

Obershaw, Student Union East Building
(SUE aka. Meeting Center)

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:30 PM

The CSUSB Music Department proudly presents the
CSUSB Cello Ensemble Concert

Hear Bach & others on 17 cellos

Artistic Director: Esther Back

Featuring well-known pieces by Bach, beautifully arranged
for cello ensemble—including Pianoguy's *The Cello Song*,
Air on a G String, and more—plus, Prokofiev's March from
Love for Three Oranges, and Márquez's *Danzón*.



CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO

Program

Welcome by CSUSB Cello Ensemble Director, Esther Back

Air on the G string, from Orchestral Suite No. 3,.....Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 1068 (1735-1782)
Adagio Arr. Erinn Renyer
(b. 1970)

English Suite No. 3 in G Minor.....Bach
Prélude Arr. Stephen Watkins

Suite for Unaccompanied Cello No. 6 in D Major, BWV 1012.....Bach
Sarabande Arr. Colin Hampton
(1911-1996)

March from “Love for Three Oranges”.....Sergei Prokofiev
(1891-1953)
Arr. Douglas B. Moore
(b. 1946)

CONCERTINO GROUP

*Cello 1: Annabelle Su, Ninah Chan, Esther Back; Cello 2: Jason Sanchez,
Caleb Baptist; Cello 3: Karina Gomez, Khloé Doss, Adilene Barrios, Leonardo
Sgambelluri; Cello 4: Audrey Stanton, Evan Hesskamp, Circe Diaz Gamero*

The Cello Song: Inspired by Bach's.....Bach
Unaccompanied Cello Suite in G Major, No. 1 Arr. Steven Sharp Nelson
Prélude (b. 1977)

Sheep may safely graze, from Cantata BWV 208.....Bach
Andante Arr. Blaise Déjardin
(b. 1984)

Danzón No. 2.....Arturo Márquez
(b. 1950)
Arr. Sebastian Walnier
(b. 1984)

CSUSB CELLO ENSEMBLE

Jason Sanchez-Cardenas+	Audrey Stanton++
Khloé Doss++	Evan Hesskamp++
Karina Gomez-Torres+	Leonardo Sgambelluri++
Adilene Barrios++	Andrew Rodriguez+
Ninah Chan++	Kellen McNeil+
Caleb J. Baptist++	Shannan Bates++
Annabelle Su++	Jingyi Lu+
Eliana Jeong++	Circe Diaz Gamero*

Prof. Esther Back**

+CSUSB Music Cello Major Student
CSUSB Student

++CSUSB Selected Open University
High School University Program
Student

**Artistic Director of CSUSB Cello
Ensemble

*Professional Cellist

About the Cal State San Bernardino Cello Ensemble

The CSUSB Cello Ensemble provides career development, a wide range of performances, and educational outreach opportunities. The Ensemble performs many different genres of music and a wide range of classical music (both original, great, and familiar arrangements) that is more challenging than typical orchestral music. We provide a fun environment where cellists play together and bring out the sound and capabilities of the cello. We would like to develop cellists, bring out their highest levels every season, and perform concerts at prestigious venues! This ensemble is modeled after the elite professional chamber cello group (consisting of twelve members) formed by the members of the Berlin Philharmonic and London Cello Orchestra.

In order to assure the highest level of performance and musicianship, the Ensemble provides master classes/workshops that feature world-renowned professional artists/cellists and highly-respected instructors. The group also consistently provides opportunities to perform with professional artists and faculty-in-residence at CSUSB, which constitutes significant experience for these students.

The Ensemble provides unique opportunities for cellists to perform as SOLOISTS within an orchestral setting before local, national, and international venues and audiences. Each year, the Cello Ensemble holds a Solo Concerto Competition to identify a talented and deserving student who will perform a concert/solo piece with the Cello Orchestra. The Ensemble is dedicated to challenging and motivating students to bring out their potential to be outstanding young musicians and help them with their artistic and professional development.

The Orange County Cello Ensemble, the director's former premier cello ensemble group, was synonymous with passion and dedication. As its artistic director, Ms. Back helped guide the OCCE members on to prestigious colleges and helped them have bright futures and/or amazingly successful careers. These members won prestigious awards and have contributed unmatched service to their communities. We welcome you into this distinguished group and look forward to the impact you will make as a future Ensemble member for this upcoming academic year.

****Esther Back** is an acclaimed cellist known not only for her solo, orchestral, and chamber performances but also as an avid educator and outreach advocate. A pupil of world-renowned cellist and viol player Jaap ter Linden, Back studied at Frankfurt University as a youth and came to America years later. As an avid teacher, Ms. Back serves as a faculty member at CSU/San Bernardino and has a large private studio; her students have won top awards at various music competitions: soloist opportunities with professional orchestras and invitations to regularly perform at prestigious venues. In addition, she is the founder, artistic director, and conductor for the Cal State San Bernardino Cello Ensemble. Under her numerous years of direction, her former Orange County Cello Ensemble (OCCE)—which she also founded—performed live on 88.9 KUCI frequently, as well as at Walt Disney Hall and prestigious venues in France. Back also produced the professional CD album, "Miracle of the Cellos." Esther Back began her professional orchestral career in 2007, winning positions as cellist with the San Bernardino Symphony and other noteworthy ensembles. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Cello Performance at California State University, Fullerton and a Master of Music degree in Cello Performance at the University of Redlands. At the present time she is working toward a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Historical Performance Practices (Baroque Cello and Viola da Gamba) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology at Claremont Graduate University.

WINNERS OF CSUSB CELLO ENSEMBLE SEMI-ANNUAL SOLO AUDITION

(Spring 2022) • High school division: First Place, Annabelle Su

(Fall 2021) • College division: First Place, Jason Sanchez-Cardenas (\$300.00 Scholarship); Second Place, Karina Gomez-Torres
• High school division: First Place, Caleb J. Baptist
• Junior division: First Place, Sophie Lu

Congratulations!

JOIN CSUSB CELLO ENSEMBLE

- Transferable university/college credits available - Please email to receive forms to complete the registration (high school students are eligible to apply for both Open University and CSUSB high school University Program)
- Auditions are required for interested high school/volunteer students (middle school students are acceptable - but must audition)
- Rehearses weekly every semester 7:00 - 8:50 p.m. on Tuesday (upcoming Spring Semester: January 23 – May 9, 2023)
- Offers soloist opportunities (Semi-annual solo audition)
- Admission into a Cello Ensemble group is by audition only and non-majors are welcome.
- All inquiries including auditions, please contact Professor Esther Back at Esther.Back@csusb.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m. Mixed Chamber Music Concert, Obershaw, CSUSB Student Union-East Building

November 30, and December 1, 2022, 7:30 p.m. Holiday Gala Concert, Obershaw, CSUSB SUE

April 30, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Cello Ensemble Season Concert, Richard Nixon Presidential Library as part of its Sunday Concert Series, Yorba Linda, California

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