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Shun Yao and Mariana Corichi Gómez,
conductors

Russian Easter Festival Overture Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
(1844–1908)

Movements from *Romeo and Juliet* and *Sinfonia Concertante* Sergei Prokofiev
(1891–1953)

Montagues and Capulets (Dance of the Knights)

The Young Juliet

Romeo and Juliet before Parting

Andante from *Sinfonia Concertante* for Cello and Orchestra

Death of Juliet

Simone Pierpaoli, *cello*

Anna Lee, *production designer*

Danzón No. 2..... Arturo Márquez
(b. 1950)

The University of Maryland University Orchestra consists of over ninety musicians coming from all over the campus. Despite our differences in age, ethnicity, degree programs, and cultural backgrounds, we are united by our shared passion for music to present the most challenging and diverse programs for our friends in the school and the surrounding communities. Our mission is to inspire, enrich, and connect the UMD community through our music making and provide our schoolmates a space to find strength, solace, and a sense of belonging.



Born in the historic city of Xi'an, China, Chinese American conductor **Shun Yao** currently serves as the assistant conductor of Annapolis Symphony Academy and music director of the UMD University Orchestra.

An experienced conductor of broad repertoire and interests, Shun Yao has worked with professional and student orchestras across Europe, Asia, and the United States. His programs often consist of a wide variety of composers from CPE Bach, Carlos Simon, to Unsuk Chin and John Williams. His 2017 performance of selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* was described as "great attention to phrasing" and "conveyed

the tender nature of the work" by *Classical Voice* (NC). In 2023, Mr. Yao was one of the conductors selected by Paavo and Neeme Järvi to perform with Järvi Academy Youth Orchestra which was broadcasted by the Estonian national television.

Mr. Yao received his degrees from Manhattan School of Music, Rice University, and Cleveland Institute of Music, and is currently a DMA candidate at University of Maryland studying with Maestro David Neely.



Mariana Corichi Gómez is a conductor, vocalist, and composer from Mexico City. During 2021-2022, Mariana served as the Associate Director of Choirs at Princeton University's Department of Music. In this role, she co-directed the Princeton University Glee Club along with its new ensemble, *Alegría*, a choir dedicated to Latin American & Latino repertoire. As Associate Director, Mariana conducted orchestral ensembles of the collegiate and professional level, including a performance with NYC artist-led collective, *Decoda*. Mariana is currently a Conductor of the University of Maryland University Orchestra. She is Assistant Conductor to the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra and the Maryland

Opera Studio. In April, she will conduct a performance of Daniel Catán's magic realist opera, *Florencia en el Amazonas*.

In June of 2023, Mariana was a Conducting Fellow at the National Orchestral Institute + Festival where she studied with Marin Alsop and conducted the world premiere of "Pressure System" by Dayton Hare. Further conducting studies include masterclasses with Gustavo Dudamel, Jonathan Heyward, Joseph Young, and Jim Ross.

As a consort singer, Mariana had the pleasure of performing with acclaimed U.K. choirs, *Tenebrae* and *Gallicantus*. She is a past recipient of the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts and the Edward T. Cone Memorial Prize, both presented annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in performance, execution, or composition in one of the arts.

In 2021, Mariana graduated *summa cum laude* from Princeton University. She is pursuing a Masters in Music at the University of Maryland School of Music, studying under David Neely.



Simone Pierpaoli is a senior cello performance major at the University of Maryland, and currently studies with Dr. Eric Kutz. In addition to his musical pursuits, he's studying physics, and plans to graduate with both degrees in the fall. In his time at UMD, he has participated in masterclasses led by Inbal Segev, Yumi Kendell, and Amir Eldan. His primary summer festival engagements include the National Orchestral Institute and Interlochen Center for the Arts, and he hopes to participate in music festivals abroad in the future. With his third place finish at the UMD 2022 concerto competition with his performance of the Korngold

cello concerto, he was invited to perform this evening with University Orchestra, which is his debut performance as a soloist with orchestra. In addition to his studies, Simone enjoys playing board games with the rest of the cello studio, and consuming Chipotle.

Shun Yao, *Music Director*
 Mariana Corichi Gómez, *Resident Conductor*
 Fábio Dantas Costa, *String Coach*

Violin I

Clare Hofheinz,
Concertmaster
 Aditi Pothukuchi,
Associate Concertmaster
 Alex Chen
 Yushin Lee
 Yifan Zhang
 Nashrah Rahman
 Gyuseok Kang
 Jeffrey Yu
 Fang Du
 Mahan Haghighatian
 Joshua Matthew
 Elisa Baker
 Claire Huang
 Abigail Aderinwale

Violin II

Kara Gardiner, *Principal*
 Theodore Stephens-Kalmar
 Jasmine Wang
 Ashley Wu
 Irene Ki
 Sarah Stambler
 Iris Kalfa
 Lorien Cho
 Julie Young
 Maya Hoffman
 Angeliki Papagorgious
 Laila Shashoor
 Sragvi Pattanaik
 Daniel Huang
 Jasmine Ali
 Jeizen Jose
 Warren Dansou

Viola

Carolyn Wong, *Co-principal*
 Allyson Rizzo, *Co-principal*
 Kara Woolcock
 Emily Blake
 Ariel Hammerash
 Michael Marooney
 Kexin Liu
 Erin Hopper
 Xavier Lee-Llacer

Cello

James Liao, *Co-principal*
 Anurag Kumar, *Co-principal*
 Ethen Yang
 Anthony van Rheenen
 Adam Martinson
 Yonghan Lee
 Uma Plenz
 Emma Lin
 Quentin Ludet
 Klara Ebhardt
 Eugene Song
 Olivia Calkins
 Hannah Yan
 Nathan Danko
 Anish Chinni
 Aditi Madabushi
 Rory Gallo
 Simone Pierpaoli

Bass

Ethan Schwartz
 Jenna Hargrovee
 Elizabeth Thilmany
 Lily Masson
 Prithwish Dasgupta

Flute

Kyla Perkinson
 Andrew Hui
 Radha Kausik
 Shohini Banerjee
 Annika Wilder

Oboe

Oscar Maxwell Krug
 Jonathan Alonzo

English Horn

Zander Barrow

Clarinet

Eric O'Leary
 Michael Oritz
 Victoria Cheng
 Elanor Kim
 Kay Lani Morgan

Bass Clarinet

Dylan Lewis

Bassoon

Jacob Keely
 Ren Qun

Contrabassoon

Qun Ren

Horn

Matt Chabot
 Ethan Thoms-Chelsey
 Alex Choiniere
 Kristin Dan

Trumpet

Cory Lewis
 Alexander Wu

Trombone

David Christopher Wilson
 Andrew McCracken
 Marlia Nash

Bass Trombone

Ethan Gamino

Tuba

Trey Pope

Timpani and Percussion

Ena Song
 Amit Bir
 Logan DeVoe
 Kiran Kaur

Keyboard

Marcello Silva
 Claire Huang