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Merkin Hall at Kaufman Music Center
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Kaufman Music Center
presents

Fast Forward: Performers from Special Music School's 7th & 8th Grade

FRANZ LISZT

Concert Paraphrase on Verdi's *Rigoletto*

SOPHIA SHAO, *piano* 7th Grade

Student of Natela Mchedlishvili

FREDERIC CHOPIN/
LEOPOLD GODOWSKY

Etude No. 39 in G-flat major

COBIE BUCKMIRE, *piano* 7th Grade

Student of Irina Morozova

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33

I. Allegro non troppo

GRIFFIN FROST, *cello* 7th Grade

Student of Nicole Johnson

DAVID FROST, *piano*

FRANZ LISZT

Three Concert Etudes, No. 2

La Leggerezza

ROSALIA MALIK, *piano* 8th Grade

Student of Natela Mchedlishvili

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Abegg Variations, Op. 1

ANNA KESSELMAN, *piano* 8th Grade

Student of Natela Mchedlishvili

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ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

Romance in F minor, Op. 11

YUMI PARK, *violin* 8th Grade

Student of Viktor Basis

YADI LIANG, *piano*

FRANZ LISZT

**Transcendental Etude No. 12 in B-flat minor
"Chasse-Neige"**

PHILINA ZHANG, *piano* 8th Grade

Student of Irina Morozova



About Special Music School

Special Music School at Kaufman Music Center (P.S. 859) is the first and only public school in the United States that combines a full academic program with performance-oriented music training during the regular school day starting in Kindergarten. The music program includes private instrumental lessons and classes in music theory, history and chorus. The academic program emphasizes an integrated learning approach that develops problem-solving skills through hands-on cooperative learning experiences. The dedicated staff and faculty are committed to helping each child realize his/her full potential musically, academically, and socially.

Founded in 1996, Special Music School is a unique public/private partnership between Kaufman Music Center, which is responsible for the music program and provides each student with a unique and robust music program, and the New York City Department of Education, which provides the academic program. The music program is fully funded by Kaufman Music Center through private contributions. As with all public schools, tuition is free to residents of the residents of the five boroughs of New York City. The K-8 program is located at Kaufman Music Center, 129 W. 67th St. in Manhattan.

The teachers at Special Music School expect the students to achieve on a high level in both academics and music. Because of the dual focus of the curriculum, students and their parents should be prepared to work longer and harder towards meeting the educational goals. Successful continuation at the school is contingent upon consistent progress in all elements of the curriculum, including music classes such as music theory and chorus.

Parental support is essential. This support includes setting daily time aside to monitor and supervise music practice in addition to providing guidance on academic and music homework assignments. A music background on the part of either parent is not necessary.

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