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*Puget Sound
Piano Trio*



Maria Sampen, violin; Alistair MacRae, cello;
and Ronaldo Rolim, piano

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Schneebeck Concert Hall | 2 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

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Puget Sound Piano Trio

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Oct. 27, 2024, Schneebeck Concert Hall

PROGRAM

Piano Trio in E major, K.542.....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Allegro (1756–1791)
Andante grazioso
Allegro

Piano Trio.....Charles Ives
Moderato (1874–1954)
TSIAJ: Presto
Moderato con moto

INTERMISSION

Piano Trio No 1 in D minor, Op. 32.....Anton Arensky
Allegro moderato (1861–1906)
Scherzo: Allegro molto
Elegia: Adagio
Finale: Allegro non troppo

Reception following the program in the Schneebeck Concert Hall lobby.

BIOGRAPHIES

Violinist **MARIA SAMPEN** enjoys a vibrant career as concerto soloist, recitalist, chamber musician and teacher. Equally at home with repertoire ranging from classical to avant-garde to popular styles, Sampen has delighted audiences with her eclectic programs, her passionate performance style and her highly expressive playing. She has performed in Europe, Asia, Canada, and all over the United States.

Sampen's solo and chamber music appearances have brought her to prominent venues including Carnegie Hall Weill Recital Hall, Symphony Space (NY), Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center, Town Hall (Seattle), the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Detroit Institute of Art. She has given recitals and masterclasses at universities throughout the country including the University of Michigan, Cornell, Eastman, the Boston Conservatory, the University of Oregon, the University of Minnesota, Bowling Green State University, Vanderbilt, and the University of Washington. Outside of the United States, she has been a guest soloist and master class clinician at the University of British Columbia, the Sichuan Conservatory in Chengdu, China and given performances in the Canary Islands (Spain), Scotland, Italy and Singapore.

Sampen is a passionate supporter of contemporary music and has commissioned and premiered concertos for violin and orchestra by composers David Glenn, Marilyn Shrude and Robert Hutchinson. Sampen has released recordings on AMP Records, Block M Records, Perspectives in New Music/Open Space and Origin Records. Additionally, she has commissioned and premiered an impressive body of chamber works, collaborating with composers such as William Bolcom, William Albright, Bright Sheng, Marcos Balter, Andrew Mead, Robert Morris, Nico Muhly and Forrest Pierce.

In addition to her work as a soloist, Sampen concertizes frequently with her piano trio, the Puget Sound Piano Trio. She was a member of the new music group, Brave New Works from 2000-2020. In 2019, the University of Puget Sound awarded her the Kristine Bartanen Research Award for remarkable accomplishments in research and professional development. She is also a Sigma Alpha Iota Distinguished National Arts Associate.

Sampen is professor of violin and chair of the String Department at the University of Puget Sound. She has twice received the University of Puget Sound's Thomas A. Davis Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. Her students are frequent winners of local concerto competitions and have also won top awards at the Music Teacher National Association Competition, the Tacoma Philharmonic Solo Competition, and the American String Teacher

Washington State Competition. Sampen has also taught on the faculties of the Brevard Music Festival in North Carolina, the Interlochen Center for the Arts, the Icicle Creek Chamber Music Institute in Washington and the Hilton Head Chamber Music Festival in South Carolina.

Sampen graduated with highest honors from the University of Michigan (Bachelor of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts) and Rice University (Masters of Music). Her major teachers include Paul Kantor, Kenneth Goldsmith and Paul Makara. She also performed and studied at the Mozarteum Sommerakademie, the Banff Centre for the Arts, the Musicorda Festival, the Carnegie Hall Professional Training Workshop, and as a fellow at both the Aspen and Tanglewood Music Festivals.

Cellist **ALISTAIR MACRAE** has appeared as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral principal throughout North America and in Europe, Asia, South America, and the Middle East. His playing has been praised for its "rich sound and lyrical phrasing" (Palm Beach Daily News) and his performances have been featured in radio broadcasts across the United States on WQXR, WWFM, WDAV, WCQS, KING FM, and Vermont Public Radio.

MacRae is the Cordelia Wikarski-Miedel Artist in Residence at the University of Puget Sound, cellist of the Puget Sound Piano Trio, principal cello of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, and acting principal cello of Symphony Tacoma. He also performs with his wife, soprano Allison Pohl, in the voice and cello duo Soprello. In addition, he is a member of the artist faculty at the Brevard Music Center.

As a chamber musician and recitalist, he has performed in Carnegie Hall's Zankel and Weill Halls; Seattle's Benaroya Hall; at Palm Beach's Kravis Center for the Performing Arts; in New York City chamber music venues such as BargeMusic, Merkin Hall, the 92nd St Y, and Miller Theatre at Columbia University; at numerous colleges and universities; and on concert series throughout the United States. He has appeared on several series presented by Carnegie Hall; as a member of groups such as the Richardson Chamber Players, Berkshire Bach Ensemble, and Fountain Ensemble; and at festivals such as the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival, Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival, Monadnock Music, and Music Festival of the Hamptons.

His past projects include recordings of chamber music by Kodaly, Telemann, and Laurie Altman; music for The Discovery Channel; and ensemble albums of music by Mozart and Scott Joplin. His eclectic collaborations have found him on stage with Paul Taylor Dance Company, the Westminster Choir, tap dancer Savion Glover, jazz bassist Ben Wolfe, the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, and the rock band Scorpions.

A passionate advocate for new music, MacRae has commissioned and premiered new works for both solo cello and chamber ensembles, collaborating closely with composers. He has given premiere performances of 21st-Century pieces at Princeton, Yale, Columbia, and Harvard Universities; and has performed his own compositions and arrangements in the United States and Canada. He is also a devoted teacher and has served on the faculties of the University of Puget Sound, Princeton University, the College of New Jersey, the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College - CUNY, and the Brevard Music Center.

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 150th 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 Villecroze, 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 *Brasil 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 Pregolato, 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.

UPCOMING SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS

All events are free unless noted otherwise. Most performances are broadcast at pugetsound.edu/schneebecklive.

Tickets available at tickets.pugetsound.edu, in the Logger Store, or at the door.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

Organ Halloween Concert

Wyatt Smith, organ

Kilworth Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Noon Convocation – Student Recital Performances

Schneebeck Concert Hall, noon

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

Jacobsen Series: “Milestones,” a celebration of composers’ anniversaries

Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets required | Free for students

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Concert in Collins – Library at Noon Series

Collins Memorial Library, noon

Sack lunch welcome

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Popular Music Ensemble

Rob Hutchinson and Dawn Padula, directors

Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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Ronaldo Rolim



Xiaohui Yang



Sara Davis Buechner



Anton Nel



Rachel Naomi Kudo



Wyatt Smith



Kim Davenport

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 7:30 P.M.

Ronaldo Rolim and Xiaohui Yang, pianos
Schneebeck Concert Hall | Tickets required

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 | 2 P.M.

24th Annual Schneebeck Organ Recital
Wyatt Smith, organ; Dawn Padula, mezzo-soprano;
and Jack Kuntz '26, piano
Kilworth Memorial Chapel | Free

MONDAY, OCT. 7 | 7:30 P.M.

Sara Davis Buechner, piano
Schneebeck Concert Hall | Tickets required

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 | 7:30 P.M.

Anton Nel, piano and fortepiano
Schneebeck Concert Hall | Tickets required

TUESDAY, JAN. 28 | 7:30 P.M.

Rachel Naomi Kudo, piano
Schneebeck Concert Hall | Tickets required

SUNDAY, FEB. 2 | 2 P.M.

Wyatt Smith, harpsichord
Kilworth Memorial Chapel | Free

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 | 7:30 P.M.

Kim Davenport, piano
Kilworth Memorial Chapel | Free

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Wyatt Smith, organ

Kilworth Memorial Chapel | Fridays at 12:05 p.m. | Free

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OCT. 18 - An Organ Olympiad

DEC. 6 - Solstice Lights

MARCH 7 - Bach from A to G

APRIL 11 - At the Movies

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We acknowledge that this event takes place on the ancestral territory of the Puyallup Tribe and the Lushootseed-speaking people, whose relationship with the land continues to this day.

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.

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