

Phillips Exeter Academy Music Department



Winter Term Student Showcase Concert

Friday, January 30, 2026

7:00 PM

“the Bowld”

Forrestal Bowld Music Center
29 Tan Lan, Exeter, NH

Program

Raag Des in Rupak and Ektaal

Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan
(b. 1958)

Avni Murarka, *sitar*
Laavanya Rasiah, *tabla*

Dancing Through Life

Stephen Schwartz
(b. 1948)

Axel Peña, *tenor*
Jacob Hiser, *piano*

Sunny

Bobby Hebb
(1938-2010)

Mardian Kamarga, *piano*

Winter Spirits

Katherine Hoover
(1937-2018)

Julia Zhu, *flute*

When I Look at You

Frank Wildhorn
(b. 1958)

Celine Zhang, *soprano*
Jacob Hiser, *piano*

Unlikely Stories

Reena Esmail
(b. 1983)

I. What story down there awaits its end?

Lorenzo Recchia, *violin*
Jacob Hiser, *piano*

Viva la Vida

Coldplay
(b.1977)

Andrew Su, *tenor*
Jacob Hiser, *piano*

Celtic Suite nr. 2 "Fields of Grace"

Herman Beeftink
(b. 1953)

Olivia Wang, *flute*

Bewilderment	Florence Price (1887-1953)
	Ezequiel Martinez, <i>tenor</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
Corner of the Sky	Schwartz
	Albert Zhu, <i>baritone</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
Unlikely Stories	Esmail
III. without fear of wind or vertigo	
	Myles Oluwo, <i>violin</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
Your Daddy's Son	Stephan Flaherty (b.1960)
	Olivia Ojukwu, <i>mezzo-soprano</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
Where Have the Actors Gone	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
	Simon Taylor, <i>baritone</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
The Night Sea	Amy Beach (1867-1944)
	Harini Venkatesh, <i>soprano</i> Claire Xiao, <i>soprano</i> Jacob Hiser, <i>piano</i>
Toy Box	Josh Gottry (b. 1974)
	Tristan Price, <i>percussion</i>

Jacob Hiser, Collaborative Pianist



Jacob Hiser is a versatile pianist and violinist who performs and studies a variety of musical traditions. Born and raised in southern Missouri, he grew up playing bluegrass, blues, and classical music, eventually discovering jazz and graduating from Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies. In 2014, he moved to Boston to attend New England Conservatory's Contemporary Improvisation program, graduating with his master's degree in 2016. While there, he studied with Ran Blake, Bruce Brubaker, Joe Morris, and Frank Carlberg, and performed in ensembles and concerts coached/directed by John Zorn, Jason Moran, Tanya Kalmonovitch, Anthony Coleman, and Simon Carrington.

With jazz groups, country bands, choirs, Korean folk music ensembles, and classical cellists, Jacob has performed all over the United States, as well as Canada, France, Germany, Hungary, and Australia. In summer 2019, he was accepted into the International Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music at Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta, Canada, where he spent 3 weeks creating music with 45 other improvising musicians from around the world and working closely with faculty Vijay Iyer, Steph Richards, Tyshawn Sorey, Okkyung Lee, and many others. Outside of Phillips Exeter Academy, he is a pianist for Boston Children's Chorus and a freelance musician. During the summers, he is a faculty member at Missouri Fine Arts Academy: a two-week summer residential program for high school student artists in visual arts, theatre, dance, creative writing, and music. He has released one album, "Seconds", comprised mostly of original jazz compositions for quintet and trio.

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