



***Kristen Kim, soloist***

Kristen is a 13-year-old cellist in Portland, Oregon. She started playing cello at the age of six, and is currently studying with cellist Hyun-Jin Kim. Kristen was the winner in the 2021 Oregon MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) Junior String Competition, and alternate winner in the Northwest MTNA Junior Performance String Competition. Along with this, she also won 1st place in the 2022 Oregon Mozart Player Young Artist Competition Junior Division and soloed with the orchestra. She was chosen as a winner of 2022 Cognizart Metro Art Young Artist Competition, 1st place in the 2021 American Protégé International String Competition, 1st place in Rising Star of the 2020 Canadian International Music Competition, 1st place in 2022 Best Bach Competition, and 2nd place in the Oregon ASTA (American String Teachers Association) Competition. In 2023, she won 2nd place of the young artist competition of Amadeus Chamber Orchestra. As an assistant cello principal of the Portland Youth Philharmonic, Kristen enjoys playing with other musicians and peers. Outside of her musical life, she loves to read, paint, and travel with her family.