

## Lauren Murray

Raised in the city of Duarte, Lauren is a 17-year-old soprano homeschooled through Excellence In Education Academy. She's been attending the Pasadena Conservatory of Music since she was 9 years old, while also attending different co-ops, such as Monrovia Calvary Chapel and Fundamentals Academy. Lauren has been studying with Mrs. Jennifer Weiss for the past two years. She's also engaged with her church choir, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. Outside the study of music, she enjoys painting, sketching, along with spending time with friends and family. She hopes to achieve a career in Mortgage Finance after high school.

### Special Thanks

First off, I'd like to thank my amazing parents for making all of this possible. They kept me going all these 8 years and encouraged me to keep singing even when I didn't want to. You guys are, and forever will be, my biggest supporters. I love you both dearly. Secondly, I'd like to give a big thanks to my amazing vocal teacher, Mrs Jennifer Weiss. Thank you for making me love and appreciate the art of music again. I'm forever grateful for all that you've taught me. You're a wonderful role model with a beautiful passion for music. A "thanks" doesn't do much, but it'll have to suffice for now. Lastly, a big thanks to the conservatory, for giving me the opportunities to present my voice! None of this would be possible without you all! Thank you!

## Sirius Tao

Sirius (Sirui) Tao is a senior in the EMMI program at Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences. He is currently studying with Megan Shung at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, where he actively performs. He has played the violin for 8 years, beginning his journey as a solo violinist in China. After moving to the US for his studies in fifth grade, Sirius has played in many Chamber groups as well as the EMMI chamber orchestra. Outside of music, Sirius enjoys film, philosophy, graphic design, and computer science. Other than the violin, Sirius also plays the piano and guitar, as well as transcribes/arranges music from his favorite media.

### Special Thanks

I'd like to give special thanks to my teacher, Megan Shung, whose exceptional guidance has played a pivotal role in shaping me into the violinist I am today. Megan's superb instruction, invaluable advice, and unwavering support beyond our lessons have propelled my musical growth far beyond what I could have envisioned in just two short years. I would also like to thank my family for their support in my endeavors, as well as my friends from Crossroads who came all the way from Santa Monica to show their support.



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# Lauren Murray and Sirius Tao Senior Recital

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Barrett Hall**

## PROGRAM

Tout gai! M. Ravel  
Au bord de l'eau G. Fauré

Lauren Murray, soprano

Partita No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1004 J. S. Bach  
I. Allemand

Sirius Tao, violin

Pregúntale a las estrellas arr. E. Kilenyi  
La calle de la paloma arr. E. Kilenyi

Lauren Murray, soprano

Concerto No. 3 in G Major, K.216 W. A. Mozart  
I. Allegro

Sirius Tao, violin

Alma del core A. Caldara  
Nel cor più non mi sento G. Paisiello

Lauren Murray, soprano

Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 M. Bruch  
I. Allegro moderato  
II. Adagio

Sirius Tao, violin

Early in the Morning N. Rorem  
Sure on This Shining Night S. Barber

Lauren Murray, soprano

Csárdás V. Monti

Sirius Tao, violin

Autumn Leaves J. Kosma  
California and Me Laufey

Lauren Murray, soprano  
Sirius Tao, violin  
Dr. Kelly Anderson, piano



*Special thanks to tonight's collaborative pianist, Dr. Kelly Anderson.*

*Reception to follow in Room 400.*