

# University Symphony Orchestra

**2017–2018 Season**  
**52nd Concert**

Sunday 8 October 2017  
Miller Auditorium  
3:00 p.m.

**BRUCE UCHIMURA, Conductor**

*featuring*

**QING YU CHEN, Violin Soloist**

2017 Stulberg International String Competition  
Silver Medalist

**Antonín Dvořák**  
1841–1904

*Carnival Overture Opus 92*

**Sergei Prokofiev**  
1891–1953

*Concerto Number 2 for Violin in G Minor Opus 63*

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante assai
- III. Allegro, ben marcato

Qing Yu Chen, Violin

intermission

**Piotr Tchaikovsky**  
1840–1893

*Symphony Number 5 in E Minor Opus 64*

- I. Andante – Allegro con anima
- II. Andante cantabile, con alcuna licenza
- III. Valse: Allegro moderato
- IV. Andante maestoso – Allegro vivace

The Symphony Orchestra wishes to thank professors Robert White and Nora Lewis for leading sectionals and to the Stulberg International String Competition for this collaborative concert.

Please join the orchestra for its next concert on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall, featuring works by Beethoven and Ravel.

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This program and other select concert recordings are available for sale through the Western Sound Studio — 269-387-4720.

Recently awarded Second Prize at the 2017 Cooper International Violin Competition and the Silver Medal at the 2017 Stulberg International String Competition, **QING YU CHEN** is a rising young violinist of extraordinary potential. A National YoungArts Foundation Finalist, she has appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, Shattered Glass Ensemble, Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra, and the Juilliard Pre-College Symphony in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Severance Hall, Peter Jay Sharp Theatre, and Alice Tully Hall. Chen is a first prize winner of the National League of Performing Arts Chamber Music and Ensemble Competition, American Association for Development of the Gifted and Talented “Passion of Music” Competition, Youth Talent and Arts Competition, New York International Music Competition and Markov Young Artists Competition. As an ambassador for the Doublestop Foundation since its inception in 2010, Chen has performed in Merkin Hall and the Korean Embassy, among others.

In 2014, Chen was awarded the Best Actress Award at the School of Visual Arts Short Film Festival for her performance in *The Little Violinist* directed by Yang Wang and Bob Giraldi. The film has received 8 international film festival awards from the Women's Independent Film Festival and Asians On Film Festival. It has been screened at the Director's Guild Theater, Green Bay Film Festival, Frame Festival, River Edge International Film Festival, International Film Festival India, and Fort Lauderdale Film Festival. A regular guest on the nationally syndicated classical music broadcast *From the Top*, Chen has made appearances as a soloist and a chamber musician as well. Other highlights of the 2017–18 season include today's performance with the Western Michigan University Orchestra. Qing Yu is currently a rising senior at The Juilliard School Pre-College Division and studies with Masao Kawasaki and Cho-Liang Lin. Chen performs on an 1854 Raffaele Gagliano on generous loan from the Doublestop Foundation.

The School of Music is pleased to partner with the Stulberg Competition in showcasing the talented Stulberg medalists to the Kalamazoo community and providing these young musicians with the opportunity of performing with an orchestra. This partnership also honors Julius Stulberg, who was a School of Music faculty member from 1945–72 and conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra from 1945–68.

The Stulberg International String Competition is accepting online applications from string students under the age of 20 through Feb. 1. On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Stulberg will collaborate with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra in presenting gold medalist William McGregor at 8 p.m. in Miller Auditorium. On Sunday, Feb. 18 the Stulberg joins with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony in presenting bronze medalist Karisa Chiu at 4 p.m. in Chenery Auditorium. For more information, please visit [stulberg.org](http://stulberg.org).