



2022 KIRK CONCERT

6-WIRE

AGNES
SCOTT
COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT
OF MUSIC

3.31.22 @ 7 PM
MACLEAN AUDITORIUM
PRESSER HALL

6-WIRE Piano Trio
Xiang Gao, Director, violin
Cathy Yang, erhu
Matthew Brower, piano

University of Delaware Ensemble-in-Residence

PROGRAM

Sunshine over Tashkurgan*	Gang Chen
Oblivion*	Astor Piazzolla
Meridian Flux (2019)	Mark Hagerty
Graceful Ghost Rag*	William Bolcom
Funk Attack (2022)	Adam Baumol
New Butterfly Lovers Concerto*	Gang Chen & Zhanhou He

**arrangement by 6-WIRE*

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About 6-WIRE

Inspired by the historical connection between the erhu, the Chinese 2-stringed violin, and the 4-stringed Western violin – both essential leading instruments, 6-WIRE was founded in 2010 by two virtuoso musicians: violinist Xiang Gao and erhu master Cathy Yang, who compose and perform contemporary, classical, chamber, world music, and jazz with the remarkable pianist and arranger, Matthew Brower. 6-WIRE celebrates diversity in its performances, weaving stories into its concerts, transforming how live instrumental music is experienced.

Ensemble-in-residence at the University of Delaware since 2014, 6-WIRE performs each season on the University's Master Players Series and Summer Festival. It has performed more than 100 performances internationally for performing arts centers, chamber music and university concert series, and community recitals, as well as large outdoor and TV events as a "wildcard" ensemble, surprising and delighting cross-generational audiences. 6-WIRE has performed for President Joe Biden during a few of his visits to University of Delaware, his alma mater. 6-WIRE's electrifying performances redefine traditional chamber music with forward-looking compositions and commissions along with cutting-edge audio and video technology, fulfilling its mission to promote cultural exchange while attracting new chamber music audiences with new repertoire and new sounds.

In the classical music world, 6-WIRE appears as a piano trio performing familiar works by great composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach, alongside original works and arrangements ranging from classical to jazz and world music. They have commissioned works from prominent composers including Bright Sheng, Mark Hagerty, and Jennifer Margaret Barker, which premiered at their sold-out debut at Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall in 2019. This concert was recorded for 6-WIRE's second CD: 6-WIRE on 57th, which was released in November 2021. Their first CD, 6th Sense, was released in 2018 to wide acclaim. Both recordings were produced by Grammy-winning sound engineer, Andreas Meyer.

Among other notable performances, 6-WIRE premiered Xiang Gao's "Sleep now, O Earth" for the 40th anniversary concert of Earth Day in 2010. The same year 6-WIRE was featured at a Washington National Opera event honoring Placido Domingo and Zhang Yesui, Chinese ambassador to the US. 6-WIRE has had multiple tours in Asia including the premiere of Encounters, a multimedia theatrical concert transporting audiences back to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912).

6-WIRE has been the recipient of grants from Chamber Music America and the China Music Foundation.

The Kirk Event Series at Agnes Scott College

This event is made possible by the James T. & Ella Rather Kirk Fund which was established by alumna, artist, writer and trustee Mary Wallace Kirk in honor of her parents. This endowed fund enriches the programs of art, history, literature, music, and philosophy at Agnes Scott College. We gratefully acknowledge the spirit and memory of Ms. Kirk as her legacy continues to live on in this lasting gift to the college.

Upcoming Events & Covid Safety Measures

Agnes Scott has a robust calendar of events with strict covid safety measures in place to protect our on and off-campus guests. Currently, all off-campus guests at events must present proof of vaccination and booster upon arrival to events. Masks are mandatory at all times indoors. KN95 or N95 masks are strongly recommended. Below are some highlighted events!

Spring Forward Dance Performance
Friday and Saturday, April 1 & 2 at 8PM, Gaines Auditorium, Presser Hall

Faculty Recital featuring Elena Dorozkhina & Francisca Maxwell
Sunday, April 3 at 3PM, Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall

The 51st Annual Writers Festival
April 5-8, various campus locations

Agnes Scott Community Orchestra Spring Concert
Sunday, April 10 at 3PM, Gaines Auditorium, Presser Hall

Senior Recital: Ethan Adams
Wednesday, April 13, Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall

Chamber Ensembles Concert
Wednesday, April 20 at 5PM, Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall

Collegiate Chorale Spring Concert
Thursday, April 21 at 7PM, Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall

Junior Recital: Damaris Billups
Sunday, April 24 at 3PM, Maclean Auditorium, Presser Hall

***For a full calendar of events and descriptions, visit
calendar.agnesscott.edu***