



College of Music
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTIST-FACULTY AND GUEST RECITAL SERIES
Sponsored by WKAR

Oboe Romances

Nermis Mieses, oboe
Xavier Suarez, piano

Saturday, February 14, 2026
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Fantasy Pieces, Op. 2
Romance
Humoresque

Carl Nielsen
(1865–1931)

Three Romances, Op. 22
Andante molto
Allegretto
Leidenschaftlich schnell

Clara Schumann
(1819–1896)

Intermission

Three Romances, Op. 94
Nicht schnell
Eifach, innig
Nicht schnell

Robert Schumann
(1810–1856)

Suite for Oboe and Piano, Op. 16
Prelude
Pastorale
Epilogue

Robert Henriques
(1858–1914)

ARTIST FACULTY BIOS

Nermis Mieses is faculty at Michigan State University and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. Formerly, she taught at Bowling Green State University, performed as Principal Oboe of the Detroit Opera and served as Chair of the IDRS Gillet-Fox International Competition for Oboe. Her artistry has been recognized by the University of Michigan Paul Boylan Alumni Award, the Barbirolli International Oboe Competition, the First International Oboe Competition of FEMUSC, and others. She is an active competition juror, recitalist, and masterclass presenter in America and abroad. She has performed with Sphinx, Chineke!, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and several regional orchestras in Ohio and Michigan. Her debut album, "Oboe in Hues", features solo oboe pieces by the French oboist-composer Gilles Silvestrini. In her native country of Puerto Rico, she earned a BM from the Conservatory of Music. Her MM and DMA degrees are from the University of Michigan under Nancy Ambrose King

Xavier Suarez is a collaborative pianist at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival and an active recitalist with instrumentalists and singers throughout the United States. He also performs as a substitute musician with regional orchestras including the Grand Rapids Symphony, Toledo Symphony, Michigan Philharmonic, and Battle Creek Symphony. He established Teclado Music Institute to provide high-quality piano instruction for students of all ages and appears on the album *Whispers of Faith* with oboist Amanda Withrow.

Previously, he served as Music Director and Young Artist with Pensacola Opera and worked as a vocal coach and keyboardist with the Manhattan Summer Voice Festival. He has also worked as pianist and organist for Olivet Lutheran Church and as pianist for the Bowling Green High School and University Choirs in Ohio. Mr. Suarez holds Master of Music degrees in Collaborative Piano from the University of Michigan (Martin Katz) and in Piano Performance from Eastern Michigan University (Garik Pedersen).

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- **Linn Van Dyne and Mike Knox** (Happy Birthday Mozart!)
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Cook Recital Hall, 3:00 p.m. \$

2/20 Friday

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Professors of Jazz

Murray Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/22 Sunday

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Lunar New Year

Cook Recital Hall, 3:00 p.m. \$

2/24 Tuesday

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Chance Huiet, tuba

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/25 Wednesday

Concert Band & Campus Band

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/26 Thursday

Concert Orchestra: Spotlight and Spirit

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

3/13 Friday

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Fantasies for Strings and Piano – I-Fu Wang, violin

Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

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Pasant Theatre, 3:00 p.m. \$\$

3/15 Sunday

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Peter Skyes, organ

Alumni Chapel, 3:00 p.m. \$

3/16 Monday

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Dialogues for Cello – Suren Bagratuni, cello

Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

3/17 Tuesday

Symphony Band

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

3/19 Thursday

Wind Symphony

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

3/20 Friday

Symphony Orchestra: Honors Concert

Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

3/23 Monday

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Schubert's Last Sonatas – Ralph Votapek, piano

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