

Chamber Music Concert

Join us for a performance of the

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 8PM

First Presbyterian Church Community Room, 270 Woodbridge Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840



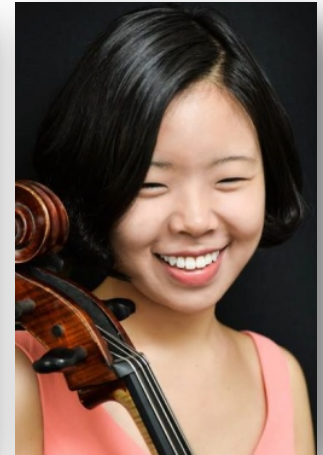
James Tsao, violin



Xin Zhao, violin



Lucy Corwin, viola



Hyewon Kim, cello

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This concert is sponsored by the Metuchen Arts Council and Metuchen Downtown Alliance. Tickets are \$15/\$10 with proof of purchase from participating Metuchen Restaurant Week establishments.

Stay after the performance to meet the musicians and enjoy light refreshments.

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METUCHEN, NJ—The First Presbyterian Church hosts *Una Festa Musicale Italiana* chamber music concert featuring a string quartet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 18, at 8 pm. The musicians will bring traditional and classic Italian favorites, including famous Italian Operas and folk songs, arranged for string quartet to Metuchen and nearby communities. The concert is sponsored by the Metuchen Arts Council and Metuchen Downtown Alliance. Tickets are \$15. A reception with the musicians will follow.

Musical selections include classical favorites by Puccini, Mascagni, Rossini and more. The string quartet features NJSO violinists, Jim Tsao and Xin Zhao, violist Lucy Corwin, and cellist Hyewon Kim.

Space is limited; those interested should register early by calling the Metuchen Arts & Recreation Office at: 732-632-8502.

Visitors to the concert are encouraged to visit Downtown Metuchen for its Restaurant Week which offers special menus and offers from many of the Borough's eateries; visit www.dinemetuchen.org for a list of offers. **Show proof of purchase from participating restaurants and get \$5 off your concert ticket at the door.**

The First Presbyterian Church Community Hall is located at 270 Woodbridge Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Parking and Community Hall entrance is in the rear of the building. For more information, visit <http://www.metuchenarts.com/>

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Named "a vital, artistically significant musical organization" by *The Wall Street Journal*, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

The NJSO welcomes new Music Director Xian Zhang in the 2016–17 season. The Orchestra presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at the State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra's statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement (ECE) programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include school-time Concerts for Young People performances, NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles and El Sistema-inspired NJSO CHAMPS (Character, Achievement and Music Project). The NJSO's REACH (Resources for Education and Community Harmony) chamber music program annually brings original programs—designed and performed by NJSO musicians—to a variety of settings. In the 2015–16 season, REACH ensembles performed at nearly 200 events, and ECE programs served more than 66,000 New Jerseyans in nearly 21 counties.

For more information about the NJSO, visit www.njsymphony.org or email information@njsymphony.org. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or on the Orchestra's website.

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's programs are made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, along with many other foundations, corporations and individual donors.