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*A Distinguished Major Recital*

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**Amelia Bailey**

*violin*

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with

**Shelby Sender, *piano***

Saturday, March 27, 2021

3:30 pm

Old Cabell Hall

University of Virginia

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Charles S. Roberts Scholarship Fund.***

Established in 2004 by the generosity of Mr. Alan Y. Roberts ('64) and Mrs. Sally G. Roberts, the Charles S. Roberts Scholarship Fund underwrites the private lessons and recital costs for undergraduate music majors giving a recital in their fourth year as part of a Distinguished Major Program in music.

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# Recital Program

Amelia Bailey, *violin*

Roma Folk Dances  
*Villages Tunes of the Hungarian Roma*

Daniel Sender  
(b. 1982)

- I. Ha elvettél, tartsá (Öcsöd)
- II. I canka uj Anna (Püspökladány)
- III. Hallgató (Mezőkovácsháza) for Violin Solo
- IV. Ének (Püspökladány)
- V. Jaj, anyám, a vakaró (Csenyéte)

Shelby Sender, *piano*

Sonata for Two Violins

Sergei Prokofiev  
(1891-1953)

- I. Andante cantabile
- IV. Allegro con brio

Lauren Schmidt, *violin*

*Tzigane*

Maurice Ravel  
(1875-1937)

Shelby Sender, *piano*

**~Intermission~**

Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47

Jean Sibelius  
(1865-1957)

- I. Allegro Moderato
- II. Adagio di molto
- III. Allegro, ma non tanto

Shelby Sender, *piano*

# About the Performers



Amelia is a fourth-year at the University of Virginia pursuing a double major in Environmental Science and Music with a Performance Concentration. She began playing violin at age three and studied with Jennifer Kim and Ricardo Cyncynates, both from the National Symphony Orchestra, before college.

At UVA, Amelia is a member of the Charlottesville Symphony, participates in chamber music (currently in the Jupiter Quartet), and takes private lessons with Daniel Sender, concertmaster of the Charlottesville Symphony. In May of last year, she was named the 2020 Distinguished

Artist in Music, awarded by the UVA Arts Council. Amelia is also the co-chair of the 2019-2021 Music Arts Board, a student-run board which plans and hosts an artistic residency to benefit the music department, UVA, and the greater Charlottesville community.

Before college, Amelia's free time was similarly consumed by music. She played in the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras and was a fellow in the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship program at the Kennedy Center, where she performed in many solo, chamber, and orchestral concerts. These programs also gave her opportunities to perform at venues such as the Italian and Russian embassies, the National Gallery of Art, and Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center, as well as to perform with groups such as The Piano Guys and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Amelia has performed in masterclasses with violinists such as soloist Chee-Yun, Lisa-Beth Lambert of the NSO, Alexander Kerr, concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, soloist Joseph Lin, and others.

Pre-pandemic, Amelia's preferred summer pastime was attending music festivals and camps, her favorites have included Luzerne Music Center, Curtis Institute of Music Summerfest, the NSO's Summer Music Institute, and The National Orchestral Institute at UMD.

After graduating, Amelia plans to attend graduate school for music with the goal of getting a Masters of Music degree. She is currently waiting to hear back from schools with admission results and will make a decision soon. Other than music, Amelia's hobbies include photography, fishkeeping, doting on her dog, and knitting (poorly).



Shelby Sender received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Performance at the University of Maryland in 2013. She is active as both a solo and collaborative pianist. She has performed at both the Hungarian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the Hungarian Ambassador's Residence. A faculty member of Crescendo, a classical music festival located in Tokaj, Hungary

each summer, she is also a co-founder and the accompanist for Mosaic Children's Choir in Charlottesville. In March 2012, she performed in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as a part of the Adamant School of Music's 70th Anniversary Concert. Shelby was featured in a 2011 festival at Ithaca College commemorating the 200th anniversary of Franz Liszt's birth, and she recently gave world premieres of works by Walter Gieseeking at the American Musicological Society's 2009 annual conference. She frequently works with the Charlottesville Opera as well as Victory Hall Opera and has appeared on multiple occasions with the Annapolis Chamber Players. She can be heard on a Centaur recording of unpublished works by Walter Gieseeking, playing both solo and chamber music.

In 2018, Dr. Sender was sent by the Sister Cities Commission to Pleven Bulgaria to represent Charlottesville in concert. She studied during the 2010/2011 academic year under Kálmán Dráfi at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest. She gave performances in Bartók Hall at the Institute for Musicology and the Régi Zeneakadémia at the Franz Liszt Memorial House and Museum in Hungary, as well as the Haus der Kulturen der Welt and the Universität der Kunste in Berlin.

Shelby received her Master of Music degree from the University of Maryland and her Bachelor of Music degree from Ithaca College. She is the co-founder for Mosaic Children's Choir, a group that incorporates movement, drama, dance, and performs in non-traditional spaces. Until recently, she was the coordinator for the class piano program at the

University of Maryland, where she also taught class piano and gave private lessons to piano minors. She currently maintains a private studio in Central Virginia and works as the choral and orchestral pianist at St. Anne's-Belfield in Charlottesville. Recent teachers include Bradford Gowen, Read Gainsford, and Jennifer Hayghe.



Lauren Schmidt is a third-year UVA student double-majoring in Music and Chemistry with ACS Certification. She grew up in Westport, Connecticut and began playing the violin at age 9, studying with Denise Chividian and Asya Meshberg. Since then, she has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Boston Symphony Hall, and Lincoln Center. She was the concertmaster of the Norwalk Youth Symphony from 2016-2018 and had the opportunity to tour with the orchestra, performing concerts in Germany, the Czech Republic, and Austria.

Lauren is also an avid chamber musician, having played both violin and viola in the Ariston String Quartet, the Apollo String Quartet, and the Jupiter String Quartet since 2015. She has participated in the Skidmore String Festival, the Music Mountain Festival, and the Chamber Music Institute for Young Musicians in Stamford, Connecticut. Currently, Lauren performs with the Charlottesville Symphony, plays viola in two chamber groups, and studies violin with Professor Daniel Sender, the concertmaster of the Charlottesville Symphony. She has participated in masterclasses led by cellist Colin Carr, the Ying Quartet, the Miro Quartet, and violinist Joseph Lin, among others. In her free time, Lauren enjoys hiking, reading, crocheting (which is better than knitting), and playing with her cat.

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