

**Silvie Cheng – piano** Tokyo-born Ottawa pianist Silvie Cheng connects with her audiences through her sensitive, poetic and poised performances on stage. Silvie has won many prizes and scholarships, including taking first-prize in the solo piano rounds of the Ontario Music Federation Association Competition, as well as winning top awards several times at the Canadian Music Competition National Finals. She made her orchestral debut in 2008, performing the Schumann Piano Concerto in Ottawa's Centrepointe Theatre. In demand as a performer, Silvie has given numerous recitals and concerts as soloist and chamber musician in various venues across Canada, ranging from diplomatic embassies to notable venues such as the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, the Winspear Centre in Edmonton, Parliament Hill of Canada, and Rideau Hall. She has been featured at the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival in the "Rising Stars Showcase", as well as at the Orford Music Festival in Quebec. A versatile musician, Silvie excels in ensemble work, and is a founding member of the piano trio, Trio con Brio, first-prize winners in the chamber music category of the 2008 Canadian National Music Festival. Also a collaborative pianist, Silvie concertizes with her brother, cellist Bryan Cheng, with whom she was featured on CBC radio. Silvie holds an Associate Piano Performance Diploma from the Royal Conservatory of Toronto, and is currently in her first year of Bachelor of Music study in Piano Performance at the Manhattan School of Music, where she studies with Jeffrey Cohen. Her teachers in Ottawa have included the late Evangeline Hung and Nicole Presentey. Masterclass teachers have included pianists Jacques Rouvier, Anton Kuerti, Louis Lortie, André Laplante, and Richard Raymond.



**Bryan Cheng – cello** Ottawa-born cellist Bryan Cheng is 12 years old and has appeared as soloist four times with the National Arts Centre Orchestra and I Musici de Montreal Chamber Orchestra, performing at the NAC's Southam Hall and Montreal's Place de Arts. He was invited to perform as soloist as well as chamber musician at the 2007 Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival's Rising Stars Concert and the Closing Gala Concert. In 2009 he was chosen to perform at the Toronto Summer Music Festival and Quebec's Orford Music Festival. Bryan has also given performances at numerous benefit concerts for various charities in



Ottawa. He has been the youngest participant in NAC's Young Artist's Programme directed by Pinchas Zukerman. A student of cellist and conductor Yuli Turovsky in Montreal, Bryan has given three public solo recitals in the past two years, at Montreal's La Chapelle historique du Bon-Pasteur. On July 21, 2010, Bryan will perform Tchaikovsky's cello concerto "Variations on a Rococo Theme" with I Musici Chamber Orchestra at Montreal's Festival of Sound and Color.

## PROGRAMME

### Suite No. 1 for Solo Cello in G major, BWV 1007

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

- I. Prelude
- II. Allemande
- III. Courante
- IV. Sarabande
- V. Minuets I & I
- VI. Gigue

### Klavierstücke, Op.118

*J. Brahms (1833-1897)*

- I. Intermezzo
- II. Intermezzo
- III. Ballade
- IV. Intermezzo
- V. Romanze
- VI. Intermezzo

### Sonata No. 3 for Cello and Piano in A major, Op. 69

*L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)*

- I. Allegro ma non tanto
- III. Adagio cantabile – Allegro vivace

### Fastforward

*Alexina Louie (b. 1949)*

### Tarantella, Op. 33

*D. Popper (1843-1913)*

Reception follows in Fraser Hall