

**ST. ANDREW'S-BY-THE-SEA PRESENTS**

# **THE 2024 YOUNG ARTIST'S CONCERT**

*Jake Copp*

*Emily Hughes*

*Jade Leung*

*Cassie Murai*

*David Kenney Jr.*

*Savannah Curro*

**August 4th at 4 pm**



# Program

## Jake Copp, Cello

Mark Summer (1958- )...Julie-O

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)... "Gigue" from *Suite No. 4 in E-Flat Major*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)...Élégie Op. 24

## Emily Hughes, Mezzo-Soprano

Pauline Viardot (1821-1910)...Les filles de cadix

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)...Der Tod und das Mädchen

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)...Lorelei

Steven Lutvak (1959-2023)... "I've Decided to Marry You" from *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*

Liza Lehmann (1862-1918)...There are fairies at the bottom of our garden

## Cassie Murai, Organ

Gaston Belier...Toccata pour Grand Orgue

Gordon Young (1919-1989)...Holiday for The Pedals

Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)...Solfeggietto

## Jade Leung, Mezzo-Soprano

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)... "Come all ye songsters" from *The Fairy Queen*

Ernest Chausson (1855-1899)... "Nanny," "Le Charme," & "Les Papillons" from *Sept Mélodies, Op.2*

Kurt Weill (1900-1950)... "What Good Would the Moon Be?" from *Street Scene*

Isabella Colbran (1785-1845)...La speranza al cor mi dice

Billie O'Connell (2001- )...My Future

## David Kenney Jr., Organ

Florence Price (1887-1953)... The Goblin and the Mosquito

David Kenney, Jr. ... "Breathe," "Nettleton/Dennis," & "Herzliebster Jesu" from  
*Three Hymn Preludes*

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)...Psalm 136 & Psalm 117

Mabel Pallatt (1880-1980)... In Waning Light

Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895) ... Chorale and Fugue on Old Hundredth

# Biographies

**Jake Copp (cello)** began playing the cello in sixth grade, studying with Dorothy Braker, a regular guest musician at St. Andrew's summer services. Throughout high school, Jake played with the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra, and in 2019, was the winner of the Cape Ann Symphony's Young Artist Competition. A senior computer science major at UNH, Copp studies with Dr. Jacques Wood. Outside of school, Jake can often be found at weddings with his company, Anser Luna Strings, playing pits or teaching a studio of private students. Outside of music, he likes astronomy, birdwatching and hunting for used books.

**Emily Hughes (mezzo-soprano)** studies Vocal Performance at the University of New Hampshire. Emily was the 2023 first-place winner of the Granite State Classical NATS Auditions (Lower College Division), as well as the 2024 first-place winner of the Granite State MT NATS Auditions (Lower College Division). She is a member of UNH's auditioned Chamber Singers, and thanks her friends, family, and teachers for their support.

**Cassie Murai (organ)** is a 14 year old organist who will be starting at Bedford High School in the fall. She studies the piano and organ under Barbara Flocco. In addition to her musical studies, she is a gymnast, competing for Noha's Gymnastics Academy. In her spare time, Cassie enjoys reading, watching movies, and running.

**Jade Leung (mezzo-soprano)** is an undergraduate at the University of New Hampshire pursuing a degree in Music Education (Class of 2025). Originally from Austin, TX, Ms. Leung has a short yet full career thus far. She was a Texas All-Stater and received 2nd Place in the NATS Commercial Music Category for New England and Canada in 2023. Having student-taught since high school, she has also taken the role of Choral Master for the UNH Vocal Art Project, Student Teacher for the UNH Concert Choir, and recently became the President and Founder of the UNH's ACDA Chapter.

**David Kenney, Jr. (organ)** just finished his fifth year with the Young Organist Collaborative (YOC), having primarily studied with Jennifer McPherson Mulhern (Music Director at St. John's in Portsmouth) as well as in the summers with Ray Cornils and Justin Murphy-Mancini (organ and composition). He was twice awarded the C. Pennington Brown Memorial Scholarships (YOC-granted) and the Victoria Fish and Jeffrey Daly Scholarships (granted by The Hampton United Methodist Church). In 2022 and 2023, David represented the YOC during Young Artist programs at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall. Additionally, he has played for Chester Congregational Baptist Church since Fall 2021 and at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea since 2023. This school year, David plans to begin organ studies with Dr. Jack Mitchener at Mercer University (Macon, GA) where he will major in organ performance in hopes of pursuing a career as a church musician and concert organist.

**Savannah Curro (music coordinator & pianist)** was both the organist and music coordinator at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea for the 2021 and 2022 summer seasons. Now that she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, her responsibilities have shifted to virtually organizing the booking of guest musicians, with special attention to recruiting young talent. In May 2023, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Townsend School of Music at Mercer University where she earned the Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and the General Excellence in Music award. Savannah was additionally conferred the Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Her organ playing has been featured on National Public Radio's *Pipedreams* radio program and she was the 2023 recipient of the Mu Phi Epsilon international music fraternity Wihla Hutson organ scholarship. Savannah's previous teachers include Cathy Meyer (Boston AGO), Jack Mitchener (Mercer University), and Walden Moore (Yale). Savannah is the current music director and organist at Westbrook Congregational Church in Westbrook, CT and an active carillonneur with the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs.

**About St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Summer Chapel:** the church is a historic seasonal chapel that strives to provide inspirational and inclusive worship, fellowship, and outreach support in the greater community. St. Andrew's is open from mid-May through mid-October with summer services held Sundays at 9:30 am. Sunday worship features visiting clergy from across New England and beyond. The space is also available for weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. To learn more, visit [www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/about-us](http://www.standrews-by-the-sea.org/about-us).