

Stefan Jackiw, violin  
and  
Kevin Ahfat, piano

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 | 7:30 P.M.  
CASPARY AUDITORIUM

## Program

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)  
*Fratres*

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)  
Sonata in D Major, HWV 371  
I. *Affettuoso*  
II. *Allegro*  
III. *Larghetto*  
IV. *Allegro*

Sergei Prokofiev (1891–1953)  
Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Op. 94a  
I. *Moderato*  
II. *Scherzo: Presto*  
III. *Andante*  
IV. *Allegro con brio*

INTERMISSION  
(15 minutes)

Conrad Tao (b. 1994)  
*all I had forgotten or tried to*

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)  
Violin Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108  
I. *Allegro*  
II. *Adagio*  
III. *Un poco presto e con sentimento*  
IV. *Presto agitato*

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Stefan Jackiw and Kevin Ahfat appear by arrangement with Arts Management Group, Inc.

## Featuring

### Stefan Jackiw

Violin

**Stefan Jackiw** is one of America's foremost violinists, captivating audiences with playing that combines poetry and purity with impeccable technique. A devoted chamber musician, Mr. Jackiw is the Artistic Director of the Hawaii Chamber Music Festival.

In addition, Mr. Jackiw tours frequently with his musical partners, pianist Conrad Tao and cellist Jay Campbell, as part of the Junction Trio. He has performed in numerous major festivals and concert halls around the world, including the Aspen Music Festival, Ravinia Festival, Caramoor International Music Festival, Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, New York's Mostly Mozart Festival, the Philharmonie de Paris, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, the Celebrity Series of Boston, and the Washington Performing Arts Society. Mr. Jackiw recently performed a new violin concerto, written for him by Conrad Tao and premiered by the Atlanta Symphony and Baltimore Symphony, and is delighted to include it in his performance tonight. He has also premiered David Fulmer's concerto *Jauchzende Bögen* with Matthias Pintscher and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen at the Heidelberger Frühling.

Mr. Jackiw holds a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, as well as an Artist Diploma from the New England Conservatory, and is the recipient of a prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant.

### Kevin Ahfat

Piano

Canadian pianist **Kevin Ahfat** is recognized for his technical precision, interpretive depth, and balanced approach to virtuosity. He has performed widely across North America and Europe in major venues including Koerner Hall, Wigmore Hall, Maison symphonique, and New York's Alice Tully Hall, and has appeared with leading presenting organizations and festivals such as Music@Menlo and the Seattle Chamber Music Society.

A dedicated advocate for contemporary and underperformed repertoire, Mr. Ahfat has collaborated with the Esprit Orchestra, performing works by Valentin Silvestrov and Hans Abrahamsen, and premiering new compositions with Toronto-based ensembles. He is a core member of the ARC Ensemble and an active educator.

Mr. Ahfat studied at The Juilliard School with Joseph Kalichstein and Stephen Hough, and serves as Artistic Director of OPUS Chamber Music in Toronto.

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The Rockefeller University is one of the world's foremost institutions dedicated to research and graduate education in the biology, chemistry, and physics. Founded by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., in 1901 as The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, it was the first institution in the United States devoted exclusively to biomedical research. In the 1950s, the institute expanded its mission to include graduate education. It was renamed The Rockefeller University in 1965.

In 2026, Rockefeller University is commemorating 125 years of advancing science for the benefit of humanity. This is a milestone for the university community, as well as a landmark occasion for the global scientific enterprise. In conjunction with the 125th anniversary, Rockefeller is also marking 70 years of the David Rockefeller Graduate Program. Discover 125 is a celebration of these two notable anniversaries.

### The Rockefeller University Community

- 72 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 210 postdoctoral investigators
- 270 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,512 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

### Acclaimed Scientists

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize; 26 have received a Lasker Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

### At Present, the Faculty at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 7 recipients of Lasker Awards
- 34 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
- 3 recipients of the National Medal of Science

### Some Clinical Concerns under Study

- Aging
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Arthritis
- Autoimmune disorders
- Autism
- Cancer
- Covid-19
- Diabetes
- Heart disease and stroke
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- Obesity, nutrition, and weight loss
- Parkinson's disease
- Skin diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Vaccine development
- Vision and hearing disorders

### The Rockefeller University Hospital

Established in 1910, The Rockefeller University Hospital was the first hospital in the nation dedicated exclusively to patient-oriented investigations. Patients at the hospital are participants in clinical studies that build on basic research findings from Rockefeller laboratories. This allows the university to maintain an unbroken spectrum of research, from basic to clinical.

### Groundbreaking Accomplishments

Among the pioneering discoveries at Rockefeller are many seminal advances that have transformed science and reduced human suffering. Scientists at Rockefeller:

- Discovered that DNA is the chemical of heredity
- Developed vaccines against meningitis and pneumococcal pneumonia
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
- Discovered blood groups, improving the safety of blood transfusions
- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
- Developed methadone maintenance to treat opioid addiction
- Developed the combination drug therapy for treatment of AIDS
- Showed that an adult brain of a higher species can form new nerve cells
- Discovered an obesity gene and the weight-regulating hormone leptin
- Discovered the dendritic cell, a key regulator of the immune system
- Identified the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C
- Discovered GLP-1, the basis of revolutionary weight-loss drugs

### An Exceptional Place to Learn

Rockefeller's Ph.D. program offers training in the biomedical and physical sciences. With neighboring Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, the university also offers one of the nation's top M.D.-Ph.D. programs. In addition, Rockefeller provides intensive postgraduate training. At any one time, more than 200 postdoctoral investigators conduct research in university laboratories. Rockefeller's acclaimed Clinical Scholars Program, a three-year master's degree program, provides a unique opportunity for recent M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. recipients to begin careers in patient-oriented research. Working with senior faculty members, clinical scholars develop and implement translational research studies at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

### Infrastructure that Fosters Collaboration and Interaction

Rockefeller invented the modern bioscience institute, and has spent the past 124 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of laboratory space, where investigators employ the latest technology to answer the most challenging questions in their fields. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation-David Rockefeller River Campus, which opened in 2019 and features the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, provides a state-of-the-art laboratory space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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