

Thursday 23 April | 1pm

Maxim Calver Cello & Kumi Matsuo Piano

Debussy

Cello Sonata

I Prologue
II Sérénade
III Final

Schumann

Adagio and Allegro

Shostakovich

Sonata for cello and piano in D minor Op 40

I Allegro non troppo
II Allegro
III Largo
IV Allegro



Maxim Calver Cello

Praised for the “elegance of his technique, overall sound and natural poeticism” (Charlotte Gardner, *Strad Magazine*), Maxim Calver first gained public recognition as a BBC Young Musician 2018 Grand Finalist and Strings Category winner where he made his concerto debut with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Since the competition he has been in high demand as a soloist across the UK and Europe and in October 2021, he made his European Concerto Debut in the Grosse Saal of the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, where he performed Schumann’s Cello Concerto.

In recent seasons, Maxim has appeared as a soloist in many of Europe’s other leading venues including Tonhalle Zurich, Cadogan Hall, St Johns Smith Square and Kulturcasino Bern. He has also appeared as concerto soloist with the Bath, Stockport, Plymouth, Ipswich, Maidstone and Young Musician Symphony Orchestras, the Orpheus Sinfonia and Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra. As a recitalist he has performed at Bridgewater Hall, Wigmore Hall, Norwich Chapel Concert Series, Kings Lynn Festival, Oranjewoud Festival, Hay Festival and Cambridge Summer Music Festival amongst others.

Kumi Matsuo Piano

Kumi Matsuo is a versatile solo pianist, chamber musician and accompanist. She has won numerous competitions including First Prize in the 6th Isidor Bajic Memorial Piano Competition in Serbia and First Prize in the 5th Louisiana International Piano Competition, USA. She is now on the staff at RCM, working as Duo Coach to the String Faculty, as well as accompanying other instruments.

Kumi studied at the Toho Gakuen College of Music, Tokyo, and then at the Royal College of Music (RCM), London studying with John Blakely and Ashley Wass and completed her studies there with Artist Diploma and Master of Music in Performance with Distinction.

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