

Encore performances

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Hsiaopei Lee (left), violist, and, Michael Bunchman (right), pianist, perform at the first Music at Midday of the fall 2021 semester. Both Lee and Bunchman are faculty members at the University of Southern Mississippi. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Music at Midday, Newcomb Department of Music's weekly concert that is free and open to the public, returned to campus on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Wednesday's concert featured performances by Hsiaopei Lee, violist and professor of music at the University of Southern Mississippi, and Michael Bunchman, pianist and also faculty member at USM. Lee has received numerous awards for her excellence in teaching, has performed in various chamber music settings, and

serves as principal violist of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. Bunchman, who is also an active soloist, serves as director of USM's Collaborative Piano Program and is the director of music and collaborative piano at the International Performing Arts Institute in Bavaria, Germany.

For the fall 2021 semester, Music at Midday is held at the Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel from noon to 1 p.m. weekly through Dec. 8.

The next concert, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, will feature The Lott Quartet, which consists of Kurt Münstedt and Benjamin Thacher as violinists, Luke Fleming as violist, and Rachel Hsieh as cellist.

To see the full Music at Midday schedule in addition to other Newcomb Department of Music events, [click here](#).