# MEILINA TSUI composer & pianist

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 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**

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

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**

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 & Artistic Assistant), Chautauqua, NY
2021	ISCM Virtual Collaborative Series
2021	Aspen Music Festival & School (Composition Fellow), Aspen, CO
2021	Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival Art of Illusion, Finland
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. 9)		
2024	The Big Swim for chamber opera, commissioned by the Houston Grand Opera. To be	
	premiered at the Asia Society Texas Center, Houston in February 2024.	
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. First movement premiered by University of Michigan Symphony	
	Orchestra at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Second movement read by Aspen Conducting	
	Academy Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent, Aspen.	
2021	<b>Mother to Son</b> for countertenor and piano, text by Langston Hughes, commissioned by	
	Aspen Music Festival & School. Premiered by Renée 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,	
2021	Memorial Hall OTR in Cincinnati.	
2021	<b>Secret Labyrinth</b> , 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 "Savage" commissioned by Hong Kong Composers Guild.	
2017	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	<b>Sounds of New Eurasia</b> 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. Performed by Kazakh State Philharmonic Orchestra Beyond	
	Boundaries, Beyond Time. Hong Kong-Kazakhstan Concert, 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. Performed by Israeli Chamber Project at Intimacy of Creativity Festival in	
	Hong Kong and Intimacy of Creativity / Israeli Chamber Project Composer Exchange	
	Initiative in Tel-Aviv, Israel; Mivos Quartet at Galerie Ora-Ora in Hong Kong and OPERA America in New York City; Kazakh State String Quartet Beyond Boundaries, Beyond	
	Time. Hong Kong-Kazakhstan Concert, 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.	
2017	Six Miniature Pieces of Yin and Yang for Two Pianos commissioned by Hong Kong	
<del>-</del>	Arts Development Council. Premiered by Nancy Loo & Mary Wu Piano Duo at 2017 'HK	
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Music Series' Opening Concert in celebration of the HKSAR's 20th anniversary, St. John's Smith Square in London, United Kingdom.

**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**

#### **Orchestras**

Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra

Kazakh State Philharmonic Orchestra

National Symphony Orchestra of the Republic of Bashkortostan

University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra

#### **Ensembles**

Aspen Contemporary Ensemble

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

Irvine Arditti

Kathryn Bates

Key'mon W. Murrah (Renée Fleming Artist)

Titus Underwood

#### **Conductors**

Aleksandr Polyakov Kyle Ritenauer Sebastian Perłowski Yerbolat Akhmedyarov

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

# 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 miniassignments, short compositions, and one substantial composition.

# OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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	5
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2022	ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Award for Nomadic Trails
2021	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	

# **INTERVIEWS**

2021	Hong Kong Economic Times, May 19, 2021:
	https://www.facebook.com/photo/?
	fbid=10158687793274215&set=a.10150452219334215
2019	CASHFLOW Magazine, Issue 88, 2019: #Hashtag 音樂人 Musicians:
	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
	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

#### **MENTIONS IN REVIEWS, PRESS RELEASES & DISSERTATIONS**

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

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

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

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=lwAR0HJydYp3ZH8rnvXYAx986wLm1L3ha0dgrvgS-E9XOoU9njzh2CbDaHck

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

2018

2019

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):

 $\frac{https://www.esf.edu.hk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/N4256-03\ ESF-Alumni-News\_online\_v2\_20170512-1.pdf}{News\_online\_v2\_20170512-1.pdf}$ 

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

#### **BROADCASTS**

#### 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

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

Writer & Publisher member.

#### Hong Kong Composers Guild (HKCG)

Full member.

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

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

# Michael Daugherty

Professor of Composition, 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.

#### **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.

Last updated: June 2022

#### **LIST OF WORKS** (in chronological order)

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

chamber opera

(fl, ob, bsn, vlc, pno, perc & 6 singers)

To be premiered: February 2024, Houston Grand Opera musicians and singers, Patrick Summers, cond., Asia Society Texas Center, Houston, TX.

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

(ob, vlc, perc)

For the Gabriela Lena Frank Creative Academy of Music Bahlest Eeble Readings. To be premiered: 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)

(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

SSAATTBB choir

(cancelled) To be premiered by 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

(2 tpt, hn, tbn, tba)

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

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. Won '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.