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**NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC  
LUNAR NEW YEAR CONCERT AND GALA**  
Conducted by **LONG YU**

**Honoring NY Phil Board Member MISOOK DOOLITTLE  
Featuring Violinist CLARA-JUMI KANG,  
Pianists CLAYTON STEPHENSON and SERENA WANG,  
and JAMIE BERNSTEIN**

**Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall, February 20, 2024**

The New York Philharmonic will celebrate the Lunar New Year, welcoming the Year of the Dragon with a Concert and Gala on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall. This year's Lunar New Year Concert and Gala honors philanthropist, business entrepreneur, and NY Phil Board Member Misook Doolittle in a celebration of cultural heritage, new beginnings, and music's capacity to transcend borders.

Conductor Long Yu — who introduced this annual NY Phil tradition in 2012 — will conduct the World Premiere of Elliot Leung's *Lunar Overture*; Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, with Clara-Jumi Kang (in her NY Phil debut) as soloist; selections from Zhou Tian's *Transcend*, composed in 2019 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad; and Saint-Saëns's *Carnival of the Animals*, narrated by Jamie Bernstein and featuring pianists Clayton Stephenson (NY Phil debut) and Serena Wang as soloists.

Gala events will include a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m. on the Leon and Norma Hess Grand Promenade; the concert, which begins at 7:00 p.m.; and a seated dinner, attended by the artists, immediately following the performance, also on the Hess Grand Promenade. Gala dress will be heritage formal or black-tie attire. **Starr International Foundation** is the Presenting Sponsor of the Lunar New Year Gala. The Honorary Gala Chairs are **Mr. and Mrs. Maurice R. Greenberg**. The Gala Co-Chairs are **Angela Chen, Misook Doolittle, Oscar L. Tang and H.M. Agnes Hsu-Tang**, and **Ling Tian and Diana Wang**.

**Biographies**

[Jamie Bernstein](#), [Clara-Jumi Kang](#), [Clayton Stephenson](#), [Serena Wang](#), [Long Yu](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

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For more information about the entire Gala evening, which includes a cocktail reception, the 7:00 p.m. concert, and a post-concert dinner with the artists, please visit [nyphil.org/lny](http://nyphil.org/lny), call the Office of Special Events at (646) 870-4054, or email [specialevents@nyphil.org](mailto:specialevents@nyphil.org).

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## **Event Listing**

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR CONCERT AND GALA**

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Long Yu, conductor  
Jamie Bernstein, narrator  
Clara-Jumi Kang\*, violin  
Clayton Stephenson\*, piano  
Serena Wang, piano

Elliot LEUNG	<i>Lunar Overture</i> (World Premiere)
BRUCH	Violin Concerto No. 1
ZHOU Tian	Selections from <i>Transcend</i> (New York Premiere)
SAINT-SAËNS	<i>Carnival of the Animals</i>

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