



*Music to the Ears, Food to the Table*

# Fantastic Duos

Pianist Solon Gordon and violinist Lily Tsai  
perform Brahms, Schubert, and Kreisler  
for the Newton Food Pantry

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
Allen Center for Arts and Culture

All proceeds from this concert will be sent  
to the Newton Food Pantry to support  
the Newton Community Freedge.



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# PROGRAM

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F. Kreisler

Violin Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Op. 100

J. Brahms

- I. Allegro amabile
- II. Andante tranquillo
- III. Allegretto grazioso (quasi Andante)

Fantasie in C Major for Violin and Piano, D. 934

F. Schubert

Adagio from Violin Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Op. 108

J. Brahms

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Community Freeedge, a 24/7 refrigerator and food  
pantry which provides food and personal care  
products to anyone who needs them.**

# ARTISTS

Solon Gordon enjoys a multifaceted career in music and technology. As a pianist, he specializes in music for strings and piano and finds joy in collaborating with young students, touring professionals, and everything in between. In recent months he has joined cellist Yo-Yo Ma in projects including his "Beginnings" recital and residency in Acadia National Park. As a software engineer, Solon has contributed to fields such as education technology and distributed databases. He has a special interest in making software teams more welcoming and diverse. Solon is ever grateful to his principal musical mentors: Monique Duphil, at Oberlin Conservatory, and Sandra Dennis, at the Community Music School of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Lily Tsai is a PhD student at MIT researching data privacy in computer systems, but can often be found with her violin in hand. A lover of chamber music, Lily enjoys putting on chamber porch concerts, pop-up music events for the MIT community, and livestream performances as part of the Tsai Duo with her cellist sister, Stephanie. Lily credits her love of music to her teachers—Lynn Chang and Li Lin—and her chamber coaches from Harvard, the Parker String Quartet and Hengjin Park. Prior to college, Lily toured as Concertmistress of the inaugural National Youth Orchestra of the USA and played in the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. Aside from playing classically, Lily also arranges and covers songs as part of the Tsai Duo, and when she is not playing music or doing research, Lily can be found running around forests, scrambling up a climbing wall, reading a book, or making puns.

# ABOUT MUSIC FOR FOOD

Music for Food is a musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. We believe both music and food are essential to human life and growth. Music has the power to call forth the best in us, inspiring awareness and action when artists and audiences

Music for Food is driven by the spirit of volunteerism, and it could not exist without the support of its musicians and its audience.



- Musicians give performances and choose a local pantry to support.
- Audience members donate — as their budget allows — to benefit the designated pantry, which receives 100% of the contributions.
- The pantry creates meals for those in need.

According to Feeding America, 1 in 9 people in the United States struggles with food insecurity. Music for Food's concerts have raised funds to create **more than 1.5 million meals**.

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