

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

XIAN ZHANG MUSIC DIRECTOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Jersey Symphony presents virtual Lunar New Year Celebration concert

- Concert premieres February 5 at 7 pm on SinoVision and on New Jersey Symphony's YouTube channel
- Program to feature new solo and chamber performances alongside highlights of previous Lunar New Year Celebrations
- njsymphony.org/LNY

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony presents a virtual Lunar New Year Celebration concert on February 5 at 7 pm. The program premieres on SinoVision and the Symphony's YouTube channel and will remain available on demand.

This special virtual concert pairs new performances of solo and chamber works with highlights of previous New Jersey Symphony Lunar New Year programs. The program features festive favorites and traditional Chinese tunes played by pianist and soprano Chelsea Guo, pianist Min Kwon, violinist Jisun Kim, Peking University Alumni Chorus, Starry Arts Group Children's Chorus and New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players.

More information is available at njsymphony.org/LNY.

Virtual Lunar New Year Celebration Concert

Saturday, February 5, at 7 pm

Xian Zhang music director

Chelsea Guo piano & soprano

Jisun Kim violin

Min Kwon piano

Peking University Alumni Chorus

Starry Arts Group Children's Chorus | Rebecca Shen, director

New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players

Ming Yang violin

Héctor Falcón violin

Michael Stewart viola

Philo Lee cello

Alexander Bickard bass

New Jersey Symphony

Li Huanzhi *Spring Festival Overture*

New Jersey Symphony

Xian Zhang conductor

Frédéric Chopin Prelude Op. 28, No. 15, "Raindrop"

Chelsea Guo piano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart/arr. Joel Jacklich "Alleluia" from *Exsultate, jubilate*, K. 165/K. 158a

Chelsea Guo soprano

Ming Yang violin

Héctor Falcón violin

Michael Stewart viola

Philo Lee cello

Alexander Bickard bass

Traditional/arr. Julia Tsien "Jasmine Flower"

Chelsea Guo piano & soprano

Pablo De Sarasate *Carmen Fantasy*, Op. 25

Jisun Kim violin

Min Kwon piano

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky “Waltz” from *Serenade for Strings* in C Major, Op. 48

Ming Yang violin

Héctor Falcón violin

Michael Stewart viola

Philo Lee cello

Alexander Bickard bass

Aaron Copland “Long Time Ago” from *Old American Songs*

Peking University Alumni Chorus

Traditional/arr. Nicholas Hersh “Red Dragonfly”

Starry Arts Group Children’s Chorus

Rebecca Shen, director

Traditional *Purple Bamboo Tune*

New Jersey Symphony

Xian Zhang conductor

This celebration is generously sponsored in part by an anonymous donor in honor of Music Director Xian Zhang. Chelsea Guo’s performance is generously sponsored by Margaret Lam.

New Jersey Symphony

The New Jersey Symphony will redefine what it means to be a nationally leading, relevant orchestra in the 21st century. Through adventurous performances, hands-on educational experiences and robust community programming, we encourage everyone to enjoy the power and creativity of orchestral music in all its forms. Across genres and venues, for audiences of all walks of life, we strive to bring music that’s meaningful to you, to you.

As we look toward celebrating our centennial, we are renewing our deeply rooted commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by championing new, and often local, artists; engaging audiences for whom the inspiring depth and breadth of classical music will be new; and incorporating the broadest possible representation in all aspects of our organization—all to better reflect and serve our vibrant communities.

Our expansive educational offerings—including our youth orchestras, masterclasses and virtual learning opportunities—will build the next generation of listeners and musicians and help students grow, both musically and personally. And we will continue to seek new ways to connect with all New Jerseyans, through programs that resonate with a variety of cultural and musical backgrounds, as well as digital innovations that make our orchestra accessible to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

We’re *your* New Jersey Symphony, and we’ll be here for you.

The safety of our patrons, musicians and staff is of the utmost importance to the New Jersey Symphony. Please visit njsymphony.org for constantly updated details focused on attendees’ well-being at our performances.

Connect with Us:

njsymphony.org

@NJSymphony on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

@NewJerseySymphony on [YouTube](#)

Email: information@njsymphony.org

The New Jersey Symphony’s programs are made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, along with many other foundations, corporations and individual donors.

Press Contact

Victoria McCabe, New Jersey Symphony Director of Public Relations & Communications | 973.735.1715 |

vmccabe@njsymphony.org