



**Rafael Maldonado** is a graduate of San Jose State University, where he received his Bachelors of Music in Clarinet Performance under the tutelage of Dr. Janet Averett. As an active clarinetist in the Bay Area, Rafael has performed with several local orchestras. He has performed in masterclasses with several artists, including the Imani Winds and Jerome Simas of the San Francisco Symphony. In addition to this, Rafael has won competitions hosted by the San Jose Music Study Club and Mu Phi Epsilon San Jose Alumni Chapter. Rafael Maldonado is a member of Chamber Music Silicon Valley's Emerging Artist Program.

**Katherine Trimble's** recent engagements have included also soloist in Mendelssohn's St. Paul as winner of the Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra's Vocal Solo Competition, Bach's Mass in b minor with San Jose Symphonic Choir performing, Bach's Magnificat, Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, and Mozart's and Durufle's Requiem. Operatic performances include Lilas Pastia (Carmen) with Opera San Jose where she was noted by the San Jose Mercury News for her "agile" performance and Mother/Witch for OSJ's educational outreach production of Hansel and Gretel. She has taken first place in competitions held by the SAI Music Fraternity, San Jose Woman's Club, and San Jose Study Club. Katherine was also honored to be the first recipient of the Irene Dalis Memorial Award from San Jose State University. She is a member of the Kerry Voice Squad, a female trio specializing in both classical and Irish traditional music performance that tours in Kerry Irish Productions' shows "An Irish Christmas" and "St. Patrick's Day in Ireland." For more information, please visit [www.ktmezzo.com](http://www.ktmezzo.com).



**Katya Gruzglina:** Praised for both her "richly-colored top register" and "ravishing lower voice" (Classical Voice North Carolina), Ukrainian-born soprano Katya Gruzglina has been grabbing audiences' attention throughout the United State and abroad with her adept artistry and eclectic repertoire.

Splitting her time between New York and Los Angeles, Katya has had a busy and varied 2017-2018 season. She is an Artist in Residence with Chamber Music Silicon Valley and a member of the de Angelis Vocal Ensemble specializing in early music. In New York, she presented a concert of Jewish Baroque Music with the Concertino New York Chamber Ensemble. Katya is an alumna of The Juilliard School and Rice University.



**Alan Chen:** A recent graduate of San Jose State University, violinist Alan Chen has garnered a reputation as one of the Southbay's most sought-after young violinists. As a member of the new CMSV Young Artist Roster, he has professionally performed along side renowned artist including piano soloist Gwendolyn Mok, Violinist Emily Daggett Smith of the Jupiter Chamber Players, clarinetist and Juilliard professor Ayako Oshima, as well as members of the LA piano Quartet San Francisco Symphony and Ballet Orchestra, National Philharmonic, and Louisiana Philharmonic. His teachers and coaches include Byung woo Kim, Christina Mok, Diane Nicholeris, and Livia Sohn, among others, and he is a member of the local Indie Band, Curious Quail.