



44th Annual Seminar on Contemporary Music for the Young

March 31 - April 2, 2023

The Rivers School Conservatory's (RSC) Contemporary Seminar began in 1975 and has become the model for many such events throughout the United States and the world. It has featured collaborations with renowned composers including John Cage, Joan Tower, and Chen Yi. More than 3,000 works have been performed, representing nearly 2,000 composers and 720 premieres. Year after year, the seminar brings together a multigenerational audience of musicians, composers, educators, and music-lovers.

This year's seminar will feature award-winning composer and Berklee College of Music professor Andrew List. RSC faculty and student recitals, premieres of smaller commissions (including one by Rivers School alumna Apsi Balamurugan '20), and a roundtable discussion with panelists representing A Far Cry, Berklee College of Music, and Castle of our Skins will lead to the world premiere of List's commissioned work *The Dignified Heart for Piano Trio: A Tribute to Three Human Rights Leaders*.

FRIDAY

3/31

7:30 PM: Faculty Recital

Featured composers are Deborah Yardley Beers, Grigor Arakelian, Jeremy Siskind, Frank A. Wallace, John Plant, and Andrew List.

SATURDAY

4/1

1:30 PM: Student Recital

Featured composers: Valentina Joseph (Rivers School & RSC student), Valerie Bai (RSC student), Apsara Balamurugan* (RSC Alumnus), Dan Shore*, and seven Berklee College of Music student composers.

3:00 PM: Roundtable Discussion

Panelists Ashleigh Gordon, Francesca McNeeley, Jeffrey Means, and Yoon-Ji Lee will discuss contemporary music pedagogy through ways music teachers can introduce students to contemporary music and how to encourage young musicians to embrace musical languages they don't currently listen to. Commissioned composer Andrew List will be the moderator.

5:00 PM: Student Recital

Featured composers include Sarah Tenney (RSC faculty), Andrew List, Tomás Peire Serrate, and Viet Cuong.

SUNDAY

4/2

1:00 PM: Student Recital

Program includes works by Dianne Goolkasian Rahbee, Aleksey Igudesman, Gavin Armstrong (RSC student), Hans Zimmer, and Andrew List.

3:00 PM: Student Recital

Featured composers include Derek Jacoby*, Andrew List, Ivan Trevino, Tomás Peire Serrate, and three Berklee College of Music student composers.

5:00 PM: Student Recital

Featured composers include Adalia Wen (Rivers School & RSC student), Whitman Brown, Stefanie Lubkowski*, Brittney Benton*, and the newly commissioned piece by Andrew List: *The Dignified Heart for Piano Trio: A Tribute to Three Human Rights Leaders*.

**Small Commission Composers*