



THE COLOR OF MUSIC

Cello Society of Southern Utah Spring Concert

May 8, 2021 (Saturday), 2:00pm

YouTube Live

Kelly McConkie Stewart, *featured soloist*

Dr. Ka-Wai Yu, *music director*

PROGRAM

Suite from Abdelazer, Z. 570

Henry Purcell (arr. Y. Takuji)

I. Overture

II. Rondo

Irish Folk Song

Traditional

Moo-Lee Hua

Chinese Traditional (arr. Joanne Martin)

Mexican Hat Dance

Arr. Eva Niño

Original Music Theme to Schindler's List

John Williams (arr. David Johnstone)

Après un Rêve, Op. 7 No. 1

Gabriel Fauré (arr. Ka-Wai Yu)

Kelly McConkie Stewart, cello solo

Tritsch-Tratsch Polka

Johann Strauss Jr. (arr. David Johnstone)

What a Wonderful World

Bob Thiele (arr. Nick Halsey)

Secrets

Stephen Mitton

Élégie, Op. 24

Gabriel Fauré (arr. Gwyn Seymour)

Kelly McConkie Stewart, cello solo

Sousa March Medley

John Philip Sousa (arr. Gene Milford)

The Stars and Strips Forever

John Philip Sousa (arr. Scott McGlasson)

BIOGRAPHIES



Kelly McConkie Stewart graduated summa cum laude from the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College in New York (SUNY Purchase). She finished her master's recital 7 months pregnant and the cello still fit; but just barely. Later as an active musician in the Washington D.C. area Kelly played with the National Opera at the Kennedy Center. Her favorite paystubs EVER are the royalty checks from NPR when the operas she played in were later broadcast on Sunday radio.

Kelly is a dedicated teacher and educator. She LOVES teaching. She runs a full studio in her home in Millcreek and is also part of the Gifted Music School's faculty in downtown Salt Lake City. Between practicing with her children (her love

language) and teaching, she can be found running the trails of Millcreek Canyon with her dog Redd.



Dr. Ka-Wai Yu is Assistant Professor of Music at Dixie State University, where he teaches cello and string chamber music. He has served as adjudicator, guest-conducted, and offered master classes regularly at high schools and youth orchestras in the Southwest and Midwest. He is a member of the Zion Trio, Ensemble Finesse and the period-instrument ensemble Cosmopolitan Baroque. Currently the Principal Cellist of Southwest Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Yu has performed at major concert halls in Canada, China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States. Dr. Yu is President of the Utah American String Teachers Association and President of the Cello Society of Southern Utah. He is the Founder and Director of the DSU Cello Festival. Dr. Yu obtained his Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello Performance and Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also holds degrees from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Indiana

University's Jacobs School of Music.

Cello Society of Southern Utah

The Cello Society of Southern Utah (CSSU) was founded in February 2016. Our mission is to promote the magic of the cello through educative and supportive group playing and performances for cellists coming from various musical backgrounds. The CSSU Cello Ensemble brings together cellists from Southern Utah and surrounding areas to explore the exciting multi-cello repertoire in ensembles. Past performances of the ensemble have included appearances at the Dixie State University Cello Festival, the Utah American String Teachers Association Conference, Dickens Festival in St. George, as well as performances at the Center for the Arts at Kayenta, Southern Utah Veterans Home, Southern Utah Museum of Art, the Historic Pine Valley Chapel and local churches.



We welcome cellists of **all levels** and **all ages** to join us. The CSSU Cello Ensemble meets regularly at the Eccles Fine Arts Center on DSU campus. We also organize workshop sessions such as master classes, beginners' cello classes and stretching-physical warm-ups. Website: www.southernutahcello.org
Please talk to any of us or email us at: cello.s.utah@gmail.com if you are interested to join the ensemble.

CSSU CELLO ENSEMBLE ROSTER

Cello 1

*Peter Romney
Ethan Allen
Jessie Combs
Leslie Jack
Max Torres

Cello 2

*Brent Pettit
Ami Dutson
Ann Evans
Heather Housley
Debra Vradenburg
Clara Whittaker

Cello 3

*MaryAnn Oram
Joseph Ferguson
Sofia Heizer
Ben Krieger
Peggy Lambert
Kent McDonald

Cello 4

*Kamille Brooks
Connie von Behren
Dona Lee
Mia Taylor
Aliana Thunell

*Section Leaders