

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES

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Friday, January 24
12:00 p.m.



DR. WENDY WAN-HSING CHU piano

Suite Bergamasque

Prélude
Menuet
Clair de lune
Passepied

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

La Valse, poème chorégraphique pour orchestra

Maurice Ravel
(1875-1937)

Established pianist and pedagogue **DR. WENDY WAN-HSING CHU** has been teaching and performing for over two decades. She started playing the piano at age four, when her mother bought her a new upright Kawai which she used throughout her college years. Originally from Taiwan, Dr. Chu has performed in solo and chamber recitals in Austria, Canada, Taiwan, and the United States. She has made appearance in festivals, concert series, master classes, and has been featured on PBS. A recording artist, Dr. Chu has made recordings with vocalist Nicholas Allen, saxophonist Mandy Grezeszak, and pianist Jeanne Hanley Thelen. A dedicated educator, she employs her training in Alexander Technique and the Taubman Approach to help students overcome technical limitations and prevent injuries, bringing out the music within them. Dr. Chu earned her Master of Music degree in piano performance and music education from Central Michigan University, where she was the winner of the concerto competition. While at CMU, she studied piano with Dr. Alexandra Mascolo-David, piano pedagogy with Dr. Adrienne Wiley, and harpsichord with Dr. Steven Egler. In 2006, she received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance from Michigan State University. Her principal teachers were Mr. Ralph Votapek and Mr. Panayis Lyras. Dr. Chu has taught at Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, and Stella Royce Music Camp. In 2018, she was selected to become the President of the Mid-Michigan Music Teachers Association. She is also an adjudicator and presenter for the Michigan Music Teachers Association. Residing in Saginaw, Michigan, Dr. Chu teaches at Delta Community College and her private studio.