

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Matthew Sheppard, *guest conductor*

Xiaomei Xu, *piano*

Foellinger Great Hall

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:30 PM

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SAMUEL BARBER  
(1910-1981)

**Piano Concerto, Op. 38**

*Allegro appassionato*

*Canzone: Moderato*

*Allegro molto*

Xiaomei Xu, piano

BRIEF PAUSE

JOHANNES BRAHMS  
(1833-1897)

**Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98**

*Allegro non troppo*

*Andante moderato*

*Allegro giocoso*

*Allegro energico e appassionato*

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*Violin I*

Luke Brann\*\*  
Xueqi Hu\*  
Alivia Gaskins  
Aleigha Glidewell  
Sarah Goodin  
Jacy Jacobus  
Ashley Kim  
Alice Lee  
Qimao Li  
Bethany McClatchey  
Caleb McCloud  
Kiersten Scherer  
Noel Sims  
Anna Wallace

*Violin II*

HyunJin Baek^^  
Alex Estrella^  
Noel Chi  
Evan Campbell  
Dante Freund  
Yuwen Jin  
Frantz Kjoniksen  
Andrei Nague  
Laurel Walther  
Joyce Wang  
Yu-Hsin Wang  
Cate Winsor  
Juliana Scofield  
Yi Shen  
Junhao Zhang

*Viola*

Ko Shen^^  
Noah Brown^  
Vittorio Causarano  
Stephen Cecil  
Julia Grady  
Angie Howell  
Esteban Jaimes  
Alexa Risley  
Kun Yan  
Kevin Zhao

*Cello*

Maxwell Schultz^^  
Oskar Norell^  
Andrew Albright  
Matthew Brunson  
Chris Von Hoff  
Jayden Lu  
Persis Oaks  
Vikramaditya Rajput  
Indya Reed  
Wyatt Sturm  
Aslan Wang

*Double Bass*

Nathaniel Harcar^^  
Donald Colby  
Garold Fowler  
Todd Gallagher  
Bailey Jagla

*Piccolo*

Destina Sarussi  
Johnatan Torres Tavárez

*Flute*

Yishan Li  
Destina Sarussi  
Johnatan Torres Tavárez

*Oboe*

Gale Creighton  
Jake Hutchinson  
Guadalupe Ramirez

*English Horn*

Jake Hutchinson

*Clarinet*

Sheng Bi  
Lia Pappas  
Justina Wojahn  
Peter Varga

*Bass Clarinet*

Lia Pappas

*Bassoon*

Esteban Avila  
Winfred Felton  
Walter Vinoski

*Contrabassoon*

Walter Vinoski

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**Horn**

Rocio Martinez Acevedo  
Prashant Anand  
Daphne Anderson  
Analisa Cress  
Rebecca Yang

**Trumpet**

Adrian Birge  
Payton Borich  
Simon Heck  
Kevin Kierspe

**Trombone**

Adam Almeter  
Aaron Anderton-Coss  
Nolan White

**Percussion**

Jess Herron  
Asher Hitchings  
Luke Hsiao  
Jon Steeber

**Harp**

Molly Grace Gerk

Victor Yip, *graduate assistant conductor*

*\*\* Concertmaster*

*\*Assistant Concertmaster*

*^^ Section Principal*

*^ Assistant Section Principal*



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The School of Music at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign acknowledges the peoples of these lands, as well as the histories of dispossession that have allowed for the growth of this institution. We share a responsibility to reflect on and actively address these histories and the role that this university has played in shaping them.

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