

*"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy.
Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents."
~ Ludwig van Beethoven ~*

Zephyr 2015

Seven years ago, amidst a heat wave in Provence, the formidable Julia Cheng introduced me to Zephyr. Since then during our yearly visits, I have listened to Julia's endearing updates about Zephyr and its mission of giving young gifted musicians an opportunity to experience an intense and professional chamber music environment.

In July 2015, to celebrate Julia's ten year commitment to Zephyr, I met her, again in a heat wave. This time in Courmayeur, where I experienced the Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival at first hand. Although "zephyr" literally means "a soft breeze", it was more of a robust wind that blew through the depths of the Aosta Valley.

In the capable hands and with the absolute dedication of Mack McCray and Meikui Matsushima, supported by Jodi Levitz, Bettina Mussumeli and Mark Rudoff, the valley became alive with the sound of music. It is heart-warming to see how the lecturers' support, patience and enthusiasm transform each of the youngsters into music itself. Every single soul who had the privilege of being part of the Zephyr Festival and its magical surroundings was touched by the spirit of music that will linger forever.

In this 2015 International Festival, at the special invitation of the Mont Blanc Sky Way and Aosta Cultural Management Team, history was made when the magic of Zephyr was carried all the way to the last station on the summit of Mont Blanc.

I commend Julia Cheng on making Zephyr one of her philanthropic projects and dedicate this photo journal to her. May Zephyr always be part of her life and of those who take guardianship over it.

Dalene Meyer







Flowers

Silence

Lakes

Rocks

Snow

Grass

Ice

Trees

Smell

Wind

Rain

Senses

Growth

Mountains





Acoustics
 Strings
 Keys
 Bows
 Pitch
 Sound
 Wood
 Wire
 Metal
 Black
 White
 Music
 Pedals
 Keyboard













Venues

Courmayeur
Auditorium
Jardin de L'Ange
Chiesa di St. Pantaleone

Cogne
Sala Maison de la Grivola

Entreves
Chiesa di St. Margherita

Introd
Castello di Introd

Mont Blanc

Moneglia
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Courmayeur Outdoor Auditorium

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Chiesa di St. Pantaleone









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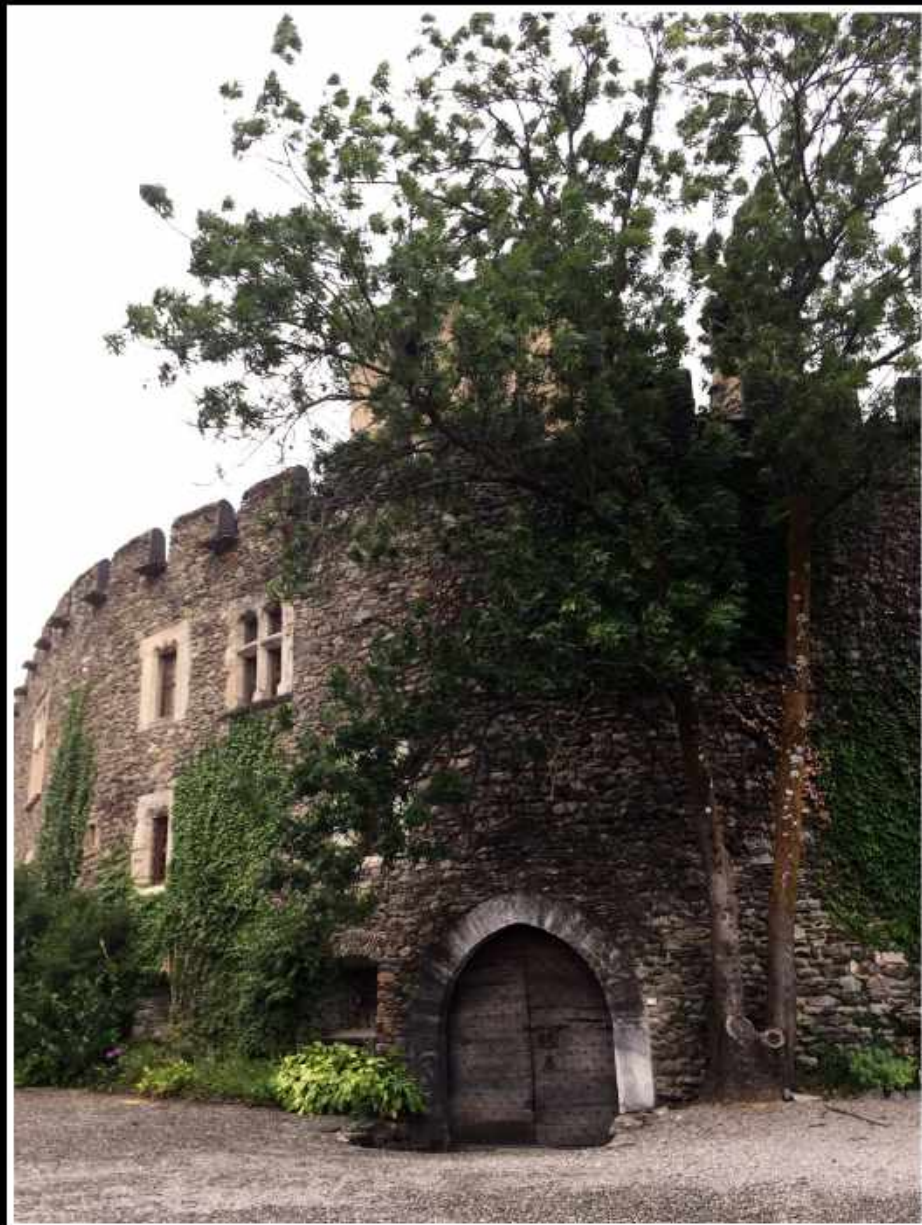




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Moneglia



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Faculty

Jodi Levitz : Artistic Director

Meikui Matsushima : Adminstrative Director

Mack McCray : Artistic Director

Bettina Mussumeli

Mark Rudoff

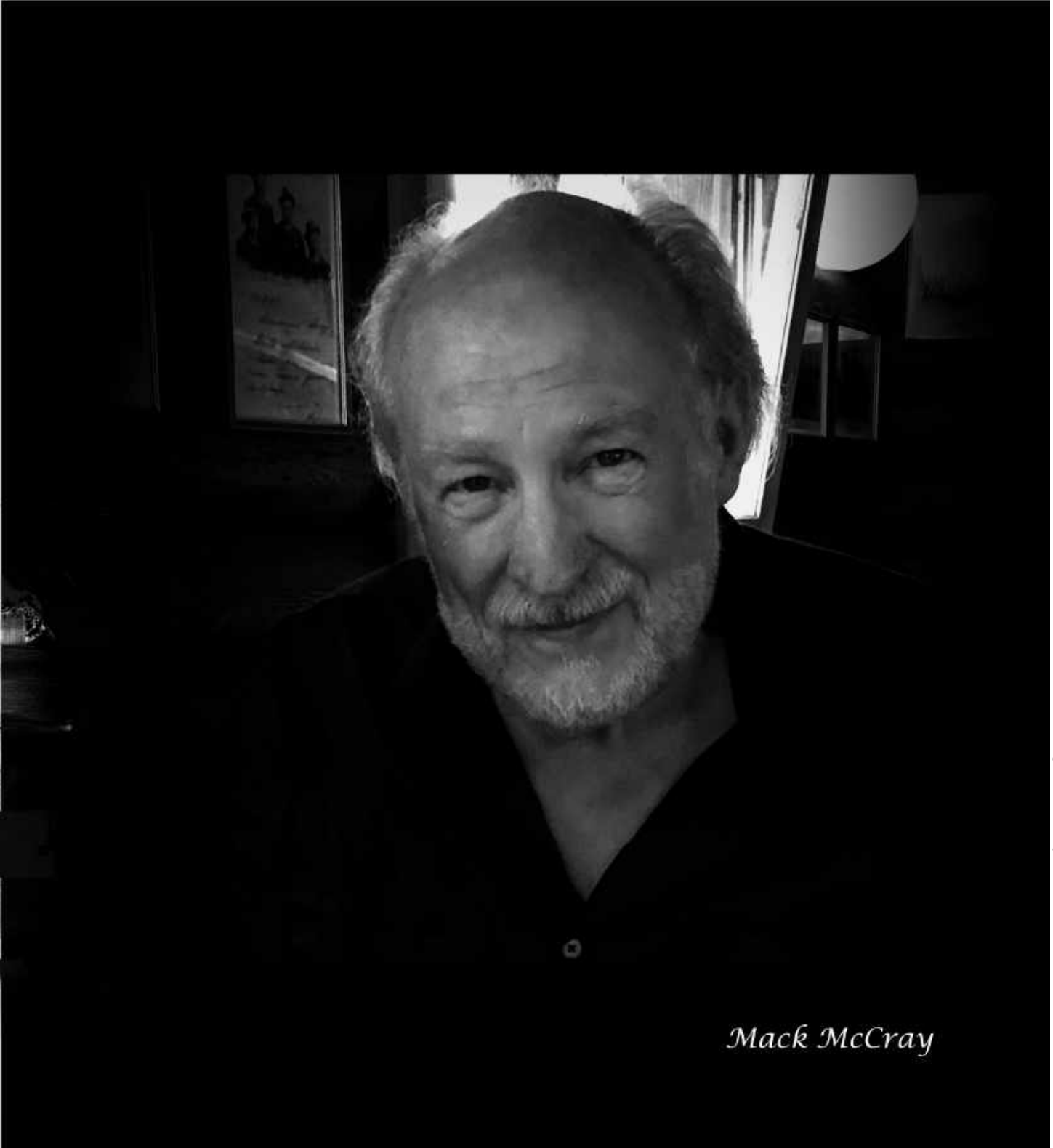




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Meikui Matsushima



Mack McCray



Bettina Mussumeli





Mark Rudoff

Repertoire

Beethoven

Quartetto per archi in fa minore, opera 95 "Serioso"
Trio per pianoforte in Si bemolle maggiore, opera 11

Borodín

Quartetto per archi in re maggiore, n. 2

Brahms

Quartetto per pianoforte in do minore, opera 60
Sonata per violino e pianoforte, la maggiore, opera 100

Dvorák

Quartetto per archi in Fa maggiore, opera 96 "Americano"
Quintetto per pianoforte in la maggiore, opera 81

Fauré

Quartetto per pianoforte in c minore, opera 15

Haydn

Quartetto per archi in do maggiore, opera 20, n. 2
Quartetto per archi in si bemolle maggiore, opera 76, n. 4 "Alba"
Trio per pianoforte in do maggiore, Hob. XV : 27

Mendelssohn

Quartetto per archi in la minore, opera 13

Mozart

Quartetto per archi in do maggiore, K 465 "Dissonanza"

Students

Luis Belforin

Tommy Carpenter

Ansley Green

Daniel Huang

Kristina E Kalmus

Jieun Kim

Jillian Kim

Jorge Maresch

Long Okada

Daniel Singer

Hosanna C Torres

Ga Ga Won

Asuka Yanai

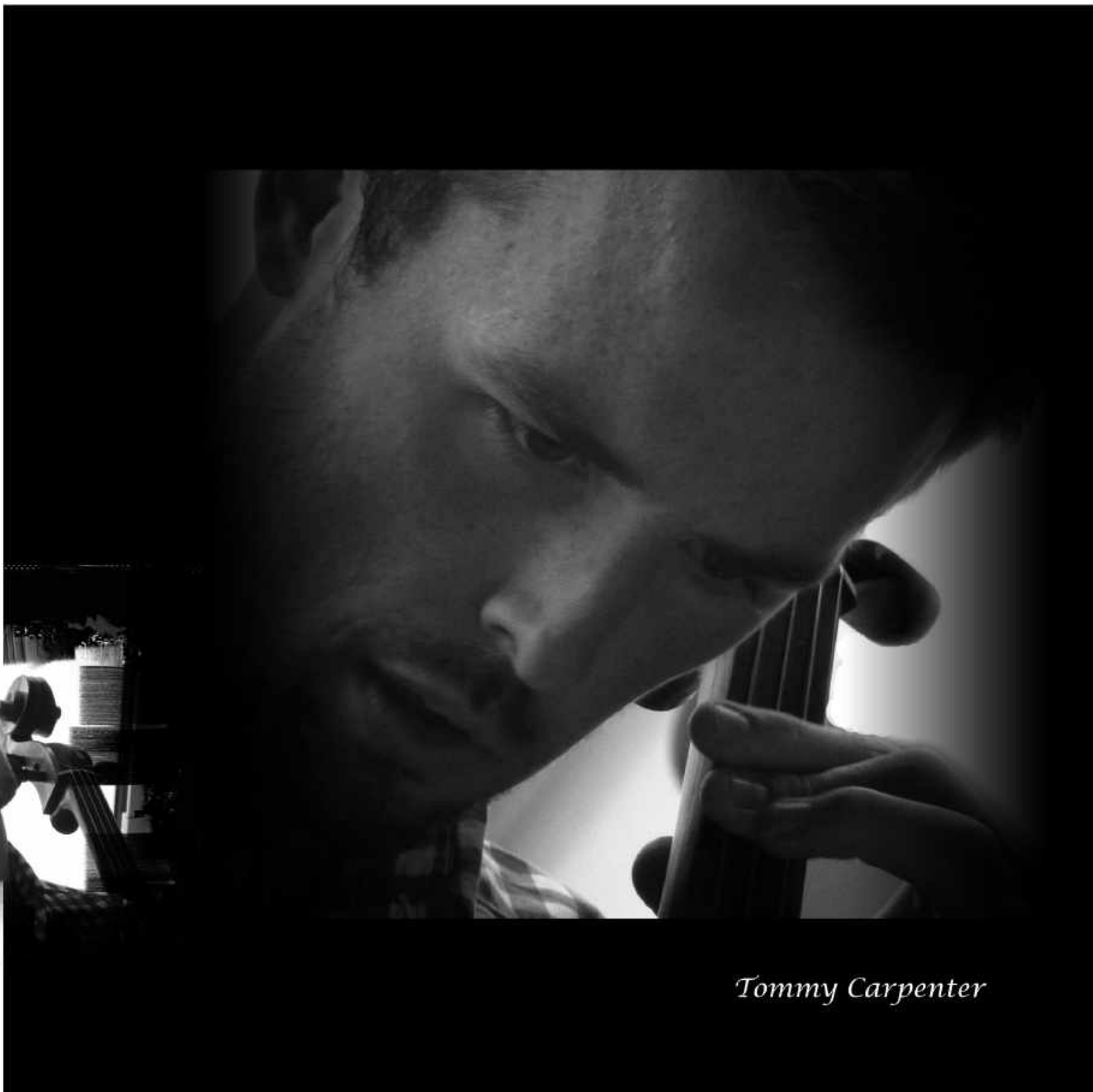
Elizabeth Yao





Luis Bellorin



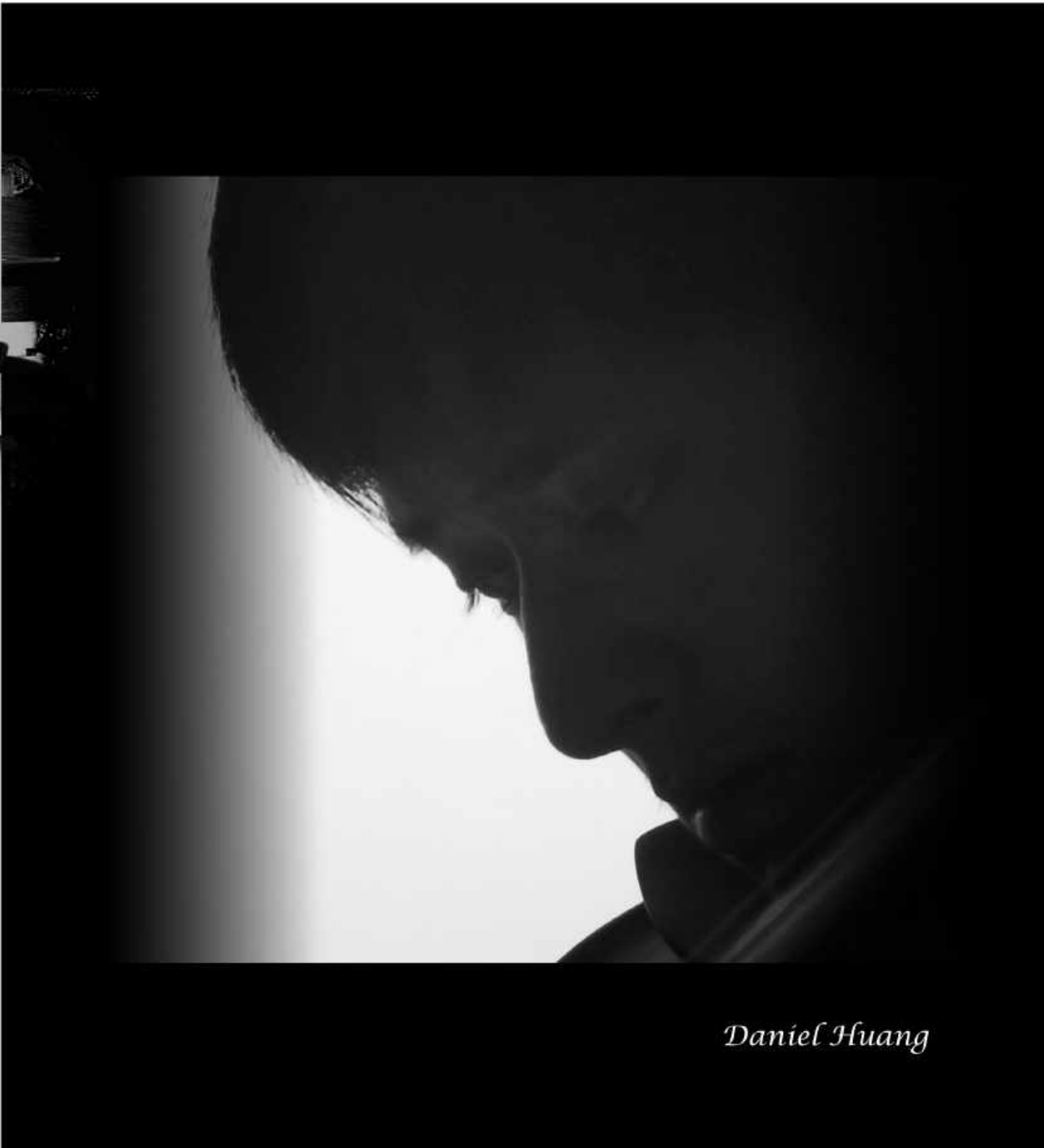


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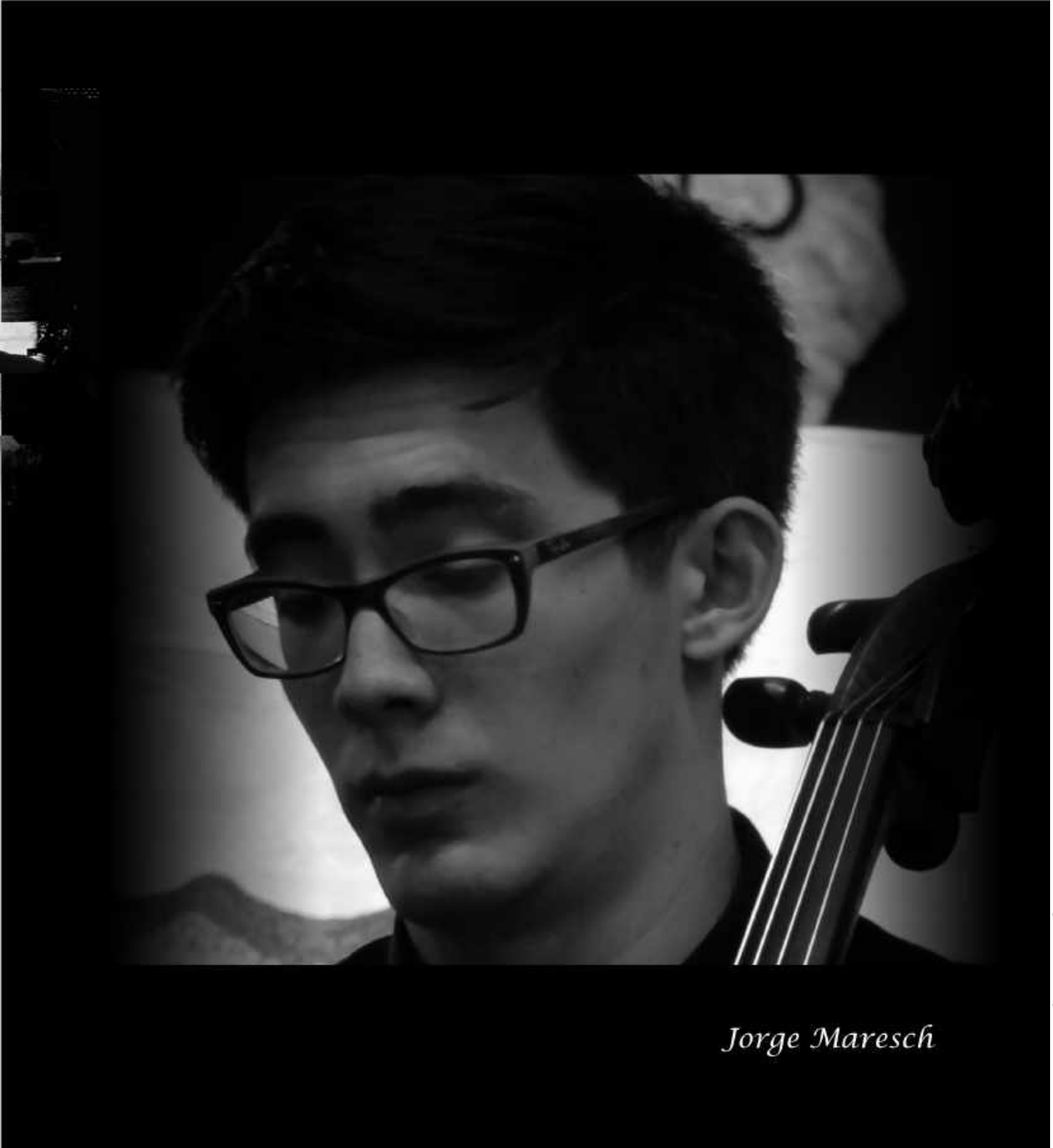


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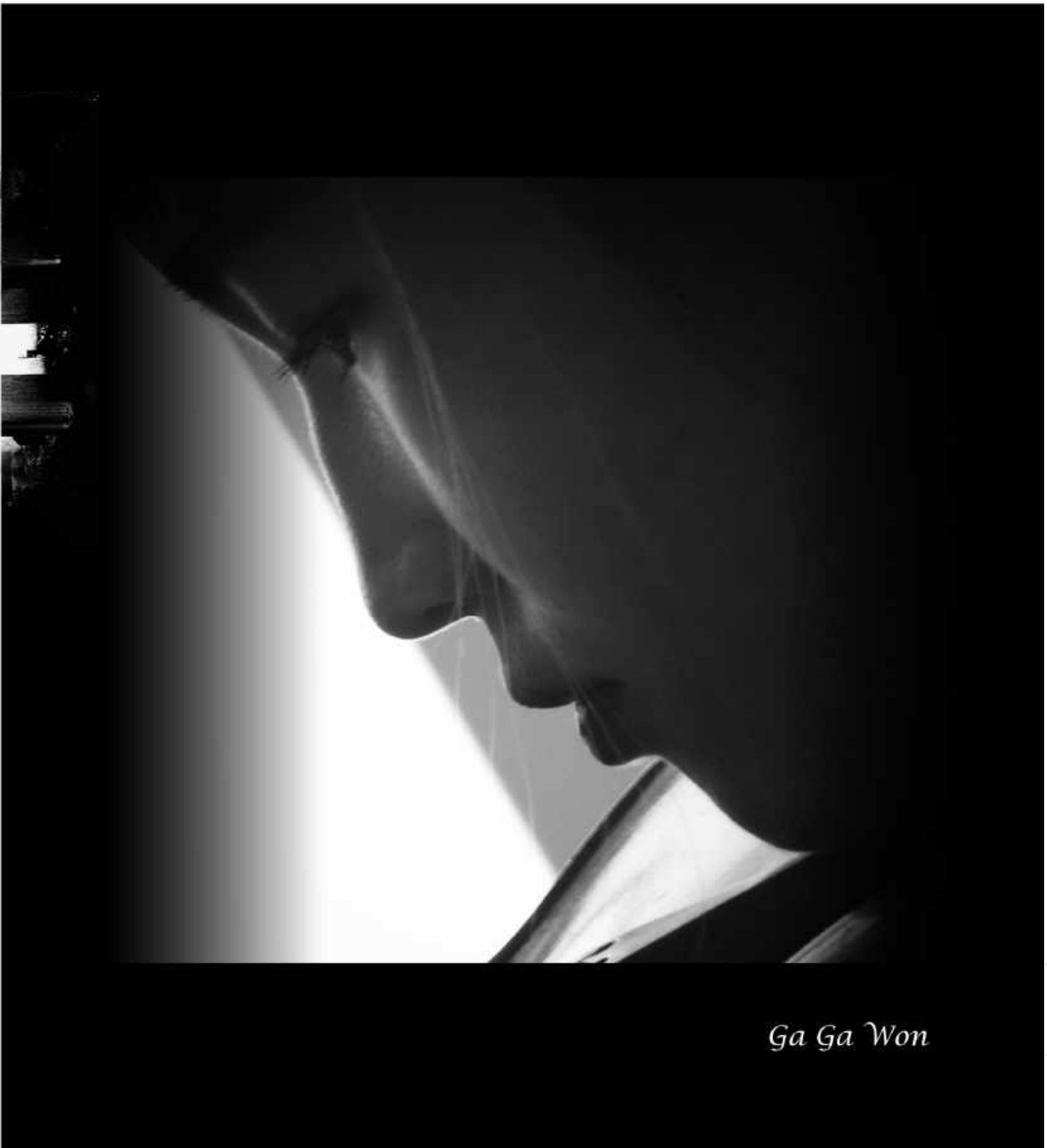


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