



NEWS RELEASE

Renowned singer to headline Santiago Canyon College's "Musical Brilliance" Concert on Nov. 4

ORANGE, Calif. - Internationally recognized Soprano Jungwon Choi will headline an evening of "Musical Brilliance," a concert hosted by the Santiago Canyon College (SCC) Foundation and the Performing Arts Department, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 4 in the SCC Gymnasium.

Additionally, cellist Nathan Lee, the Four Seasons Orchestra, El Rancho Charter Middle School Advanced Orchestra members, members from Orange High School's Chamber Singers, the SCC Community and Choir and the Orange Master Chorale will perform.

Jungwon Choi has been recognized for her talent from across the globe, including her native South Korea, the United States, Austria, and Portugal, where she sang in front of operatic megastar Placido Domingo. She graduated from Kyung Hee University with a bachelor's and master's degree in Voice Performance, finishing first in her class, and went on to earn a graduate certificate in Vocal Arts from the USC Thornton School of Music, where she performed Blanche in Dialogue of the Carmelites, Corinna in the Il Viaggio a Reims.

Nathan Le is a recent graduate of the Harvard/New England Conservatory dual-degree program and has earned international acclaim through solo performances and competition victories around the world in countries ranging from Austria to Armenia.

"We are thrilled and fortunate to have such an incredible roster of talent performing for the community on our campus," said SCC President Jeannie G. Kim, Ph.D. "We are also grateful to partner with our local schools to showcase the talent that comes from within our own community."

Also, Michael Short will be honored as the first recipient of the SCC Performing Arts Department Community Partner Award for his work to promote music and the arts in the community. Mr. Short was director of choral activities at Orange High School for more than 40 years, until his retirement in 2023. He established the Orange Community Master Chorale and has been the director since 1994. Mr. Short has conducted the group as part of the City of Orange Tree Lighting and Candlelight Procession and the city's Third of July Celebration – events he helped create - since 1995.

"Mike Short has been a steadfast leader in fostering creativity and enriching the cultural landscape of our community through the arts," Kim said. "We are more than honored to recognize both him and the breadth of his work in Orange and our surrounding community."

In partnership with the SCC Foundation, ticket sales are now available online at: <https://bit.ly/sccfallconcert2023>.

Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$150 for VIP/Table seating. All purchases are tax-deductible, and proceeds support SCC's Performing Arts programs and students.

For those who cannot attend the concert in person, the performance will be live-streamed by Vietnam America Television (VNA-TV) Channel 57.3.

To learn more about SCC, visit sccollege.edu/. Questions about this press release can be directed to Eugene W. Fields, public information officer at fields_eugene@sccollege.edu.

About Santiago Canyon College

Santiago Canyon College (SCC) is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and is one of two colleges in the Rancho Santiago Community College District, serving approximately 17,000 students annually. Accredited in 2000, this dynamic and award-winning institution is located in the city of Orange and provides an array of educational opportunities to more than 195,000 residents comprising the community. SCC offers 221 degree and certificate programs (including 28 associate degrees for transfer). SCC has been ranked among the "50 Best Community Colleges" in the U.S. by College Choice, recognized multiple times by The Chronicle of Higher Education as one of "The Great Colleges to Work For," received Gold-level status as a Military Friendly School®, and boasts award-winning, dedicated faculty, high-quality and student-centered education, and has an excellent university transfer rate supported by transfer-guarantee programs.