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Dialogues for Cello and Piano

Suren Bagratuni, cello
Soojin Kim, piano

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Monday, March 16, 2026
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Fantasiestücke, Op. 73
Zart und mit Ausdruck
Lebhaft, leicht
Rasch und mit Feuer

Robert Schumann
(1810–1856)
trans. Friedrich Grützmacher

Sonata in C Major, Op. 119
Andante grave
Moderato
Allegro, ma non troppo

Sergei Prokofiev
(1891–1953)

Intermission

Sonata No. 2 in F Major, Op. 99
Allegro vivace
Adagio affettuoso
Allegro passionato
Allegro molto

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Suren Bagratuni, cello
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ARTIST-FACULTY BIO

Suren Bagratuni, professor of cello at the MSU College of Music – winner of the Silver Medal at the 1986 International Tchaikovsky Competition while still a student at the Moscow Conservatory – has gone on to a distinguished international career as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. Born in Yerevan, Armenia, Professor Bagratuni began his musical education there at the age of six. After winning several national and international competitions, he continued his studies at the Moscow Conservatory and later in the United States at the New England Conservatory of Music. Performing since age ten and as a soloist since age thirteen, he has appeared in solo recitals and as a soloist with all the major orchestras in the former Soviet Union, throughout Europe, North and South America, Asia, and South Africa. His chamber music appearances have included invitations to major festivals throughout North, South, and Central America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Mr. Bagratuni has been invited to judge and chair in numerous international competitions such as Tchaikovsky, ISANGYUN, and Khachaturian, to name a few. Recently, Mr. Bagratuni has been awarded Honorary Professorship in the State Conservatories of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. He has won critical acclaim for his recordings on several labels, and he is artistic director of MSU's Ken and Sandy Beall Cello Plus Chamber Music Festival, and founder of International Music Academy in Todi, Italy.

STUDENT BIO

Soojin Kim, a South Korean pianist, is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Collaborative Piano at Michigan State University under Professor Deborah Moriarty and Dr. Zhihua Tang. She holds degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM) and Seoul National University. A prizewinner in prestigious competitions including the Fryderyk Chopin and Beethoven competitions in Seoul, she has performed concertos in Italy, Austria, Russia, and South Korea. A dedicated educator, she holds a Pedagogy Certificate from CIM, serves on the piano faculty at the Flint Institute of Music, and continues to perform as a soloist and chamber musician.

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- Leonard and Sharon Tabaka (Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert)
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- Dr. Robert W. Uphaus and Dr. Lois M. Rosen (Symphonic Dialogues; Four Seasons; Beethoven; Happy Birthday Mozart!; Yehuda/Warren, Jan. 29; Bagratuni, Mar. 16; and Bagratuni, Mar. 31)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Artist-Faculty and Guest Recital Series sponsored by WKAR

Schubert's Last Sonatas – Ralph Votapek, piano

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

3/25 Wednesday, 3/27 Friday, 3/28 Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

3/29 Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

Worthington Family Foundation Opera Theatre Season

Opera: Rossini and Puccini

Fairchild Theatre \$\$\$

3/26 Thursday

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Eriyns Quartet

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

3/30 Monday

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Piano Etudes: A Musical Journey Through Time

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

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3/31 Tuesday

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Bach Cello Suites

Alumni Chapel, 7:00 p.m. \$

4/2 Thursday

Viridis & Campus Choir

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

4/7 Tuesday

Mosaic & Singing Spartans

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

4/12 Sunday

Competition – Barbara Wagner

Wagner Chamber Music Competition

Cook Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m. \$

4/13 Monday

Joanne and Bill Church West Circle Series

West Circle Series: USA at 250 Years

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

4/14 Tuesday

Sensory Friendly Concert

Community Music School, 10:00 a.m., free

4/15 Wednesday

Percussion Ensemble

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