



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
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MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

2025/26 SEASON

Senior Recital

Zoe Buff

Violin

Music / Psychology (BA)

Class of 2026

4:00 PM

Friday, May 1st, 2026

Florence Harkness Memorial Chapel

11200 Bellflower Road Cleveland, OH

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PROGRAM

Sonata for Solo Violin in D Major, Op. 115

Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)

- I. Moderato
- II. Andante dolce
- III. Con brio

Zoe Buff, violin

Five Pieces for Two Violins and Piano

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

- I. Prelude
- II. Gavotte
- III. Elegy
- IV. Waltz
- V. Polka

Zoe Buff, violin
Stephen Sims, viola
Austin Lu, piano

Piano Trio, Op. 24

Mieczysław Weinberg (1919-1996)

- II. Toccata

Zoe Buff, violin
Noah Allemeier, cello
Eric Zhang, piano

- INTERMISSION -

Piano Forte Quartet, Op. 67

Joaquín Turina (1882-1949)

- III. Andante

Zoe Buff, violin
Sophie Lynch, viola
Jaeden Glace, cello
Austin Lu, piano

Berceuse, Op. 16

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Zoe Buff, violin
Eric Zhang, piano

String Octet in E-Flat Major, Op. 20

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

- IV. Presto

Zoe Buff, violin
Oscar Heft, violin
Angela Tsang, violin
Nikolas Scheiber-Loeis, violin
Sophie Lynch, viola
Bella Montemore, viola
Jojo Fujiwara, cello
Luisa Parker, cello

ABOUT THE PERFORMER



Zoe Buff is a third-year Music and Psychology double major at CWRU studying violin with Dr. Stephen Sims. She is the President of the Music Undergraduate Student Involvement Committee and is a part of the Case/University Circle Symphony Orchestra, as well as CWRU's String and Piano Chamber Music ensembles. Before coming to CWRU, Zoe participated in the New York Youth Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Music programs, and she was the concertmaster of the Stuyvesant High School Orchestra. She also performed in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center as a winner of the Young Musicians Program chamber music competition for two seasons. Zoe has played violin for 16 years and hopes to continue music while pursuing a career in clinical social work. After graduating from CWRU in May, she will be completing her Master's in Social Work at Columbia University. In her spare time, Zoe likes to write songs, help her siblings with their homework, and travel.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Recital: Catherine Esper

May 3rd, 1-3pm at Harkness Chapel

Featuring pieces by Franck, Elgar, Debussy & Fairuz

Senior Recital: Noah Allemeier

May 9th, 4-6pm at Harkness Chapel

Featuring pieces by Weinberg, Allemeier & Britten

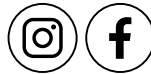
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