

# MEILINA TSUI composer & pianist

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## Curriculum Vitae

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The music of Meilina Tsui (b. 1993), described by *The Aspen Times* as "**irresistible, and emotionally convincing**," has been performed and read by leading soloists, ensembles and orchestras across Asia, Europe, North America, and in the Middle East in venues such as Houston Grand Opera, Hong Kong City Hall, St. John's Smith Square in London, House of the Union of Composers of Tatarstan in Russia, Opera America in New York City, Israel Conservatory of Music in Tel Aviv, Memorial Hall OTR in Cincinnati, Wheeler Opera House, Harris Concert Hall and Benedict Music Tent in Aspen, and Kazakh State Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Almaty.

### EDUCATION

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- 2018-2021**     **University of Michigan—Ann Arbor**, '21, D.M.A. in Composition (High Pass)  
**2017**            **Harvard University**, Leadership & Innovation Studies at Extension School  
**2015-2016**     **King's College London**, '16, M.Mus. in Composition (Distinction)  
**2014**            **University of Cambridge**, History & Ancient Empires Studies at Institute of Continuing Education  
**2012-2015**     **The Chinese University of Hong Kong**, '15, B.A. in Music (First-Class Honors)

### OTHER MUSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- 2011**            **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music**, Grade 8 Theory of Music  
**2009**            **Trinity College London**, Licentiate Diploma in Piano Recital  
**2008**            **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music**, Diploma in Piano Performance  
**2007**            **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music**, Grade 7 Violin

### FESTIVALS & ARTIST RESIDENCIES

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- 2023**            **American Composers Orchestra EarShot Readings**, (Featured Artist), Naples, FL  
**2022**            **Gabriela Lena Frank Creative Academy of Music** (Composer Fellow), Boonville, CA  
**2022**            **Del Mar International Composers Symposium** (Composition Fellow), Del Mar, CA  
**2022**            **Chautauqua Opera Company** (Composer Fellow), Chautauqua, NY  
**2021**            **ISCM Virtual Collaborative Series**  
**2021**            **Aspen Music Festival & School** (Composition Fellow), Aspen, CO  
**2021**            **Jockey Club Musicus Heritage Alive** (Artist-in-residence), Hong Kong  
**2019**            **Midwest Composers Symposium**, Indiana University  
**2019**            **Vienna Summer Music Festival**, Austria  
**2019**            **Hong Kong Contemporary Music Festival**, Hong Kong  
**2018**            **International Rostrum of Composers**, Budapest, Hungary  
**2018**            **Intimacy of Creativity Festival** (Composer Fellow), Hong Kong  
**2017**            **Asia Pacific International Songwriting Camp**, Taipei, Taiwan  
**2017**            **All-Russian Young Composers' Contemporary Music Festival**, Ufa, Russia  
**2017**            **Europe-Asia New Music Festival**, Kazan, Russia  
**2017**            **highSCORE Festival**, Pavia, Italy  
**2016**            **Asian Composers League Festival**, Hanoi, Vietnam

## NOTABLE COMMISSIONS & WORKS

(Complete list of works on pg. 11)

- 2024** *TBD* from ***Songs of the Diaspora*** for voice and string quartet, commissioned by Del Sol Performing Arts Organization in collaboration with poet Genny Lim, to be premiered in Jun 2025.
- 2024** *TBD*, a chamber opera, commissioned by Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, to be premiered in Feb 2025.
- 2024** *TBD* for symphony orchestra, commissioned by Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program, to be premiered by Naples Philharmonic in Dec 2024 and performed by four other consortium US orchestras in 2024-2025 season.
- 2023** ***The Big Swim (2023)***, a chamber opera, commissioned by Houston Grand Opera in partnership with Asia Society Texas Center, premiered under conductor Eiki Isomura and to be performed annually during the lunar new year festivities in Houston.
- 2021** ***Nomadic Trails*** for chamber orchestra, winner of University of Michigan's 2021 ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award and 2022 ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Award.
- 2021** ***Mother to Son*** for countertenor and piano, text by Langston Hughes, commissioned by Aspen Music Festival & School. Premiered by Fleming Artist, Keymon W. Murrah, and pianist, Manuel Arellano at Wheeler Opera House, Aspen.
- 2021** ***Clanking, Rattling, Scratching*** for flute, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, piano, percussion, commissioned by Aspen Contemporary Ensemble. Premiered at Harris Concert Hall.
- 2021** ***Ay-Ay, Bopem (A Kazakh Lullaby Without Words)*** for clarinet, bassoon, violin, viola, cello, commissioned by principal members of Lexington Philharmonic and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestras. Premiered at *ArtsWave Commissions: The Past We Step Into* at Memorial Hall OTR in Cincinnati.
- 2021** ***Secret Labyrinth***, for guzheng, violin, viola, cello, commissioned by Musicus Society. Premiered at Jockey Club Musicus Heritage Alive Concert, Tai Kwun, Hong Kong.
- 2019** ***String Quartet No. 3 "Mongolian Dance"*** commissioned by Hong Kong Composers Guild. Premiered at by MR. Quartet & City Contemporary Dance Company Hong Kong Contemporary Music Festival.
- 2018** ***Piano Quintet No. 2 (Reminiscences of the Motherland)*** for clarinet, violin, viola, cello, piano, commissioned by Radio Television Hong Kong. Premiered by RTHK Chamber Soloists at RTHK Chamber Soloists' Inaugural Concert.
- 2018** ***Sounds of New Eurasia*** for five Kazakh, five Chinese national instruments, and cello, commissioned by Hong Kong Government Home Affairs Bureau. Premiered by TURAN Ethno-folk Ensemble, soloists of Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble & MR. Quartet "Beyond Boundaries, Beyond Time. Hong Kong-Kazakhstan" Concert, Kazakh State Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2018** ***Wagneresque*** for full orchestra, commissioned by Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. Premiered at HK Phil Composers Workshop - Beyond The Ring by Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. Also performed by Kazakh State Philharmonic Orchestra at "Beyond Boundaries, Beyond Time. Hong Kong-Kazakhstan" Concert, at the Kazakh State Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2017** ***String Quartet No. 2 "Kazakh Steppe."*** Premiered by Quartetto Indaco at highSCORE Festival in Italy. Also performed by Israeli Chamber Project at Intimacy of Creativity Festival in Hong Kong and Tel-Aviv; Mivos Quartet at Galerie Ora-Ora in Hong Kong, and OPERA America in New York City; Kazakh State String Quartet at Kazakh

State Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Almaty, Kazakhstan; Converge Quartet at University of Michigan; Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra at Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica and Glendale City Church in Los Angeles; Nome Kvartetti at Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival Art of Illusion in Finland; Hausmann Quartet at Del Mar International Composer Symposium.

- 2017** ***Six Miniature Pieces of Yin and Yang for Two Pianos*** commissioned by Hong Kong Arts Development Council. Premiered by Nancy Loo & Mary Wu Piano Duo at 2017 'HK Music Series' Opening Concert in celebration of the HKSAR's 20th anniversary, St. John's Smith Square in London, United Kingdom.
- 2017** ***Frost*** 霜 for quartet of Chinese instruments: xiao, tenor sheng, yangqin, erhu, commissioned by Hong Kong Composers Guild. Premiered by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble at SOUND-IMAGination: Hong Kong Reflections.
- 2017** ***New Horizons*** for violin, commissioned by the Hong Kong Government for The Hong Kong Scholarship For Excellence Scheme Award Presentation Ceremony.
- 2014** ***Ink and Paper (Paintings at the Chinese Exhibition)***, for piano, commissioned by The Chinese University of Hong Kong Art Museum. Premiered by Meilina Tsui at 'Open Books' Exhibition, Art Museum Institute of Chinese Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 2013** ***I Dream of a World***, for soprano and piano, commissioned by The Chinese University of Hong Kong ICARE Program. Premiered by Meilina Tsui at *The Magical Mall*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

## COLLABORATIONS

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### Opera

Houston Grand Opera (in partnership with Asia Society Texas Center)  
Opera Theatre of Saint Louis

### Orchestras

Arapahoe Philharmonic  
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra  
Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra  
Canton Symphony Orchestra  
Hong Kong Philharmonic  
Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra  
Kazakh State Philharmonic  
Knoxville Symphony Orchestra  
Artis-Naples, Naples Philharmonic  
National Symphony Orchestra of the Republic of Bashkortostan  
Pacific Symphony  
University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra

### Ensembles

Aspen Contemporary Ensemble  
Del Sol Quartet  
fivebyfive  
Hausmann Quartet  
Hong Kong New Music Ensemble

Israeli Chamber Project  
Ivory Duo Piano Ensemble  
Kazakh State String Quartet  
Mivos Quartet  
MR. Quartet & City Contemporary Dance Company  
Musicus Society Ensemble  
Nancy Loo & Mary Wu Piano Duo  
Nome Quartet  
Quartetto Indaco  
Radio Television Hong Kong Chamber Soloists  
Romer String Quartet  
TURAN Ethno-folk Ensemble  
Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble

#### **Soloists**

Chris Froh, percussion  
Irvine Arditti, violin  
Kathryn Bates, cello  
Key'mon W. Murrah, countertenor  
Titus Underwood, oboe

#### **Conductors**

Aleksandr Polyakov  
Eiki Isomura  
Kyle Ritenauer  
Radu Paponiu  
Sebastian Perłowski  
Yerbolat Akhmedyarov

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2018-2021 University of Michigan, Graduate Student Instructor**  
***THEORY 139 & 140 lab: Basic Musicianship Aural Skills I & II (Fall 2020—Winter 2021)***  
Aural skills for Music majors. In this course, students develop skills in reading music through sight-singing in treble, alto, tenor, and bass clefs; in aural recognition through transcription and dictation; and learn diatonic chords and harmonic progressions. Students are trained in both moveable scale-degree numbers and fixed-do solfège. Course activities take place both synchronously (weekly class-meetings and biweekly individual lessons via Zoom) and asynchronously (weekly online modules), and dictation assignments are due every week. There are no tests or examinations for this course.
- THEORY 135 & 236 lab: Introduction to Music Theory I & II (Fall 2019—Winter 2020)***  
Music Theory for Musical-theatre majors. In the lab sections, students reinforce written theory topics addressed in the lectures by gaining experience with the vocal production of rhythms, intervals, scales, arpeggiated chords, basic progressions, etc. These musical elements are contextualized within the system of movable-do solfège. Students are graded on weekly assignments, monthly sight-singing auditions and listening tests.
- COMP 421 & 422: Creative Composition (Fall 2018—Winter 2019)***

Composition for non-Composition Music majors. Over the course of the year, students compose and develop pieces for acoustic instruments, most of which are performed live in class. While this is not a music theory course *per se*, discussions do include issues of notation, structure, instrumentation/orchestration, and aesthetics. Students are graded on their submissions of mini-assignments, short compositions, and one substantial composition.

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2022**      **Chautauqua Opera Company, Artistic Assistant**  
Assisted the General and Artistic Director of Chautauqua Opera Company with Puccini's *TOSCA* production during the 2022 summer season.
- 2020**      **University of Michigan, Music Theory Summer Assistant**  
Assisted the music-theory faculty in transitioning the entire aural-skills curriculum online during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2017-2018**      **Radio Television Hong Kong, Producer & Presenter**  
Produced and presented contemporary works written by living composers.
- 2017**      **Hong Kong Players Company, Session player**  
Rehearsed, coached, and performed with singers of the pantomime *Aladdin*.
- 2017**      **Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section), Substitute Music Teacher**
- 2013**      **The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Ethnomusicology Summer Assistant**  
Assisted in researching about the culture and music in China during the Cultural Revolution.

## HONORS, MUSIC AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2023**      **Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commission**
- 2023**      **OPERA America's Opera Grants for Women Composers** for *The Big Swim*
- 2023**      **America Composers Orchestra Earshot call-for-score for women composers (Winner)**
- 2022**      **ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Award** for *Nomadic Trails*
- 2021**      **University of Michigan ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award** for *Nomadic Trails*
- 2019, 2020**      **ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award (Finalist)** for *String Quartet No. 2*
- 2019-2021**      **Hong Kong Jockey Club Music & Dance Fund** for Doctoral studies
- 2019**      **Musicus Society Call for Scores (Winner)** for *String Quartet No. 2*
- 2018**      **Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra Call for Scores (Winner)** for *String Quartet No. 2*
- 2018**      **I Creation Mivos Composition Prize (Winner)** for *String Quartet No. 2*
- 2018**      **Intimacy of Creativity Concert Audience Vote (Winner)** for *String Quartet No. 2*
- 2018**      **Composers & Authors Society Hong Kong Scholarship** for Doctoral studies
- 2018**      **Hong Kong Composers Guild NEW GENERATION (Second Place)** for *Surrounded by Cosmic Dust*
- 2016**      **International Chengdu-China 12th SUN RIVER PRIZE Students' New Music Composition Competition (Third Prize)** for *Dancing Shades and Echoes*
- 2016**      **International Antonin Dvorak Composition Competition (Finalist)**
- 2015-2016**      **The Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme**, Postgrad full scholarship
- 2015**      **C. F. Hu Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship**, for Postgrad studies
- 2015**      **Dean's List (Faculty of Arts), Chinese University of Hong Kong**, for Undergrad studies
- 2014**      **Composers and Authors Society Hong Kong Scholarship**, for Undergrad studies
- 2012-2015**      **The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarship Scheme**, Undergrad full scholarship

- 2012 **AIG Hong Kong Scholarship**, for Undergrad studies
- 2012 **The Chinese University of Hong Kong Steering Committee for Promoting Personal Development through Social & Civic Engagement ICARE Program (Certificate of Merit) for *I Dream of a World***
- 2011 **Hong Kong-Asia Piano Open Competition (First-Class Award)**
- 2009-2012 **Renaissance College Hong Kong Music Scholarship**, High-school full scholarship
- 2009 **Hong Kong Youth Open Piano Competition, Sonata Section (Winner)**
- 2009 **Hong Kong Youth Open Piano Competition, Chopin Section (Second Prize)**

## INTERVIEWS

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- 2024 **WWFM A Tempo with Rachel Katz - New Opera Blends Asian and Western Traditions for New Year, Feb 1, 2024:**  
<https://www.wwfm.org/show/a-tempo-with-rachel-katz/2024-02-03/new-opera-blends-asian-and-western-traditions-for-new-year>
- 2023 **Houston Grand Opera - Taking the Plunge, a dive into The Big Swim with composer Meilina Tsui and librettist Melisa Tien, Dec 27, 2023:**  
[https://www.houstongrandopera.org/backstage-pass/taking-the-plunge?fbclid=IwAR2LQbKjCIKXypWMzHCy00N\\_0v8P8bWX4pZk3DQ-gNd2j1ClIXq1yu1f4\\_A](https://www.houstongrandopera.org/backstage-pass/taking-the-plunge?fbclid=IwAR2LQbKjCIKXypWMzHCy00N_0v8P8bWX4pZk3DQ-gNd2j1ClIXq1yu1f4_A)
- 2023 **Radio Television Hong Kong FM976 Morning Call with Stacey Rodda, Apr 17, 2023:**  
<https://www.rthk.hk/radio/radio4/programme/morningcall>
- 2021 **Hong Kong Economic Times, May 19, 2021:**  
<https://shorturl.at/ipwJV>
- 2019 **CASHFLOW Magazine, Issue 88, 2019: #Hashtag 音樂人 Musicians:**  
[http://www.cash.org.hk/files/pdf/publications/cashflow/88\\_1.pdf](http://www.cash.org.hk/files/pdf/publications/cashflow/88_1.pdf)
- 2018 **Inaugural Concert of the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Chamber Soloists:**  
<https://app4.rthk.hk/special/chambersoloists/latestnews.php?lang=e&id=7>
- 2018 Intimacy of Creativity Preview:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AThE9SYBj\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AThE9SYBj_g)
- HK Phil Composers Workshop - Beyond The Ring Proves To Be A Huge Success:**  
<https://www.broadwayworld.com/hong-kong/article/HK-Phil-Composers-Workshop-Beyond-The-Ring-Proves-To-Be-A-Huge-Success-20180319>
- "Kazakhstanis in China" Documentary:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWnZtr45aBo>
- 2016 **Hong Kong Composers Guild - Tsui Mei-ling Meilina's "Frost":**  
<https://www.hkcg.org/single-post/2016/11/25/tsui-mei-ling-meilinas-frost>

## MENTIONS IN REVIEWS, PRESS RELEASES & DISSERTATIONS

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- 2024 **Asia Society Texas Center: New Children's Opera 'The Big Swim' Premieres With Sold-Out Performances, Feb 21, 2024:**  
<https://asiasociety.org/texas/new-childrens-opera-big-swim-premieres-sold-out-performances>
- Texas Classical Review: HGO premieres a colorful children's opera of cooperation with "The Big Swim", Feb 17, 2024:**

<https://texasclassicalreview.com/2024/02/17/hgo-premieres-a-colorful-childrens-opera-of-cooperation-with-the-big-swim/>

**Houston CityBook: This Weekend: Full of Family Fun, Inaugural New-Year's Opera Opens at Asia Society, Feb 13, 2024:**

<https://www.houstoncitybook.com/asia-society-texas/>

**OperaWire: Houston Grand Opera & the Asia Society Texas to Give the World Premiere of 'The Big Swim', Jan 7, 2024:**

<https://operawire.com/houston-grand-opera-the-asia-society-texas-to-give-the-world-premiere-of-the-big-swim/>

**Houston Style Magazine: Houston Grand Opera and Asia Society Texas Present World Premiere of The Big Swim, Jan 4, 2024:**

<https://stylemagazine.com/news/2024/jan/04/houston-grand-opera-and-asia-society-texas-present/>

**2023 OPERA America Awards \$100,000 to Support Opera by Women at Five Opera Companies, August 7, 2023:**

<https://www.operaamerica.org/get-involved/about-us/press-room/2023/opera-america-awards-100-000-to-support-opera-by-women-at-five-opera-companies/>

**2023 American Composers Orchestra Announces 2023/2024 Season And National Collaborations, August 2, 2023:**

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/American-Composers-Orchestra-Announces-20232024-Season-And-National-Collaborations-20230802>

**2022 The Chautauquan Daily: Opera's Evening of Song to feature Mary Prescott premiere, dovetail with CLSC poetry pick, June 29, 2022:**

<https://chqdaily.com/2022/06/operas-evening-of-song-to-feature-prescott-premiere-dovetail-with-clsc-poetry-pick/>

**Houston Arts Journal: Jennifer Bowman named Houston Grand Opera's Director of Community and Learning, formerly HGOco, May 27, 2022:**

<https://houstonartsjournal.com/2022/05/27/jennifer-bowman-named-houston-grand-operas-director-of-community-and-learning-formerly-hgoco/>

**2021 The Aspen Times: REVIEW: Glover, Ehnes and Yang take it up a notch at the music festival, August 17, 2021:**

<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/review-glover-ehnes-and-yang-take-it-up-a-notch-at-the-music-festival/>

**Musicus Society Presents Jockey Club Musicus Heritage Alive Concert:**

<http://www.musicussociety.org/en/Musicus-Fest/Concert/Jockey-Club-Musicus-Heritage-Alive-Concert-At-Tai-Kwun.html>

**2019 New York Concert Review Inc.: The Dwight and Ursula Mamlok Foundation Presents The 2019 Mamlok Prize for Interpreters of Contemporary Music in Review:**

<https://nyconcertreview.com/reviews/the-dwight-and-ursula-mamlok-foundation-presents-the-2019-mamlok-prize-for-interpreters-of-contemporary-music-in-review/>

**Los Angeles Times: SoCal classical music listings, April 28-May 5, 2019: Hear Now Festival and more:**

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-ca-lists-0428-classical-20190428-story.html>

**Florida State University Libraries: An Annotated Catalogue and Guide to the Piano Solo Repertoire of Contemporary Asian Women Composers from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, a Doctoral Dissertation by Chun Li, 2019:**

<https://diginole.lib.fsu.edu/islandora/object/fsu:709786/datastream/PDF/view>

**The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Press Releases, 2019: Fourteen young talents awarded Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund Scholarships:**

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201907/30/P2019073000554.htm>

**The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music & Dance Fund Scholarship Awarding Ceremony 2019-20:**

[https://hkjcmdf.org.hk/en/public\\_scholarship\\_2019-20.html](https://hkjcmdf.org.hk/en/public_scholarship_2019-20.html)

**Department of Cultural and Creative Arts, 2019:**

<https://www.eduhk.hk/cca/zh-hans/news-and-events/?category=0&id=39>

**The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Press Releases, 2019: Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) meets with Vice Mayor of Almaty, Kazakhstan:**

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201809/15/P2018091500683.htm>

**CASHFLOW Magazine, Issue 88, 2019: Gaining Momentum and Ready to Bloom — Review of the Hong Kong Serious Music Scene in 2018:**

[https://www.cash.org.hk/download.php?file=/files/pdf/publications/cashflow/88\\_1.pdf](https://www.cash.org.hk/download.php?file=/files/pdf/publications/cashflow/88_1.pdf)

2018

**KAZINFORM: Мэйлина Тсуй популяризирует культуру Казахстана в Гонконге (Meilina Tsui popularizes Kazakh music tradition in Hong Kong), 2018:**

[https://www.inform.kz/ru/meylina-tsuy-populyariziruet-kul-turu-kazahstana-v-gonkonge\\_a3243854?fbclid=IwAR0HJydYp3ZH8rnvXYAx986wLm1L3ha0dgrvgS--E9XOoU9njzh2CbDaHck](https://www.inform.kz/ru/meylina-tsuy-populyariziruet-kul-turu-kazahstana-v-gonkonge_a3243854?fbclid=IwAR0HJydYp3ZH8rnvXYAx986wLm1L3ha0dgrvgS--E9XOoU9njzh2CbDaHck)

**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) Presents Eighth Anniversary Season of Internationally-Acclaimed Exploration of Creativity, 2018:**

<https://hkust.edu.hk/news/arts-and-creativity/hkust-presents-eighth-anniversary-season-internationally-acclaimed>

**Radio 4 FINE MUSIC Magazine: Match Making Concert 2018 — Emerging Composers x Emerging Performers:**

<https://artsdocbox.com/119292339-Music/March-2018-er-ling-yi-ba-nian-san-yue-hao--hong-kong-harp-chamber-music-artist-in-residence-dan-yu-zhu-tai-yan-zou-jia-yu-dan.html>

2017

**Interlude: Music Interflow - A Dialogue of Two Cultures, 2017:**

<https://interlude.hk/music-interflow-dialogue-two-cultures/>

**Classical Iconoclast: Music Interflow - Hong Kong Music Series at St. John's Smith Square, London, 2017:**

<https://classical-iconoclast.blogspot.com/2017/07/music-interflow-hong-kong-music-series.html>

**Hong Kong Music Series in London, presented by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, 2017:**

<https://interlude.hk/music-interflow-dialogue-two-cultures/>

**English Schools Foundation (ESF) Alumni News, 2017: Meilina Tsui gives composition masterclass at Renaissance College Hong Kong (RCHK):**



[https://www.esf.edu.hk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/N4256-03\\_ESF-Alumni-News\\_online\\_v2\\_20170512-1.pdf](https://www.esf.edu.hk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/N4256-03_ESF-Alumni-News_online_v2_20170512-1.pdf)

**CASHFLOW Magazine, Issue 82, 2017: SOUND-IMAGInation: Hong Kong Reflections – Concerts where sound, images, poems and imagination cross:**

<https://www.cash.org.hk/download.php?file=/files/pdf/publications/cashflow/cashflow82.pdf>

**2015 CASHFLOW Magazine, Issue 77, 2015: Scholarship Recipients Announced:**

[https://issuu.com/prismcreation/docs/cashflow\\_77](https://issuu.com/prismcreation/docs/cashflow_77)

## **BROADCASTS**

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**2018**

**Radio Television Hong Kong, Radio 4; Channel 31**

RTHK Chamber Soloists' Inaugural Concert, *Piano Quintet No. 2*, RTHK Chamber Soloists.

**Resonance 104.4fm (London Arts Radio)**

Cornelius Cardew Concerts Trust, 'Music in Step with the Times' Concert, *Two Miniature Pieces of Yin and Yang for Two Pianos*, Ivory Duo Piano Ensemble.

**Naxos Music Library**

Intimacy Creativity 2018, World Premier Concert 1, *String Quartet No. 2*, Israeli Chamber Project.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)**

Writer & Publisher member.

**Composer and Authors Hong Kong (CASH)**

Writer member, -'21.

**Hong Kong Composers Guild (HKCG)**

Full member.

**Hong Kong Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

Member of Youth Square Management Advisory Committee, 2017-'18.

## **REFERENCES**

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(Contact information available upon request)

**Michael Daugherty**

Professor of Composition, University of Michigan.

**Alan Fletcher**

President & CEO, Aspen Music Festival and School.

**Kevin Korsyn**

Professor of Music Theory, University of Michigan.

**Wendy Wan-ki Lee**

Associate Professor of Composition, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**Silvina Milstein**

Professor of Music, King's College London.

**Steven Osgood**

General & Artistic Director, Chautauqua Opera Company.

**Judith Petty**

Aural Skills Coordinator, Music Theory Lecturer, University of Michigan.

**Erik Santos**

Chair of Composition, Associate Professor of Composition and Performing Arts  
Technology, University of Michigan.

**Bright Sheng**

Leonard Bernstein Distinguished University Professor of Composition, University  
of Michigan.

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## LIST OF WORKS (in chronological order)

**TBD** (2025) 7-10 mins

chamber ensemble  
(fl, cl, e-gui, db, pno)

Commissioned by fivebyfive Ensemble to address global water crisis. To be premiered in 2026.

**TBD** from ***Songs of the Diaspora*** (2024) 10-12 mins

voice and string quartet

Commissioned by Del Sol Performing Arts Organization in collaboration with poet, Genny Lim. To be premiered in June 2025.

**TBD** (2024) 20 mins

chamber opera

(1 soprano, 1 b-baritone & fl, ob, cl, 2 vln, vla, vlc, db, perc, pno)

Commissioned by Opera Theatre of Saint Louis for the New Works Collective.  
To be premiered in Feb 2025.

**TBD** (2024) 8 mins

orchestra

(2 2 2 2 - 3 3 3 1 - timp - 2 perc - hp - str)

Commissioned by the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program.  
To be premiered in Dec 2024 by the Naples Philharmonic.

**Rhapsody for two saxophones and piano** (2024) 6 mins

(s-saxofono, bariton-saxofono, pno)

Commissioned by Calvin Wong for Project Blakeana.

To be premiered in July 2024, Calvin Wong and consortium members, Singapore Saxophone Symposium.

**The Big Swim** (2023) 1 hr

chamber opera

(1 soprano, 2 mezzo-s, 1 tenor, 1 baritone, 1 bass & fl, vln, vlc, db, pno, perc)

Premiere: February 16-18, 2024, Houston Grand Opera orchestra musicians, Eiki Isomura, cond., Asia Society Texas Center, Houston, TX.

**A Piece for Reed, Rosin, and Mallet** (2023) 8 mins

(ob, vlc, perc)

Written for Gabriela Lena Frank Creative Academy of Music Bahlest Eeble Readings.

Premiere: June 14, 2023, Titus Underwood, Kathryn Bates, Chris Froh, Boonville, CA.

**Rhapsody** (2022) 5 mins

wind ensemble

To be premiered.

**Mother to Son** text by Langston Hughes (2021) 4 mins

art song

(countertenor, pno)

Commissioned by the Aspen Music Festival & School.

Premiere: August 14, 2021, Renee Fleming Artist, Key'mon W. Murrah and pianist Manuel Arellano, Wheeler Opera House, Aspen Music Festival Festival & School, Aspen, CO.

**Clanking, Rattling, Scratching** (2021) 7 mins

chamber ensemble

(fl, cl, vln, vla, vlc, perc, pno)

Commissioned by the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble.

Premiere: August 12, 2021, Aspen Contemporary Ensemble, Timothy Weiss, cond., Harris Concert Hall, Aspen Music Festival & School, Aspen, CO.

**Ay-Ay, Bopem (A Kazakh Lullaby Without Words)** (2021) 7.5 mins

chamber ensemble

(cl, bsn, vln, vla, vlc)

Commissioned by members of the Lexington Philharmonic and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestras as part of ArtsWave's Isolations Commissions.

Premiere: July 18, 2021 at Memorial Hall OTR, Cincinnati, OH, by Erin Fung and members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

**Scenes at the Uralsk Fair** from *Nomadic Trails* (2021) 8 mins

orchestra (socially-distanced orchestra)

(1 2 1 1 - 3 tpt, 1 tbn, 1 btbn - 3 perc - hp - str)

Full orchestral version available: (2 2 2 2 - 4 2 2 1 - 3 perc - hp - str)

Workshop: July 24, 2021, Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra, Kyle Ritenauer, cond., Benedict Music Tent, Aspen Music Festival & School, Aspen, CO.

**The Great Steppe** from *Nomadic Trails* (2021) 6 mins

chamber orchestra (socially-distanced orchestra)

(1 2 1 1 - 3 tpt, 1 tbn, 1 btbn - 3 perc - hp - str)

Premiere: February 10, 2021, University Symphony Orchestra, Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan.

**Secret Labyrinth** (2020) 6 mins

chamber ensemble

(vln, vla, vlc, guzheng)

Commissioned by Musicus Society

Premiere: May 22, 2021 by the Musicus Society Ensemble at the Musicus Heritage Concerts at Tai Kwun, Hong Kong.

**I live where the Yangtze begins...** (2020) 8 mins

Unaccompanied SSAATTBB choir

Written for the Seraphic Fire Professional Choral Institute at 2020 Aspen Music Festival & School.

**Milky Way** (2019) 3 mins  
electronic music  
(Logic Pro)

**Sands of Time** (2019) 10 mins  
chamber ensemble  
(fl, cl, pno, perc, vln, vla, vc, db)  
Premiere: June 16, 2019 at Vienna Summer Music Festival, Brick 5, Herklotzgasse,  
Vienna, Austria by PHACE Ensemble.

**Brass Quintet No. 1 "Xinjiang Vibes"** (2019) 6 min  
brass quintet  
Written for University of Michigan CoLab Concert.  
Premiere: March 16, 2018 at McIntosh Theatre, Earl V. Moore Building, University of  
Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Piano Quintet No. 2 "Reminiscences of the Motherland thousands miles away"** (2018) 6 min  
(pno, cl, vln, vla, vc)  
Commissioned by Radio Television Hong Kong for RTHK Chamber Soloists' Inaugural  
Concert.  
Premiere: November 28, 2018 at Hong Kong All Saints' Cathedral by RTHK Chamber  
Soloists.

**Sounds of New Eurasia** (2018) 8 min  
mixed ensemble of Kazakh, Chinese and Western instruments  
(dombra, kobyz, shankobyz, sybyzgy, shaman drum, castanets, rainstick, throat-singing,  
bangdi, sheng, pipa, yangqin, erhu, vc)  
Commissioned by Hong Kong Home Affairs Bureau for "Beyond Boundaries, Beyond  
Time. Hong Kong-Kazakhstan" Concert held in Almaty marking Secretary for Home  
Affairs Bureau's first official visit to Kazakhstan.  
Premiere: September 15, 2018 Kazakh State Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan by TURAN Ethno-folk Ensemble, soloists of Windpipe Chinese  
Music Ensemble & MR. Quartet.

**String Quartet No. 3** (2018) 6 mins  
Commissioned by Hong Kong Composers Guild for Hong Kong Contemporary Music  
Festival 2018: Hong Kong Delights.  
Premiere: June 1, 2019 at Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Hong Kong by MR.  
Quartet and City Contemporary Dance Company.  
Workshop: October 25, 2018 at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI by Aizuri  
Quartet.

**Wagneresque** (2018) over 4 mins

full orchestra

(3 3 3 3 - 4 3 3 1 - timp+2 - hp - str)

Commissioned by Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra.

Premiere: March 13, 2018 at Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong by Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Sebastian Perłowski, cond.

**String Quartet No. 2 "Kazakh Steppe"** (2017, rev. 2018) 7 mins

Revised version, written for the 2018 Intimacy of Creativity World Premiere Concert in Hong Kong. Winner of the 'Intimacy of Creativity Audience Vote' Prize.

Premiere: April 29, 2018 at Concert Hall, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong by Israeli Chamber Project.

**String Quartet No. 2 "Kazakh Steppe"** (2017) 6 mins

Written for 2017 highSCORE Festival.

Premiere: August 15, 2017 at Santa Maria di Canepanova, Pavia, Italy by Quartetto Indaco.

**Surrounded by Cosmic Dust...** (2017) 5 mins

(cl, vla, vc, pno)

Written for & won 2nd Prize at Hong Kong Composers Guild 'NEW GENERATION' Competition.

Premiere: June 1, 2017 at Studio One, Radio Television Hong Kong Broadcasting House, Hong Kong.

**Autumn Rain** (2016) 3 mins

(pno and str orchestra)

Written for Cathay Pacific.

To be premiered.

**Frost** (2016) 2 mins

quartet for chinese instruments

(xiao, tenor sheng, yangqin, erhu)

Commissioned by Hong Kong Composers Guild for SOUND-IMAGination: Hong Kong Reflections.

Premiere: December 1, 2016 at Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Hong Kong by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble.

**New Horizons** (2016) 4 mins

violin solo

Commissioned by Hong Kong Government for Hong Kong Scholarship For Excellence Scheme Award Presentation Ceremony 2016 officiated by Chief Executive of the HKSAR, the Honourable C Y Leung.

Premiere: August 26, 2016 at CGO Conference Hall, West Wing, Central Government Offices, Tamar, Hong Kong.

**Six Miniature Pieces of Yin and Yang for Two Pianos:** "Water," "Fire," "Earth," "Air," "Dark," "Light" (2016) 12 mins

Commissioned by Hong Kong Arts Development Council for 2017 London 'HK Music Series' Opening Concert in celebration of the HKSAR's 20th anniversary.

Premiere: July 7, 2017 at St. John's Smith Square, London, United Kingdom by Nancy Loo & Mary Wu Piano Duo.

**Four Seasons** (2016) 7 mins

large orchestra

(3 3 3 3 - 4 3 3 1 - timp+3 - hp - pno/cel - str)

Premiere: October 25, 2017 at Ufa Art College Concert Hall, Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russia by National Symphony Orchestra of the Republic of Bashkortostan, Kamil Abdullin, cond. First All-Russian Young Composers' Contemporary Music Festival.

**Dancing Shades and Echoes** (2016) 6 mins

piano quintet

(ob, cl, hn, vln, pno)

Premiere: October 15, 2016 at Concert Hall, Vietnam National Academy of Music, Hanoi, Vietnam. Asian Composers League Festival.

Workshop & Recording: February 21, 2016 at Music Department, King's College London, United Kingdom by Lontano Ensemble, Odaline de la Martinez, cond.

**Etude for Violin and Viola** (2015) 4 mins

duet

(vln, vla)

Workshop & Recording: November 29, 2015 at Music Department, King's College London, United Kingdom by Lontano Ensemble.

**Sounds of Awakening** (2015) 6 mins

mixed quintet for piano and chinese instruments

(pno, bangdi, tenor sheng, guzheng, erhu)

Premiere: May 28, 2015 at Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Music Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Meilina Tsui's undergraduate graduation recital.

**Ink and Paper (Paintings at the Chinese Exhibition)** (2014) 6 mins

piano solo

Commissioned by Chinese University of Hong Kong Art Museum for 'Open Books' Exhibition.

Premiere: December 12, 2014 at Gallery II, Art Museum Institute of Chinese Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong by Meilina Tsui.

**Rhapsodic Metamorphosis for String Quartet** (2014) 7 mins

Premiere: October 27, 2014 at Music Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Chinese University of Hong Kong & University of Toronto Music Exchange.

**Midnight Doze Fantasies** (2014) 5 mins

trio

(cl or sax, vc, pno)

Premiere: September 1, 2014 at Nan Lian Garden, Hong Kong by Hong Kong New Music Ensemble. The Composers and Authors Society of Hong Kong 'Over the Moon' Reading Party.

***I Dream of a World*** (2013) under 6 mins

(solo sop voice, pno)

Commissioned by Chinese University of Hong Kong I\*Care Program.

Premiere: December 7, 2013 at The Magical Mall, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong by Meilina Tsui. Chinese University of Hong Kong 50th Anniversary Celebration.