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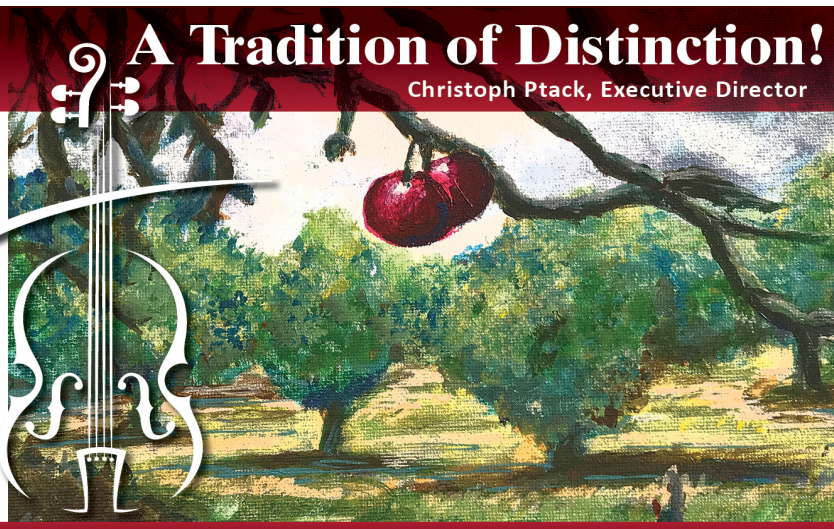
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## **PIANIST ANTONIO WU TO MAKE RECITAL DEBUT AT PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**EGG HARBOR, WI** - Seventeen year old pianist, Antonio Wu, will make his Peninsula Music Festival debut at the Donald and Carol Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor on June 20, 2021. The hour-long Recital Series event will begin at 3:00pm and be presented in a socially distanced setting. Temperature scans will be taken upon arrival, masks will be mandatory at all times, and only 50 advance tickets will be available. The afternoon will feature works by Chopin, Debussy, Glinka, Liszt, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, and Schubert. Tickets will go on sale this spring when pricing and further program details will be announced.

**Antonio Wu** will graduate this June from James Madison Memorial High School in Madison, WI. He began studying the piano at age five with Shu-Ching Chuang and has been the recipient of many prestigious honors and awards throughout the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Wu was awarded the distinguished first prize in the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Concerto Competition where he performed in concert with the Orchestra at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee as part of the winner's package. He recently won the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra's 2020 Young Artist Concerto Competition and will perform with the ensemble this summer during the *Concerts on the Square* Series in Madison. Other prize winning engagements include the 2019 Kristo Orthodontics Young Artist Competition at UW-Eau Claire, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual La Crosse Rising Stars Concerto Competition, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra's 2019 Bolz Young Artists Competition "The Final Forte" - televised live on PBS Wisconsin. Additional accolades include first prize in the 2017 Chopin Piano Competition in Milwaukee, the 2018 Music Teachers National Association Competition, the 2016 Midwest Young Artist/Walgreens National Concerto Competition, and twice a winner of the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association State Badger Competition.

Adding another layer to his already focused musical studies, Antonio began violin lessons at the age of seven with Cynthia Bittar. He joined the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra as a fifth grader and traveled to Peru with the Orchestra during their 2018 International Tour.

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He was the winner of the 2015 WYSO Philharmonia Concerto Competition, the 2019 WYSO Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition (on piano), and high honors at the 2017 WYSO Concerto Competition (on violin).

In addition to the piano and violin, Antonio also plays the clarinet which he enjoys as a hobby. Outside his musical accomplishments, Antonio is a dedicated community organizer who recently finished serving as President of his High School's Youth Service Organization, and the Opinions Editor for the school newspaper *Sword & Shield*. He enjoys playing tennis, following competitive figure skating with his friends, and studying history.

Antonio will begin his undergraduate studies in the fall, at an institution yet to be selected, where he will major in piano performance, and minor in public policy or political science.

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