



SENIOR RECITAL
LIAM ABBOTT '26, CELLO
ISABELLA JIE, PIANO

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
SCHNEEBECK CONCERT HALL | 6 P.M.

PROGRAM

- Cello Suite No. 3 in C major (BWV 1009).....Johann Sebastian Bach
I. Prelude (1685–1750)
II. Allemande
III. Courante
IV. Sarabande
V. Bourrées
VI. Gigue
- Theme and Variations on.....Adolphus Hailstork
“Draw the Sacred Circle Closer” (b. 1941)
- Cello Sonata in D minor, L. 135.....Claude Debussy
I. Prologue (1862–1918)
II. Serenade
III. Finale
- Cello Concerto no. 1 in C minor.....Dimitri Shostakovich
I. Allegretto (1906–1975)

Liam Abbott '26, cello
Isabella Jie, piano

BIOGRAPHIES

LIAM ABBOTT, cello, studying under Alistair MacRae for a degree in cello performance, has been playing cello for 14 years. Co-principal of the Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra, they are an avid orchestral musician, having performed in ensembles around the country, such as the Western States Honor Orchestra in Colorado, the Sitka Fine Arts Chamber Orchestra in Alaska, and the Brevard Music Center Orchestra in North Carolina, performing under conductors Joan Falletta and Keith Lockhart. Liam is also an enthusiastic chamber musician, having collaborated with fellow musicians at the University of Puget Sound and the Brevard Music Center. For fun, Liam spends their free time drawing, going on walks, and arguing about color theory.

Indonesian pianist and pedagogue, **ISABELLA JIE** completed her doctor of musical arts degree in piano performance at University of Minnesota in 2017. She has previously held teaching positions at University of Minnesota, as well as Indiana University, where she obtained her master of music in piano performance and performer's diploma. As an active performer, she has won the Kiwanis Piano Competition in Toronto, Canada, the 18th Annual Masters Concerto and Aria Competition by Kenwood Symphony Orchestra (KSO), Marvin O. Mechelke Piano Competition in Minnesota, and was a two-time prizewinner at the Schubert Club Piano Competition. She has been invited to perform at the Living Arts Center in Mississauga, Canada, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul, MN, and collaborated with the KSO to perform Chopin's Piano Concerto no. 1. She has served as adjudicator for the BBC-ORMTA Piano Competition in Brampton, Canada, and for the WMEA Piano Solo and Ensemble Contests in Washington State - Tacoma and Renton chapters.

Aside from her collaborative pianist position at Puget Sound, she is also an adjunct faculty member at Tacoma Community College. She currently serves as the Vice President of MTNA - Gig Harbor chapter, and maintains a private teaching studio in Gig Harbor.

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Jess K. Smith, Theatre Arts, director

Dawn Padula, School of Music, music direction

Norton Clapp Theatre, Various times, tickets required.

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