

## **Yizhen (Zoe) Lyu, Composer**

Yizhen Lyu is a composer, sound artist and improviser with a passion for chamber music and electronic composition. Born and raised in China, Yizhen draws inspiration from Eastern cultural influences while cultivating a unique voice in contemporary music.

### **Education and Accomplishments:**

- Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Composition at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University under the mentorship of composer Oscar Bettison.
- Previously participated in masterclasses with renowned composers around the world.
- Yizhen's string quartet "Stones" was awarded a prize in the 2021 International Composition Competition AMIGDALA.

### **Works and Collaborations:**

- Yizhen actively collaborates with talented musicians and artists, fostering the performance and appreciation of her work.
- Notable performances include "All in One" by pianist Yifei Xu at the Manhattan School of Music (2019)
- "Faded Azure" by pianists Choo Choo Hu and Michael Sheppard at the Peabody Institute's Goodwin Hall (2021).
- Permitted by ensemble TACET(i) and recorded at Peabody Institute.
- Recent interdisciplinary collaborations include the multimedia artwork "Black Waterfall" with artist Yuqing Zhao (2022), the dance piece "In Mountain" with choreographer Eon Allum (2023-2024), new version with Dancer Noni Zhang.
- The sound art piece join the exhibition "Inertia" with artist Ashiling Han at Area 405 gallery.
- Collaborating with contemporary choreographer Eon Allum on the piece The Spirit of Mountains.
- Participated in artist Yujie Xu's installation Traces of Salivar as improvise performer.
- Frey Su's solo exhibition The interconnections at the Max Gallery as improvise performer.

### **Artistic Vision:**

- Yizhen strives to create a unique sonic tapestry by blending Eastern influences with contemporary compositional techniques.
- Her compositions explore the emotional impact of harmony and phrasing, aiming to transport listeners to a new world through their immersive soundscapes.
- Yizhen prioritizes conceptual innovation, constantly seeking new and thought-provoking ideas for her music.

### **Looking Forward:**

- Dedicated to continuous artistic growth, Yizhen is actively involved in the creation of new art and music, working tirelessly to realize her artistic aspirations.