

Guest artist series features violinist

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A last-minute change in the Alfred University Guest Artist Series will bring a young violinist from Cornell University to perform. The concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Howell Hall on the Alfred University campus. The Alfred Trio, which includes Dr. Lisa Lantz, violin; Rintaro Wada, cello; and David Peter Coppen, piano, had to cancel its performance, scheduled for that time, because of illness. "However, the music department has been very fortunate to fill the void in our program with an exceptional young violinist from Cornell University," said Dr. Luanne Crosby, associate professor of music. Kia-Hui Tan will perform a recital of works for solo violin including "The Red Violin Caprices" by John Corigliano. The Caprices are derived from the composer's score for Francois Girard's film "The Red Violin" which won the 1999 Academy Award for Best Original Score. Works of Danish, Polish and Belgian composers will also be featured on the recital. Tan has performed as a concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician on five continents including at London's Barbican Hall and New York's Carnegie Weill Recital Hall. Described in The Strad as a "violinist whose virtuosity was astonishing," she has broadcast live on radio, television and has recorded soundtracks for film and theater. Born in Singapore, Tan received scholarships to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, and the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2001. Tan is currently an assistant professor of music at Cornell University and continues to pursue an international performing career while serving as a core member of Ensemble X and Cornell Contemporary Chamber Players. She is concert master of Cornell's Festival Chamber Orchestra and second violin principal of the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. Tan's appearance at Alfred University is funded by Alfred University and Cornell University.