

SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
**JACOBSEN**

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERIES 2024-25



**RONALDO ROLIM and  
XIAOHUI YANG, pianos**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

SCHNEEBECK CONCERT HALL

7:30 P.M.



# JACOBSEN SERIES

Established in 1984, the Jacobsen Series features performances by School of Music faculty members, students, alumni, and guest artists for the university and the community. The series is named in honor of Leonard Jacobsen, professor of piano and chair of the piano department at Puget Sound from 1932 to 1965 and consists of theme-related concerts presented between September and April each academic year.

The Jacobsen Series Scholarship Fund awards annual music scholarships to outstanding student performers and scholars. This fund is sustained entirely by season subscribers and individual ticket sales. University of Puget Sound wishes to recognize and thank our many patrons whose support has assisted worthy students and has contributed to this successful series.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2024–25

Ayli Horvath '26 and Abby Jennings '27  
Sigma Alpha Iota

As this year's scholarship award winners, we are delighted to represent the Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) International Music Organization at the 2024–25 Jacobsen Series performances. Our involvement in SAI allows us to participate in a long and honorable history of missions that demonstrate our passion for music, and to promote music and music service to the local community and beyond.

Through our rose sales, receptions, and *FaculTea* events, we help foster appreciation and community at Puget Sound as we celebrate our faculty artist-musicians. Proceeds from Jacobsen Series ticket sales allow our organization to continue supporting SAI Philanthropies, a non-profit organization that benefits music programs such as The Music Therapy Project and People-to-People.

We hope you enjoy this season's Jacobsen Series. Thank you for joining us, and for your support!

Sincerely,

*Ayli and Abby*

**RONALDO ROLIM AND XIAOHUI YANG, PIANOS**

Sept. 13, 2024, Schneebeck Concert Hall

**PROGRAM**

En blanc et noir.....Claude Debussy  
I: Avec emportement (1862–1918)  
II: Lent. Sombre  
III: Scherzando

Xiaohui Yang, piano I  
Ronaldo Rolim, piano II

Ciclo Brasileiro.....Heitor Villa-Lobos  
Plantio do Caboclo (1887–1959)  
Impressões Seresteiras  
Festa no Sertão  
Dança do Índio Branco

**INTERMISSION**

Dreadful Memories (after Aunt Molly Jackson).....Frederic Rzewski  
(from *North American Ballads*) (1938–2021)

Processional (after Norman Lewis).....Hannah Kendall  
(b. 1984)

Chiaroscuro.....John Corigliano  
Light (b. 1938)  
Shadows  
Strobe

Ronaldo Rolim, piano I  
Xiaohui Yang, piano II

***Reception following the program in the Schneebeck Concert Hall lobby.***

## BIOGRAPHIES

With “a special ability to present touching interpretations” (El Norte), Brazilian pianist **RONALDO ROLIM** has performed extensively over four continents, in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Zurich’s Tonhalle, London’s Wigmore Hall, the Great Hall of the Liszt Academy in Budapest, and Beijing’s National Centre for the Performing Arts. Acclaimed for his “consummate elegance” (*New York Concert Review*) and “mastery of phrasing and dynamics” (*Oberbaselbieter Zeitung*), he has captured top prizes at numerous prestigious international competitions, including Géza Anda, James Mottram, Bösendorfer, San Marino, Lyon, and Teresa Carreño. Mr. Rolim’s latest album on Odradek Records, ***Szymanowski - The Wartime Triptychs***, devoted to the programmatic works the Polish composer wrote during World War I, prompted *Diapason* magazine to consider him “an ideal guide to [Szymanowski’s] magic world” and *Classica* magazine to hail his “clear but thunderous pianism”.

Recent and upcoming guest soloist performances include Ravel’s G major Concerto and Falla’s *Noches en los Jardines de España* with the Minas Gerais Philharmonic, Liszt’s Concerto No.2 with Symphony Tacoma, Rachmaninoff’s Concerto No. 4 with the Porto Alegre Symphony, and Beethoven’s Concerto No. 5 with the Louisiana Philharmonic and on a tour of Germany with Ukraine’s Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra. Other recent engagements include performances at the Septembre Musical Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, chamber music with members of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, a tour of Poland with violinist Emanuel Salvador, a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Enrique Granados with performances of the composer’s complete Goyescas in venues in the U.S., Europe, and Brazil, and an appearance in Bernstein’s *Age of Anxiety* in the Bernstein Centenary Festival hosted by the Minas Gerais Philharmonic. The 2024–25 season will see him on tour throughout the United States, Europe and Brazil in solo and chamber music recitals.

Rolim has performed with ensembles such as the Tonhalle Orchester Zürich, Musikkollegium Winterthur, Concerto Budapest, Phoenix Symphony, European Philharmonic Orchestra of Switzerland, Symphony Orchestra of the St. Petersburg State Academic Capella, and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as many of Brazil’s foremost ensembles. A frequent presence at international music festivals, he has been featured in solo recitals and chamber music performances at Ravinia, Rio Folle Journée, Accademia Musicale Chigiana, Musikdorf Ernen, Académie Musicale de Villemoreze, and the Kingston, Walla Walla and Crescent City Chamber Music Festivals. Broadcasts of his live performances have been featured in radio stations in Brazil (Radios MEC and Cultura), the U.S. (WQXR New York,

WRTI Philadelphia, WFMT Chicago, Classical KING Seattle and WBJC Baltimore), and Europe (Radios SWR 2, BBC 3, Rai 3, and France Musique). He also has been featured in several television programs in his home country, including *Brazil Piano Solo*, a series of recitals dedicated exclusively to Brazilian music, presented by the TV Cultura Channel. He also has participated in the documentary *Magda Tagliaferro: A World Inside The Piano*, in which he performed music of Scriabin.

A passionate advocate of chamber music, Rolim is the newest member of the Puget Sound Piano Trio, which for 35 years has developed extensive concert activity in the United States while being strongly committed to community engagement and educational endeavors. He was a founding member of Trio Appassionata, which during 15 years of activities cultivated multiple projects such as tours of the U.S., Europe, Brazil and China, and the release of the album ***gone into night are all the eyes***, dedicated to piano trios by American composers. Rolim regularly performs in duo with his wife, pianist Xiaohui Yang, and collaborates with ensembles such as the Aizuri, Jasper, Guimarães and São Paulo string quartets. He has performed with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Brazilian Symphony, Ensemble Connect, and Bronx Arts Ensemble.

Ronaldo Rolim began musical studies with his mother, Miriam Pregnotato, and gave his first public performance at the age of four. He holds degrees from the Magda Tagliaferro School in São Paulo, the Peabody Institute in Baltimore and the Yale School of Music in New Haven. Rolim resides in Tacoma, Wash., where he is assistant professor of piano and director of keyboard studies at the University of Puget Sound.

Chinese pianist **XIAOHUI YANG**, a winner of the 2017 Naumburg International Piano Competition, has been hailed by the press as a "tastefully polished musician" (*Haaretz*, Israel) and "a magician of sound and virtuosity" (*La Libre*, Belgium). She has been featured in performances throughout four continents, including in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Ozawa Hall, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Tel Aviv Museum of Art and the Seoul Arts Center.

Yang has been a soloist with ensembles including the Louisiana Philharmonic, Milwaukee Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Acadiana Symphony, Curtis Symphony, Galveston Symphony and Poland's Capella Bydgosciensis. Solo and collaborative performances include recitals for Portland Piano International, Shriver Hall Concert Series (Baltimore), Union College Concert Series (Schenectady, NY), Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts (Chicago) and Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts (Katonah, NY).

A dedicated chamber musician, Yang has taken part in renowned North American festivals such as Marlboro, Tanglewood, Ravinia, Banff and Taos, and has performed with luminaries such as Peter Wiley, Charles Neidich, Roberto Diaz and the Dover String Quartet. Yang has been invited to perform on tours with Ravinia's Steans Music Institute and Curtis on Tour at concert halls in the United States, Korea, and Greece. She is also a founding member of the Steans Piano Trio, alongside Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra violinist Eunice Kim and Boston Symphony Orchestra assistant principal cellist Oliver Aldort.

Yang is a graduate of Curtis Institute of Music, where she studied with Ignat Solzhenitsyn and was a recipient of the Festorazzi Prize for the best graduating piano student. She earned her master's degree at The Juilliard School as a student of Robert McDonald, and her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Peabody Conservatory, under the tutelage of Boris Slutsky. Before moving to the United States, Yang studied at the Attached Music School of Shenyang Conservatory of Music with Danwen Wei, Xianwei Cheng and Rosemary Platt. Xiaohui Yang lives in Tacoma, Wash., where she is faculty at the University of Puget Sound.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS

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### PIANO AND ORGAN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

- 10 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the Organ (Kilworth)
- 11:15 a.m. Keyboard Petting Zoo (Schneebeck)
- 2 p.m. Ronaldo Rolim piano master class (Schneebeck)
- 4 p.m. Open rehearsal of Sept. 15 recital (Kilworth)
- 6 p.m. Concert: Keyboard Area student showcase (Kilworth)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

### PIANO AND ORGAN FESTIVAL (*Cont.*)

#### 34<sup>TH</sup> Annual Bethel Schneebeck Organ Recital

Wyatt Smith, organ, with Dawn Padula, mezzo-soprano;  
and Jack Kuntz '26, piano  
Kilworth Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

#### **Jacobsen Series: Faculty recital with Maria Sampen, violin; and Ronaldo Rolim, piano**

Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. | Tickets required

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

#### **COLLAGE: 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Faculty and Student Showcase**

Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. | Tickets required

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

#### **Concerts in Collins - Library at Noon Series**

Various student performers

Collins Memorial Library, noon (sack lunch welcome)

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We respectfully acknowledge and honor the history and presence of Indigenous students, staff, and faculty here at Puget Sound. We who are guests on this land offer our gratitude for the opportunity to make music together here.

The School of Music strives to recognize, include, and respect all of the peoples and musical traditions that make up our community.

The School of Music at University of Puget Sound, situated within a nationally recognized liberal arts university, prepares students to be broad-minded, creative, arts-aware social leaders. We attract highly engaged student musicians and empower them to create the diverse musical offerings and effective educational programs of the future.

From the classroom to the concert hall, we cultivate students' self-expression, cultural competency, and critical engagement. Through a wide variety of public offerings and a vibrant Community Music program, the School of Music enriches the cultural life of both the Puget Sound campus and surrounding communities.

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