



The Music Department Presents

Sterne Virtuoso Series

**HaeSun Paik**

*piano*

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7:30PM  
Arthur Zankel Music Center  
Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall

## Program

Sonata in E-flat major, Op. 81a "Les  
Adieux"

**Ludwig van Beethoven**  
(1770-1827)

- I. *Das Lebewohl: Adagio - Allegro*
- II. *Abwesenheit: Andante espressivo*
- III. *Das Wiedersehen:  
Vivacissimamente*

Piano Sonata No. 2 "Spring in My Homeland"

**Juri Seo**  
(b. 1981)

- Var. I *Spring*
- Var. II *Summer*
- Var. III *Fall*
- Var. IV *Winter*
- TEMA

Piano Sonata Sz. 80 (1926)

**Béla Bartók**  
(1881-1945)

- I. *Allegro moderato*
- II. *Sostenuto e pesante*
- III. *Allegro molto*

## *Intermission*

Fantasie in C Major, Op. 17

**Robert Schumann**  
(1810-1856)

- I. *Durchaus phantastisch und leidenschaftlich  
vorzutragen*
- II. *Massig. Durachaus energisc*
- III. *Langsam getragen. Durchweg leise zu  
halten*

Pianist **HaeSun Paik** has been hailed as a “sensitive and thinking musician with stunning virtuosity” (Los Angeles Times), and a “big and individual personality” (New York Times).

Having won top prizes at international piano competitions including the Queen Elisabeth, Leeds, William Kapell, and the Tchaikovsky, Ms. Paik has performed around the world in solo recitals, concerti with leading orchestras, and as a renowned chamber musician.

Ms. Paik recently completed a highly successful seven-city concert tour with the Belgian National Orchestra, featuring performances in both Belgium and Korea. Additionally, she has performed all five Beethoven Concerti and the Triple Concerto with the New York Classical Players, and has also presented both Brahms Concerti in a single concert. Ms. Paik has performed extensively at esteemed venues across the United States, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and Jordan Hall in Boston, as well as prestigious concert halls in Europe, such as the Berlin Philharmonic Hall and Vienna's Musikverein.

She has recorded the complete works by Beethoven for cello and piano with Laurence Lesser, which have been released by Bridge Records. Her debut and subsequent solo recordings are available on the EMI label.

Ms. Paik, a much sought-after pedagogical influence in Korea, was the youngest pianist of her generation to be appointed as a music professor at Seoul National University. Currently, she serves as the co-chair of the piano department at the New England Conservatory, following several years of teaching at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Furthermore, she teaches and performs at numerous summer festivals, including Morningside Music Bridge, PianoSummer at New Paltz, Chautauqua Institute, PyeongChang Music Festival in Korea, and has served as a juror in many prestigious international competitions.

Ms. Paik, a recipient of the 2019 Music Award from the Korean National Academy of the Arts - the nation's highest honor for Korean musicians - published her life-essay book, 'Master of My Own Frustrations' in Korea in 2023.

Ms. Paik graduated from the New England Conservatory and Walnut Hill School under the guidance of Russell Sherman and Wha-Kyung Byun. Her artistic development was further enriched through studies at the International Piano Foundation in Lake Como, Italy.

## Upcoming Events

Senior Composition/French Horn

Recital: Joshua Feldman

Saturday, March 28, 1:00pm

Senior Violin Recital:

Rebecca Merber

Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm

Senior Piano Recital: Daniel Huh

Sunday, March 29, 4:00pm

Senior Voice Recital: Grace Radonis

Sunday, March 29, 7:00pm

Senior Voice Recital:

Emma Bedard and Abigail Scifres

Saturday, April 4, 12:00pm

Voices of Freedom and Unity

Friday, April 10, 7:00pm

Senior Voice Recital: Julia Henslee

Saturday, April 11, 11:00am

in Wilson Chapel

Skidmore in Concert:

Brass & Woodwind Ensembles

Saturday, April 11, 2:00pm

in Wilson Chapel

Senior Voice Recital:

Will Harmon

Saturday, April 11, 4:00pm

Senior Voice Recital:

Grace Higginbotham

Saturday, April 11, 7:00pm

Skidmore in Concert:

Young Kim & Skidmore Pianists

Sunday, April 12, 3:00pm

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Skidmore

String Festival w/Pacifica Quartet

Saturday, April 18, 7:30pm

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Skidmore

String Festival

w/Pacifica Quartet & Skidmore

Sunday, April 19, 2:00pm

Skidmore in Concert: Chorus

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00pm

Skidmore in Concert:

Big Band + Cuban Music

Ensemble

Friday, April 24, 7:00pm