

 **Bard College Conservatory of Music**

Neilson Chen, piano

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 8pm
László Z. Bitó '60 Conservatory Building

Violin Sonata in A Major, K. 305
I. Allegro di molto.
II. Andante grazioso

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Chant de Roxane
from opera "King Roger"

Karol Szymanowski
(1882-1937)

Souvenir Op. 79, No. 1

Jean Sibelius
(1865-1957)

Humoresque V Op. 89 No. 3

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(1865-1957)

Intermission

Violin Sonata in A Major
I. Allegretto ben Moderato
II. Allegro
III. Recitativo-Fantasia - Ben Moderato
IV. Allegretto poco mosso

César Franck
(1882-1890)

Luca Sakon began her violin studies at the age of 5 at the Special Music School in New York City. During her high school years, she attended Manhattan School of Music Pre-College where she studied with Bela Horvath. She graduated from Barnard College in 2023 as an education studies major, and studied violin performance with Peter Winograd and Patinka Kopec through the Barnard-Manhattan School of Music Exchange Program. She was also in the Columbia Music Performance Program throughout the four years as a member of a piano trio which was coached by Eliot Bailen and selected to perform at Carnegie's Weill Hall. Luca has participated in numerous summer festivals including the Summit Music Festival, Heifetz International Music Institute and Moritzburg Festival Academy, and her other mentors include Sally Thomas and Aaron Rosand. Luca is currently a first-year masters student under the tutelage of Mira Wang at Bard Conservatory where she is under the Instrumental Arts Fellowship.

Dr. Neilson Chen, a native of Taiwan, is a highly sought-after recitalist and collaborative pianist, whose thoughtful interpretations and dazzling technique have been described by the L.A. Times as "stunning." The recipient of two Master's degrees and Doctor of Musical Arts from Arizona State University, Neilson has studied under such esteemed teachers as Constance Lee, Anne Epperson and Dr. Andrew Campbell. Currently, he is a Collaborative Pianist at The Orchestra Now (TÖN) and Bard College-Conservatory of Music as well as a Collaborative Pianist in Residence at Meadowmount School of Music. Over the course of his career, Neilson has been the recipient of many prestigious honors and awards, including winning the inaugural Duo Competition at Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, in 2019. Performing extensively throughout the United States and internationally, he has concertized in Germany, Luxemburg, France, Ireland, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Honored to have performed in renowned venues, he appeared at the National Concert Hall in Taiwan, Carnegie Hall, Tempe Center for the Performing Arts and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Recent collaborations with prestigious artists include Joshua Bell, Luosha Fang, Janet Sung, Raman Ramakrishnan and members of the Juilliard String Quartet. Committed to fostering the talent of younger musicians, Neilson is esteemed by many musicians as a colleague and a mentor.