

GUEST ARTIST PARTICIPATING IN THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021, CONCERT



Seventeen-year-old **Raymond Tsai** began his musical training on the violin at age four, switching to cello at age eight.

Raymond's principal teacher is Richard Aaron (the Juilliard School and University of Michigan). He is a recipient of several local and national competition first prizes: Samuel Fordis Young Artist Concerto Competition (2015 and 2018), Lois Pickard Scholarship Competition (2016 and 2020), Blount-Slawson Young Artist Competition (2019), and Hilton Head Symphony Youth Concerto Competition (2020).

As a soloist, Raymond has appeared with the Alabama Symphony, the Georgia Philharmonic, and the Montgomery Symphony. He has also played on NPR's From the Top.

Raymond enjoys chamber music. Since age 10, he has played with his siblings as well as other young musicians. He has frequently performed in retirement homes and other venues in Alabama and Georgia.

Aside from cello practice, Raymond enjoys oil painting and playing the guitar.