

# Phillips Exeter Academy Music Department



## Spring Orchestra Concert Symphonia

Chamber Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra  
with

Roger Guo '27, *piano*

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

7:00 PM

**“the Bowld”**

Forrestal Bowld Music Center

29 Tan Lan, Exeter, NH



## **Congratulations to our seniors!**

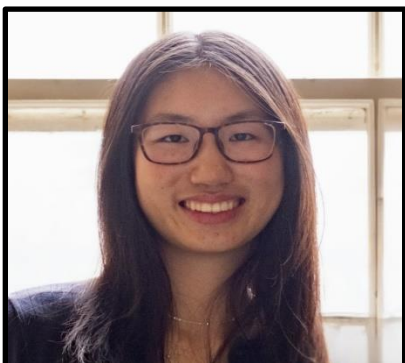
Ethan Ding, Josh Grewal, Claire Han,  
Meishu Han, Victoria Liu, Grant Leopold, Katherine Lopez,  
Andrew Piercey, Lucy Previn, Dhruv Reddy, Anna Rissi, Adam Tang,  
Kendra Wang, Catherine Yan and Davido Zhang



### **Ethan Ding**

I'm a four-year senior originally from Canada, but a long-term resident of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Growing up in an environment without much of a classical music presence meant learning to play the violin was difficult, but making and sharing music was so special to me that I worked to ensure my violin would always be a constant in my life. Through meeting people and

cultures at Exeter, I've learned to think of music as a powerfully universal language—that even small artistic decisions I make can communicate surprisingly vivid images and feelings for people. I've had the good fortune to play with PEA's Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and now, for you. I'm very grateful to share this most recent chapter in my musical journey with you—I hope you'll enjoy it as much as I will.



### **Meishu Han**

I'm a four-year senior from Beijing and New York; on campus, I live in Merrill Hall. I started on the piano when I was five and picked up the clarinet in first grade. I've loved every moment of the Chamber and Symphony Orchestras since joining in prep year.

Thank you Mr. Smith for bringing us together and for helping me understand music in a new way. I will dearly miss how our music is often layered with laughter in the back row. Outside of music, I love being outdoors, visiting museums, and neuroscience. I hope you enjoy today's concert!



### **Grant Leopold**

I'm a senior from Southern Maine. I started my music career as a violinist in first grade, and I started playing trumpet in middle school. While I initially entered Exeter playing the violin in Symphonia, the Jazz Ensemble was particularly appealing to me. I've played in the Symphony orchestra on trumpet for three years as well. Visiting New Orleans my first year in jazz band

may be the highlight of my music career! Outside of music, I enjoy architecture, soccer, and philosophy.



### **Victoria Liu**

At three, I begged my parents to let me play piano. They told me it was a big commitment and asked me to promise I wouldn't quit when it got hard. I didn't understand then, but those words stayed with me (and kept me from smashing my piano at one point.) Now I've added flute to my journey. I love music for the way it lets me connect with others—whether I'm expressing something deeply personal through a piece or forming friendships through shared sound.



### **Lucy Previn**

I'm a 4-year senior from Westchester, New York and live in Merrill Hall on campus. I've been playing the violin since kindergarten and have played in Exeter's Chamber and Symphony Orchestra since my prep year (in addition to several chamber groups). I'm so grateful to have been a part of music here at Exeter and it has shaped my time here in more ways than I could have imagined. I

enjoy history, going on runs, and iced coffee!



### **Anna Rissi**

I'm a four-year senior from Alexandria, VA, and I live in Wheelwright Hall on campus. I've been super interested in music since I first learned to play the violin when I was four, and since then I've grown to love playing viola and singing too. Music at Exeter and elsewhere has been such a huge part of my life and community. Outside of music, I love to bake, read mystery novels, and hang out with my

friends in the sun!





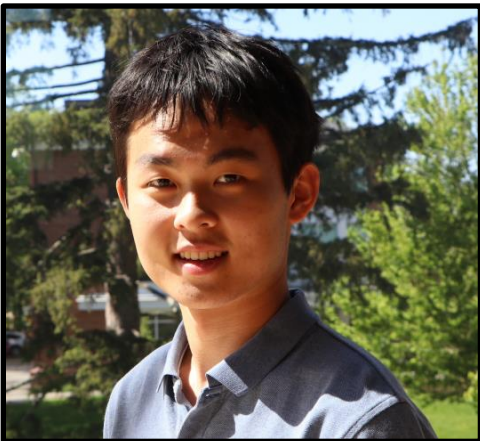
### **Dhruv Reddy**

I'm a three-year senior from Los Angeles, California, currently living in Peabody Hall. I've been playing the viola since sixth grade, and during my time at Exeter, I've been part of Symphonia, a chamber group, and now the Symphony Orchestra. Whether it's tackling challenging repertoire or just laughing through rehearsals, I've loved growing as a musician in such a collaborative space. Outside of music, I enjoy running, reading, and beating my friends in ping-pong.



### **Catherine Yan**

I'm a 4-year senior from Chicago, Illinois, and on campus I live in New Hall (originally I lived in Langdell). I've played piano since I was 5 and French horn since I was in 5th grade, so music is an integral part of my life. Prior to Exeter, I was the only hornist in my school district and played in Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. I've enjoyed continuing my musical journey in my 4 years of Symphony Orchestra at Exeter and performing piano in various concerts and competitions. I love how music can wordlessly evoke emotions in the audience and connects me with others. Outside of music, I love movies, board/card games, and baking.



### **Davido Zhang**

I'm a senior from Shenzhen, China. I live in Wentworth Hall. For the past eleven years of playing the cello, I've been actively involved in orchestras at school and in the local community. Playing music at Exeter was an incredible experience for me to meet some of my best friends, and that's the source of my passion. I'm also interested in math research, Artificial Intelligence, and Model UN. I hope you enjoy our music!

# Program

## Symphonia

Mina Kim, *conductor*

"Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter"

John Williams  
(b. 1932)

arr. by Cameron Patrick

## Chamber Orchestra

Rohan Smith, *conductor*

Testament (from Vishwas)

Reena Esmail  
(b. 1983)

*Pelléas et Mélisande*, Suite, Op. 46

Jean Sibelius  
(1865 – 1957)

*At the Castle Gate*

*Pastorale*

*Entr'acte*

*The Death of Mélisande*

*Adagio* for Strings, Op. 11

Samuel Barber  
(1910 – 1981)

## Symphony Orchestra

Rohan Smith, *conductor*

*Ram Tori Maya*

Reena Esmail

*with Exeter Choral Union*

Piano Concerto No. 1 In E Minor, Op. 11

Frédéric Chopin  
(1810 – 1849)

*I. Allegro maestoso*

*Roger Guo '27, piano soloist*

*Winner - 2025 Concert Competition*

Theme from *Jurassic Park*

John Williams

*Nimrod* from *Enigma* Variations, Op. 36

Edward Elgar  
(1887 – 1934)

# Personnel

## Symphonia

Mina Kim, *conductor*

### Violin I

Meg Xu  
Eric Jin  
Reya Satam  
Artur Novaes Ferreira  
Jerry Ma  
William Inoue  
Alex Ro  
Leon Yang

### Violin II

Amra Kornusova  
Sophia Chen  
Ethan Benenson  
Michelle Kio-Michael  
Josh Grewal  
Ishaan Singh  
Ashim Rai

### Cello

Zifei Wang  
Daniel Lee  
Andrew Piercey  
Celia Valdez  
Elijah Drobnick

### Bass

MA Gump

### Viola

Kelly Ugbala  
Touma Miyakawa  
Katherine Lopez

## Chamber Orchestra

Rohan Smith, *conductor*

### **Violin 1**

Ethan Ding, *concertmaster*  
Lucy Previn, *concertmaster*  
Martin Yau  
Sophia Davis  
Hugo Shinn  
Michael Yoon

### **Viola**

Robert Joo  
Alexa Morel  
Shashwat Gupta

### **Flute**

Erin Han  
Nico Crevier

### **Clarinet**

Meishu Han  
Annie Zhu

### **Cello**

David Zhang  
Albert Lu  
Tristan Price

### **Horn**

\*William Violette

### **Violin II**

Anne Wang  
Anshi Mehra  
Matias Yau  
Sebastien TranPham  
Arabella Mariano  
Eilena Ding

### **Bass**

Adam Civitarese  
June Koh

### **Timpani/Percussion**

Tristan Price

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Ethan Ding, *concertmaster*

Martin Yau

Sophia Davis

Hugo Shinn

Anne Wang

Miles Oluwo

Andy Liu

Anshi Mehra

Katie Hu

Violin II

Sebastien TranPham, *principal*

Leon Xie

Matias Yau

Jocelyn Wen

Arabella Mariano

ael Yoon

Eilena Ding

Ava Bullock

Catherine Manley

Michelle Choo

Viola

Anna Rissi, *principal*

Robert Joo

Evan Fan

William Chen

Alexa Morel

Kyros Wu

Shashwat Gupta

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Cello

Davido Zhang, *principal*

Albert Lu

Anna Byun

Mansa Awuah

Owen Wood

Luke Chon

Manuel Zhang

Sophia Butler

Bass

Adam Civitarese, *principal*

June Koh

Jonny Civitarese

MA Gump

Flute

Victoria Liu, *principal*

Erin Han

Nico Crevier

Lena Kook

Flute/Piccolo

Madoka Hubbard

Chiara Kimmel

Oboe

Ashley Gong, *principal*

Allegra Lai, *principal*

Avery Im

Yeon Woo Cho

Orchestra Managers

Tristan Price

Martin Yau

Clarinet

Meishu Han, *principal*

Claire Han, *principal*

Julia Zhou

Kevin Chen

Annie Zhu

Fiona Liu

Bassoon

Adam Tang, *principal*

Jayden Oh

Horn

Catherine Yan, *principal*

\*William Violette

\*Emily Lowery

\*Earl Powers

Trumpet

Grant Leopold, *principal*

\*Beverly Perriccio

Trombone

\* Brandon Newbold

\* Mike Strauss

Tuba

\*Crystal Metric

Timpani

Tristan Price

Percussion

Tristan Price, *principal*

Alex Chen

Euphoria Yang

Adrian Chan

Exeter Choral Union

Kristofer Johnson, *director*

Sopranos

Selasie Amemasor

Rezi Ifowodo

Berrak Karapinar

Avni Murarka

Audrey Zhou

Altos

Maryn Bowman

Samaiya July

Laurel Van De Water

Pranavi Vedula

Arisa Yoshino

Baritones

Sacha Charlier

Rohit Kantamneni

Amerson Liang

Alexander Luo

Gavin Lyle

Tobe Muoto

Ved Reddy

Abe Webb

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