

Douglas College Music Department presents

# THE ARTS AT ONE

## VIRTUOSO TRANSCRIPTIONS WITH THE MEEKS DUO

Scott Meek, piano  
Clare Yuan, piano

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Douglas College

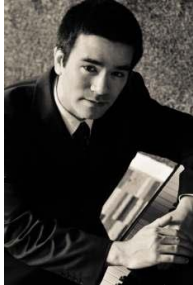
# PROGRAMME

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| Variations on Autumn Leaves       | Joseph Kosma (1905-1969)<br>(arr. Scott Meek)            |
| Invierno Porteño (Winter)         | Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)<br>(arr. Kyoko Yamamoto)     |
| Variations on Sakura-Sakura       | Traditional<br>arr. Scott Meek                           |
| Verano Porteño (Summer)           | Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)<br>(arr. Kyoko Yamamoto)     |
| Smoke Gets in Your Eyes           | Jerome Kern (1885-1945)/Igor Frolov<br>(arr. Scott Meek) |
| Variations on the Wedding Marches | Scott Meek   |

## ABOUT TODAY'S PERFORMERS

<https://thameeksduo.com/>

### DR. SCOTT MEEK



Described by the Winnipeg Free Press as a “consummate musician” who plays with “near-impossible fluidity” and “total physical involvement and passion,” Canadian pianist Scott Meek is a highly active and sought-after collaborative pianist, chamber musician, and teacher in Vancouver, British Columbia. His extensive repertoire of collaborative works includes over 170 complete concertos and sonatas.

Scott Meek's solo career highlights include three national first prizes (in the Shean Competition, the Knigge Competition, and the FCMF National Music Festival), and top prizes in the Cincinnati World Piano Competition, the Corpus Christi International Competition, and the Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition. Meek has performed as soloist with the Edmonton, Toronto, and Winnipeg Symphony Orchestras, as well as with several orchestras in the USA.

Scott Meek has performed as a chamber musician in many series around British Columbia, including regular concert tours as the Meeks Duo with his wife, pianist Clare Yuan, and with violin virtuoso Oleg Pokhanovski. Meek has performed in prestigious halls all over the world, including the Taiwan National Concert Hall (Taipei, Taiwan), Kennedy Centre (Washington, DC), Roy Thompson Hall (Toronto, ON), Winspear Centre (Edmonton, AB), and Centennial Concert Hall (Winnipeg, MB).

Scott Meek's childhood teacher in Winnipeg, Manitoba was Carole Pollard, a very active collaborative pianist and a strong influence on Meek's current musical lifestyle. Meek attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, to earn his Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts (East Asian Studies) degrees, studying under Alvin Chow. At the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Scott Meek received his Master of Music and Doctor of Music degrees, studying under the world-renowned pianist and founding member of the Beaux-Arts Trio, Menahem Pressler.

### CLARE YUAN



The winner Vancouver Women's Musical Society Bursary competition, pianist Chia-Hui Clare Yuan is currently studying with legendary pianists Kenneth Broadway and Ralph Markham.

Clare has been active and invited to many music series in western Canada, including Capilano University Cap Classics, West Vancouver Community Arts Council, Qualicum Beach Music on Sunday, Valley CrossWay. While in school, Clare made her debut as soloist with the Metropolitan Philharmonic of New York Orchestra, performing the Brahms D minor piano concerto. She took on the role of conductor to lead the Vancouver Orchestra Club Symphony for the 2013/2014 winter concert season. Her passionate conducting was loved by the audience. She has been actively involved in performing with the clarinet, cello and piano ensemble, Trio Dolce. Soon after her wedding in

2013, she formed the Meeks Duo with her husband, pianist Dr. Scott Meek. They enjoy spreading the fun of four-hands piano music.

Clare was under the guidance of the famous Canadian pianist Jane Coop, who was the head of the piano department at University of British Columbia. Clare received her Master of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York, studying with Dr. Arkady Aronov. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Victoria, studying with Professor Eva Solar-Kinderman.

Clare is currently residing in Vancouver, Canada with her husband. She is an active performer and she has been a frequent guest on FairChild Radio and FairChild Television discussing topics about music learning. She also runs her own piano studio, with the hopes of inspiring young talents to find their love for music.