



Advance Program Notes

Sam Tsui

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 7:30 PM

These Advance Program Notes are provided online for our patrons who like to read about performances ahead of time. Printed programs will be provided to patrons at the performances. Programs are subject to change.

Sam Tsui, singer/keys/artist

Jason Pitts, guitar

Joel Manduke, drums

Genna Projanksy, bass

Casey Breves, singer

Program to be announced from stage

Featuring an opening act by Juxtaposition

This is a Moss Arts Center Student Ambassador's Choice event.

About Sam Tsui

Independent artist, singer, songwriter, and content creator Sam Tsui released his second album *Trust* in 2018, featuring lead singles *Cameo*, *Trust*, and *A Million Pieces*. Now Tsui is back with his new original single, *Gold Jacket*.

As one of the first independent musicians to harness YouTube and social media, Tsui has created and grown a combined social following of over 5 million loyal fans, who call themselves the #Samity. To date, his videos, including covers, medleys, and mashups, have amassed over 500 million views on YouTube alone. Each new release, including his latest single, *Gold Jacket*, contribute to his ever-expanding worldwide fanbase.

Now hailed as an internet singing sensation, Tsui, along with his production partner, Kurt Schneider, began by uploading videos in their dorm room at Yale University. Their first viral hit was their Michael Jackson Medley in 2010, which led them to produce their first original album, *Make It Up*, in 2013. Turning digital success into ticket sales, Tsui has toured both domestically and internationally, opening for musical talent such as Bon Jovi, Ariana Grande, and DNCE.

Tsui has been able to harness the ever-changing tools of the digital music age to independently create an internationally popular channel and brand, garnering him countless TV appearances, including *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. He has served as a digital correspondent on *American Idol* and *The Sing Off* and has worked with top brands, including KIA, Mars, Dell, Coca Cola, McDonalds, Google, Marriott, Disney, and more.

About Juxtaposition

Juxtaposition is Virginia Tech's premier all-male a cappella group. Since its establishment in 1994, Juxtaposition has gone on to produce 12 albums. The group's most recent accomplishments include features on the *Best of A Cappella* (BOCA) and *Voices Only* compilation CDs in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018.

Go Deeper

In addition to a growing body of original songs, Sam Tsui's extensive covers of other musicians' songs played a critical role in propelling him to a position of internet stardom. Where do you hear and see the influence of other pop stars in Tsui's music and stage presence? What unique qualities does Tsui bring to the adaptation and performance of other artists' songs?

In the Galleries

DATAFORM

Yorgo Alexopoulos, Jim Campbell, and Daniel Canogar

Thursday, August 29-Saturday, November 9, 2019

All galleries

In this suite of one-person exhibitions, three nationally and internationally acclaimed artists use technology-based media—electronics, video, computer generated algorithms, light emitting diodes (LEDs)—to transform real-time data into sculptural form. Drawing from a variety of sources ranging from the environment to pedestrian traffic, data in their works become three dimensional manifestations of light, color, and movement resulting in visible and especially arresting perceptual experiences.

Surge, 2019

On view through September 2021

Grand Lobby

For this third major public art commission, artist Daniel Canogar has created a site-specific sequence of dynamic, data-fed sculptural forms. Surge encompasses thousands of flickering LED lights in moving, ever-changing, computer-generated abstract images that glide across four ribbon-like sculptural forms. Responding in real time to incoming data—ranging from internet traffic at Virginia Tech and energy consumption in the Moss Arts Center to regional wind speeds and temperatures—the generative visuals of Surge flow continuously across four walls.

GALLERY HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 AM-5:30 PM

Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM

To arrange a group tour or class visit, please contact Meggin Hicklin, exhibitions program manager, at megh79@vt.edu.