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NJCU Music Department Receives Prestigious Honor from Si-Yo Music Society Foundation

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Si-Yo Music Society Foundation will present its inaugural Sau-Wing and Jean L. Lam Award to the New Jersey City University (NJCU) Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre (MDT) on April 27, 2018 at Carnegie Hall. The Award honors those who educate, inspire and support the next generation of musicians from all backgrounds. The event will feature performances by NJCU MDT students and alumni.

“The NJCU MDT exemplifies the spirit and purpose of the Foundation’s founders with its dedication to the highest standards of artistic excellence,” said Maestro Cho-Liang Lin, chair of the event’s honorary committee.

Si-Yo Chairwoman and President Eva Lerner-Lam agreed. “The Department serves a diverse student population at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, contributing in a truly meaningful way to the educational, intellectual, cultural and socio-economic environment of the surrounding urban region and beyond,” she said.

Upon learning of the Award, NJCU President Sue Henderson said, “NJCU is most grateful to the Si-Yo Music Society Foundation for honoring our talented MDT students and their outstanding teachers with this Award. We are thrilled that our fine students and alumni will have this opportunity to perform in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, a world-class venue.” Dr. Henderson continued, “Our University is proud of its 90-year tradition of educating exceptional performing artists and teachers whose ethnic and cultural backgrounds are among the most diverse in the United states. It is wonderful to know that Si-Yo Music Society Foundation has recognized NJCU’s achievements.”

The award is named in honor of Sau-Wing and Jean L. Lam, who co-founded Si-Yo in 1966 with violinist Ma Sin-Hon and pianist Tung Kwong-Kwong, in order to support artists who studied, taught and performed Western classical music. Their long-standing efforts to gather artists, music lovers and instrument collectors included providing performance opportunities in venerable New York City concert halls as Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall and Schimmel Center for the Arts.

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Upon Sau-Wing Lam's death in 1988, the Foundation established a violin scholarship fund to provide lessons and performance opportunities for promising young violinists.

Today, the Foundation provides global teaching and performance opportunities to its roster of international artists; lends instruments to teachers, students and performers; presents educational programs to schoolchildren with limited access to classical music, and brings live performances to audiences in senior residents and places of worship.

About Si-Yo Music Society Foundation, Inc.

Founded in 1966, the Si-Yo Music Society Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational and cultural institution dedicated to inspiring a global and cultural institution dedicated to inspiring a global community with classical music. Music lovers around the world have enjoyed Si-Yo Artist concerts, educational and community outreach events, festivals and instrument exhibitions in the United States, Asia and Europe. For more information visit Si-YoMusic.org.

About New Jersey City University (NJCU)

The mission at New Jersey City University (NJCU) is to provide a diverse population with an excellent education. The University is committed to the improvement of the educational, intellectual, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical environment of the surrounding urban region and beyond. Established in 1927 as a training school for teachers, today NJCU is among the most comprehensive universities in the state. Located in Jersey City, NJ, and minutes from New York City, NJCU's fully accredited College of Arts and Sciences, Education, Professional Studies, and School of Business offer 43 undergraduate degree programs and 27 master's programs and 3 doctoral programs, including emerging and interdisciplinary fields.