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Press Room



Images of Sarah Chang and the Asian Youth Orchestra are available for download from Cal Performances' [press room](#)

**CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS THE
ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA
WITH VIOLINIST SARAH CHANG
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017**

Berkeley, June 14, 2017 — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley welcomes the [Asian Youth Orchestra](#) with guest soloist, violinist **Sarah Chang** to Zellerbach Hall on Saturday, August 5 at 8pm. Asia's premier pre-professional orchestra, the ensemble features 107 young musicians from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, who convene during the summer for a demanding schedule of rehearsals and international touring. Co-founder and artistic director Richard Pontziou conducts the orchestra for Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, Strauss' *Don Juan*, and Sibelius' Violin Concerto.

Beethoven's finely wrought and exuberant Seventh Symphony premiered in 1813 during a fertile creative period for the composer. The inventive orchestrations in *Don Juan*, Strauss' technically

demanding orchestral tone poem, launched the composer's career after its premiere in 1889. Sibelius' lyrical and virtuosic Violin Concerto (1904, revised 1905), his only concerto, has become of the most popular violin concertos composed in the 20th century.

Ticket Information

Tickets for the Asian Youth Orchestra with Sarah Chang on Saturday, August 5 at 8pm in Zellerbach Hall range from \$36–86 and are subject to change. Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, at [\(510\) 642-9988](tel:5106429988), at calperformances.org, and at the door. For more information about discounts, go to calperformances.org/discounts.

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Saturday, August 5 at 8pm

Zellerbach Hall
Bancroft Way at Dana Street,
UC Berkeley Campus

Special Event

Asian Youth Orchestra with Sarah Chang, *violin*

Richard Pontziuous, *conductor*

Program: As musical ambassadors representing nearly a dozen Asian countries, the 107 young musicians of the Asian Youth Orchestra join together across political divides to play concerts of exquisite beauty. The orchestra plays Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and Strauss' *Don Juan*, and are joined by mesmerizing violinist Sarah Chang for Sibelius' thrilling Violin Concerto.

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