



# Stulberg International String Competition

## 2024 Master Classes

Friday, May 17, 2024

WMU Irving S. Gilmore School of Music

Dorothy U. Dalton Center

Rehearsal Room Z

**Danny Lai, viola/violin**

J.S. Bach  
1685 - 1750

3:00 p.m.

*Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008*  
*I. Prelude*

**Rinzel Arroyo, viola**

J.S. Bach  
1685 - 1750

3:30 p.m.

*Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007*  
*I. Prelude*

**Jean Pierre van der Westhuizen, viola**

Charles Dancla  
1817 - 1907

4:00 p.m.

*5th Air Varié on a Theme by Weigl, Op. 89*  
*No. 5*

**Emma van der Westhuizen, violin**

Sophié van der Westhuizen, piano

Max Bruch  
1838 - 1920

4:30 p.m.

*Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26*  
*III. Allegro Energico*

**Ivan Tai, violin**

Mark Portolese, piano

J.S. Bach  
1685 - 1750

5:00 p.m.

*Concerto No. 2 in E Major, BWV 1042*  
*I. Allegro*

**Justin Liggins, violin**

Mark Portolese, piano

Max Bruch  
1838 - 1920

5:30 p.m.

*Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26*  
*III. Allegro Energico*

**Xiang (Calvin) Chen, violin**

Mark Portolese, piano

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## DANNY LAI, viola/violin

Violist Danny Lai was appointed to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 2014 by Music Director Riccardo Muti. He began his musical studies on the piano at age 6 and picked up the viola in public school when he was 10. At age 16, after performing the first movement of Mahler's Second Symphony, he decided to make music his life. He studied at Northwestern University with Dr. Roland Vamos while taking orchestral repertoire classes with then CSO Principal Viola Charles Pikler. After graduating with degrees in both economics and music, Lai joined the viola section of the Colorado Symphony.

In Chicago, Lai is a frequent chamber music collaborator, playing with groups such as Civitas, the Chicago Chamber Musicians, Chicago Pro Musica and with his colleagues in the CSO.

He has made recital appearances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He is an alumnus of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and has performed around the world with such orchestras as the Pacific Music Festival Orchestra in Japan, the Lucerne Festival Academy in Switzerland and the YouTube Symphony Orchestra in Sydney, Australia. He also is the winner of several competitions, including the Jefferson Symphony International Young Artists Competition, the Thaviu String Competition and the Luminarts Union League Strings Competition.

He plays on a contemporary viola made by Franz Kinberg.



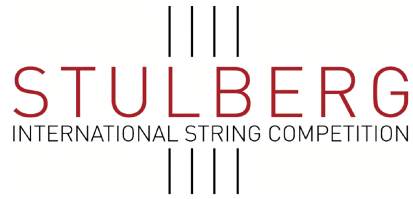
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# Stulberg International String Competition 2024 Master Class Participants Danny Lai

**Rinzel Arroyo**, 16, is a sophomore at Vicksburg High School in Vicksburg, Michigan. They study viola with Nicholas Jeffery.

**Jean Pierre van der Westhuizen**, 15, is a freshman at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They study viola with Ann Cirvencic.

**Emma van der Westhuizen**, 13, is in 7th grade at Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts. They study violin with Ann Cirvencic.

**Ivan Tai**, 17, is a junior at Portage Northern High School in Portage, Michigan. They study violin with Audrey Lipsey.

**Justin Liggins**, 16, is a sophomore at Kalamazoo Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They study violin with Audrey Lipsey.

**Xiang (Calvin) Chen**, 16, is a junior at Okemos High School in Okemos, Michigan. They study violin with Sunny Cirlin.