferences. A graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, The Ohio State University (BM), University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music (MM), and the University of South Carolina (DMA), Lauren credits her continual learning and growth to her musical mentors.

Seth Russell

(GCYO ALUMNUS
2004 - 2008)



Seth Russell performs internationally as a chamber musician, soloist, and orchestral player. He has performed solo and chamber music recitals in venues such as Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Taipei's Elite Performance Hall, and the Peace Center's Gunter Theater. He was awarded top prizes in the 2017 and 2019 New York International Artists Competition. In 2021 he won the position of Principal Cello with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Seth is a member of the multi-genre Parrish Cello Trio, and the founder, director, and cellist of the Greenville Chamber Players. Seth holds a Bachelor's degree in Cello Performance and a Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, a Master's degree in Cello Performance from New England Conservatory, and a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin.

Jackie Tso



Jackie Tso has been heard as a soloist with orchestras around the world such as the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Santa Fe Concert Association Orchestra, and the Beijing Broadcasting Orchestra. Ms. Tso has also played in many international competitions including the Premio Paganini, Yehudi Menuhin, and Jascha Heifetz. Jackie studied with Li Lin at The Juilliard School, and is currently Concertmaster of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Before moving to Greenville, she was in the St. Louis Symphony. Some of her passions outside of music are nature walks with her pup, making flower arrangements, pickleball, and trying new recipes.

David Kiser



David Kiser is the Executive Director of Greenville County Youth Orchestras. He was formerly the Education and Community Engagement Manager of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra where he oversaw the symphony's extensive education programs. In Spring 2022, he introduced the newest program called Student Ambassadors that connected local high school music students with the symphony. He is married to the pianist Lisa Won Jung Kiser and they live with their family in Greenville, SC. He is the second oldest of ten children. He has served as substitute keyboardist for Asheville, Greenville and Spartanburg Symphonies. His performances have been broadcast on South Carolina Public Radio and he has performed and adjudicated throughout the state. Recent performances include Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand with the Anderson Symphony Orchestra and a series of piano duo recitals across the southeast with Lisa Kiser. Besides his life in music, education and arts administration, David is a writer and has the distinct honor of being the first ever Writer-in-Residence at the Pat Conroy Literary Center. He is the longtime host of South Carolina Public Radio's On the Keys. He is currently undertaking a gradual study of classical music allusions in works of literature, presenting lecture recitals on his findings.