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Sonata for Violin and Cello in D major

Luigi Boccherini

I. Allegretto spiritoso

II. Vivace

III. Grave

IV. Allegro assai

Trio in B-flat major for Violin, Viola, and Cello

Franz Schubert

I. Allegro moderato

II. Andante

III. Minuetto: Allegretto, Trio

IV. Rondo: Allegretto

Serenade in D major for Violin, Viola, and Cello

Ludwig van Beethoven

I. Marcia: Allegro

II. Adagio

III. Menuetto: Allegretto, Trio

IV. Adagio: Allegro molto, Adagio

V. Allegretto alla Polacca

VI. Thema con Variazioni: Andante quasi Allegretto, Allegro, Tempo I

VII. Marcia: Allegro

About the Artists



At age 27, cellist **John Sharp** became one of the youngest principal players in the history of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. A top prizewinner of the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, he has appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in performances of the Britten Symphony for Cello and Orchestra (Mstislav Rostropovich conducting), the Beethoven Triple Concerto with Itzhak Perlman and Daniel Barenboim, and in concertos conducted by Sir Georg Solti, Pierre Boulez, Bernard Haitink, Lorin Maazel, Charles Dutoit, and Michael Tilson Thomas.

An active chamber musician, Sharp has participated at the festivals of Marlboro, Santa Fe, Vail, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He has recorded Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" with the Vermeer Quartet, and has performed in chamber music concerts with Mitsuko Uchida, Pinchas Zukerman, Yo-Yo Ma, Emmanuel Ax and Christoph Eschenbach.

Sharp plays a rare cello made by Joseph Guarnerius in 1694.



Violinist **Liba Shacht** was born in Vilnius, Lithuania, where she began her musical studies at age five. Shortly thereafter, her family emigrated to Israel. The recipient of an Artist Diploma with distinction from Tel Aviv University, Shacht appeared as soloist with the Israeli Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Broadcasting Symphony, the Israeli Sinfonietta, and in chamber orchestras and recitals throughout Israel. She represented Israel at the Jeunesses Musicales World Congress in Korea, Japan, and England, where she performed chamber music at the Royal Albert Hall.

Upon the recommendation of Isaac Stern, Shacht was awarded a special Fellowship by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation to study with Dorothy DeLay at the Juilliard School in New York. She earned a master's degree and a doctorate from Juilliard.

Shacht is the winner of several competitions, among them the Artist International Distinguished Artists Award, which led to her first appearance at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York. As the winner of the Affiliated Artists national auditions, she has toured the United States extensively, performing with critical acclaim in recitals, playing with orchestras, and conducting master classes.



Violist **Weijing Wang** joined the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in March 2012, appointed by Music Director Riccardo Muti. Prior to joining the CSO, she served as acting Associate Principal Violist in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra from 2009–2012. From 2007–2009, she served as Principal Violist of the Phoenix Symphony, as the youngest principal player ever in the history of the orchestra.

A native of Shanghai, China, Wang has received numerous awards from competitions, including the Robertson Award in the Primrose International Viola Competition, second prize in the Chicago National Viola Competition, Gold Medal in the Shenyang National Viola Competition, and third prize in the Beijing National Viola Competition.

As an active and passionate chamber musician, Wang was the founding member of the Chicago Peridot String Quartet, which had numerous concert tours in cities of America and Europe. She has also collaborated with artists such as the members of the Vermeer String Quartet. As a soloist, Wang has performed with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Phoenix Youth Symphony, Shanghai Youth Symphony Orchestra, among others.

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