

MEMORIES

SAI-HYUN GENIE KIM GAYAGEUM RECITAL APRIL 19 HILL COLLEGE HOUSE

PROGRAM

Refreshments starting at 8:30pm. Korean traditional rice cakes and teas.

Doragy of Hyanggeumsan is a variation of a Korean folk song, Doraji, which means balloon flower roots, arranged for a 25 string gayageum. This piece was arranged by a North Korean composer, Hwanggeumsan.

Wind and River by Junho Lee was composed as an instrumental solo piece for a 25 string gayageum. With fast techniques and western style melodic patterns, this musical piece illustrates a voyage against the wind and river.

Viva La Vida is a very popular pop-song by a British band Cold Play. This song was part of their fourth album which was launched in 2008. Using Korean traditional techniques on the gayageum, Sai-hyun provides a new interpretation of this song.

Snacks / Brief Description of Music

Gayageum Sanjo is a type of traditional solo instrumental music performed with the 12-string sanjo gayageum. It consists of several movements with increasing tempo. Sanjo is a composition focused on rhythm (jangdans), rather than the melody, composers of sanjo do not use harmonics, but rather use various techniques to emphasize jangdans. Korean traditional rhythmic patterns. A number of 'schools' (ryu) are recognized, and usually one individual performs only one ryu in his/her life. The entire sanjo is almost an hour long but shorter versions of Seong geum-ryeon ryu and Kimbyeongho ryu sanjo will be performed in the recital.

Samdo Sul-Janggu-Garrak is an instrumental solo piece of Janggu. The two heads of the hourglass drum produce sounds of different pitch and timbre and the performer can use his or her hands as well as sticks. Variations of Huimori, Dongsalpuri, and Jajinmori jangdans will be performed.

Disney Medley & Starwars Theme Song begins with the theme song from the movie Starwars. The performance then moves on to various Disney songs such as "I Will Make You a Man" from the movie Mulan and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" from the movie Lion King. All of the pieces will be accompanied by two Korean traditional percussion instruments: Janggu and Buk.

Faded Memories by Kyunghoon Park is 25-string gayageum solo that is accompanied by a piano. The main motif of this piece is a tune used in a famous children's game in Korea, "The Mugunghwa Flower Bloomed." Different variations of the motif are accompanied by the piano. Modern harmonics, along with traditional techniques, are employed on the gayageum. The resulting melody is a juxtaposition of the past and the present, effectively evoking nostalgia.

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Thursday, April 19 9:00 pm
REFRESHMENTS Starting at 8:30

Atrium, Hill College House
FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC



Gayageum is a Korean traditional string instrument created 1,500 years ago in Korea. The traditional gayageum has 12 strings that are made of twisted silk fibers. Performers play the instrument by plucking the strings with their hands without any other tools. The gayageum with 25 strings is a modified version of the gayageum that was created in the late 20th century to accommodate the western musical scale. 12 string Sanjo gayageum and 25 string gayageum will be used in today's concert.

Sai-hyun Genie Kim

At the age of 10, Sai-hyun Genie Kim was chosen as the Youngsan Young Gifted Artist and held her first solo recital. At the age of 11, she was selected as the Kumho Prodigy and received benefits of the prestigious program sponsored by Kumho Asiana foundation. She was trained at Gifted Programs offered by the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education. She completed the Traditional Performing Music Gifted Program at Gugak National High School as the valedictorian in the Gayageum division and the Traditional Art Gifted program at National High School of Traditional Korean Arts as the valedictorian in Instrument division. She was awarded at a number of competitions including Kimbeongho-ryu Sanjo Competition, Nangae Music Competition, Haneum Music Competition.

Sai-hyun Genie Kim held solo recitals and today is her 7th solo recital. She also participated more than 20 solo performances at concerts in front of a diverse audience in Singapore, the U.S., Israel, China, and Japan. She also held numerous benefit concerts at nursing homes and hospitals.

She performs Jungak Gayageum, sanjo gayageum, 18 string gayageum and 25 string gayageum and has been an active member of performance groups such as Dream Trio, Cantaville, and Yonguk. Sai-hyun also released an iTunes LP album, "Hyun," with the composer and an EDM single with Delijah a hip-hop artist "breaking dawn."



Accompanists

Piano SUJIN LEE is a senior concentrating in Finance and Statistics with a minor in music. Her musical involvement at Penn includes Penn Symphony Orchestra, Penn Chamber, and PennDure

Janggu NAYEON KIM is a junior concentrating in Finance with a minor in Computer Science. She has been playing the Janggu as a part of PennDure for three years and is currently the captain of PennDure.

Buk CHRIS SONG is a freshmen concentrating in History and German. He has been playing Buk for 4 years and joined PennDure this year.

Janggu JOY KIM is a 8th grader at Bala Cynwyd Middle School. As an active member of Pungmul for 4 years, she had been involved in numerous SamulNori and Nanta Buk performances.



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