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The French Flute

Mary Palchak, *flute*

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Mary Palchak, flute

with

Janet Kao, piano

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Program

Fantaisie (1913)	Georges Hübner (1858–1948)
Syrinx (1913)	Claude Debussy (1862–1918)
Suite op. 116(1890) Allegretto Idylle Valse	Benjamin Godard (1849–1895)
Chant de Linos (1944)	André Jolivet (1905–1974)
Fantaisie (1920)	Philippe Gaubert (1879–1941)

About the Artists

Flutist **Mary Palchak** enjoys an active career as a freelance flutist in Southern California. She has played with the Pacific, Long Beach and Pasadena Symphonies, Long Beach Opera and numerous touring ballet companies including Bolshoi, La Scalla, Joffrey and American Ballet Theater.

As Founding Artistic Director and Principal Flutist of the California Concert Artists, she has organized and performed numerous concerts with Southern California's finest musicians in addition to premiering compositions written specifically for the ensemble. She is proud of her affiliation with Yamaha Music Corporation, through which she has premiered new works by young music students in the Yamaha Music Education system in concerts throughout the United States.

Her solo CD *Flute Music by French Composers* garnered critical acclaim in *Fanfare* Magazine and is a best-selling classical flute CD worldwide. Her playing can also be heard on recordings of guitarists Joseph Poshek and Engelhardt Toulouse and pianist Phillip Keverin. Mary Palchak earned her Master's Degree from the St. Louis Conservatory where she studied with St. Louis Symphony Principal Flutist Jacob Berg. Other teachers include Anne Diener Giles, Julius Baker and Louis Moyse.

Mary Palchak is on faculty at Irvine Valley College and Chapman University, where she very much enjoys passing along the traditions and techniques of the flute. She also maintains a large private studio in her Irvine home. When not playing or teaching, she enjoys reading, gardening, riding lessons and long walks with her beagle, Dollie.

Pianist **Janet Kao**, a native of Taiwan, is an accomplished musician with extensive experience as a solo pianist, vocal/instrumental collaborator, and an opera coach. She has performed on many stages including Alice Tully Hall in New York City, Harris Concert Hall in Aspen, Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, National Concert Hall of Taiwan. She has been invited to participate in several summer music festivals including Bowdoin Music Festival, the Yellow Barn Chamber Music Festival, and the Music Academy of the West. She has served as a staff accompanist at the Aspen Music Festival, as a staff coach at Opera in the Ozarks, Arkansas and the American Institute of Musical Arts in Graz, Austria.

She has received teaching fellowships from the Juilliard School and the USC Thornton Opera, working closely with renowned conductors, Judith Clurman and Brent McMunn. Her interests in contemporary music have led her to collaborate on new operas including *Miss Lonelyhearts* by Lowell Liebermann and *Powder Her face* by Thomas Adès. In addition to opera, she has premiered many contemporary chamber works with the New Juilliard Ensemble, under the baton of Joel Sachs.

Janet received her Bachelor and Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory with pianist Robert McDonald, and a Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Piano from the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Jonathan Feldman and Brian Zeger. She completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California in Keyboard Collaborative Arts in 2009 under Alan Smith and was awarded Gwendolyn Koldofsky Scholarship Award for three consecutive years. Dr. Kao is currently an adjunct professor and a vocal coach at Fullerton College and Chapman University.

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Many other factors, however, help us maintain the highest educational standards to benefit our students directly. The Fund for Excellence, in particular, helps us make a huge difference in the experience of all our students throughout the year. Thanks to your support, the Fund has a direct impact on our programs by helping us pay for:

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Our doors are always open for you, so join us again soon at one of our many performances and events this season!

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