Dear PS21 Friends and Patrons,

Our mission continues to be to bring world-class performers to your backyard here in Columbia County. Even though we have had to cancel our March, April and May performances due to the coronavirus, our
goals have not changed. We will continue to introduce you to PS21's artists during this unusual time in any way we can.

For this reason, PS21 is excited to present the award-winning composer and virtuoso pianist, Conrad Tao, in his livestream concert "People United," hosted by 92Y Concerts and performed from the composer's apartment tonight, March 24, at 7:30 pm EDT.

Tao will perform Frederic Rzewski's "The People United Will Never Be Defeated!" thirty-six variations on the Chilean workers' anthem "¡El pueblo unido, jamás será vencido!" The song was written by Sergio Ortega in June 1973, during the presidency of Salvador Allende and became, in Ortega's words, "a call to action for the resistance in Chile" following Allende's overthrow by the right-wing dictator Augusto Pinochet.

Fredrick Rzewski's original piano piece, written in 1975, requires
staggering virtuosity, extended techniques, and unflagging concentration. The piece has been described by AllMusic.com as a work "of bewildering and amazing variety, ranging from serialism to jazz to romanticism to the further reaches of the avant-garde and back" and culminating in "a superbly emotional climax."

Conrad Tao's performance of "People United" was originally scheduled as part of PS21's Power to the People May Day weekend to celebrate workers and their struggle for fair labor practices, yet we feel it is even more relevant to our audience today. Given the coronavirus's impact on workers and their families worldwide, this concert will inspire and uplift you, while also introducing you to Tao's exceptional talent.
Tao has appeared throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas and has been called a musician of "probing intellect and open-hearted vision" by The New York Times, a "thoughtful and mature composer" by NPR, and "ferociously talented" by TimeOut New York. He is a recipient of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, was named a Gilmore Young Artist, and won a 2019 New York Dance and Performance "Bessie" Award for Outstanding Sound Design / Music Composition.

For a taste of his virtuosity, view the New York Philharmonic video below, which shows him in collaboration with Caleb Teicher, a two-time PS21 performer hailed by the New Yorker as "among the more promising figures in tap dance."
New York Philharmonic at Steinway Factory, Featuring Conrad Tao and Caleb Teicher.

To view Tao's concert tonight, visit 92Y's Facebook page [here](https://www.facebook.com) at 7:30 pm EDT.

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PS21 Grounds are Still Open
We are open for walking! With so many of the local conservation areas overcrowded with visitors, we encourage you to explore PS21's 100 acres of conservation lands. We have a long gravel driveway and paths through our woods, apple orchards and open fields. Our land adjoins Chatham's Crellin Community Park, which has additional walking opportunities.

Many of you have asked how you can help PS21 as we confront financial losses due to COVID-19. Whatever your means, every contribution is gratefully received and put to prompt use toward the future fees for our performing artists; you can donate [here](#). Your generous gift will help sustain PS21 and our artists, and bring comfort and inspiration to our community until we are once again all together. Thank you for your support!
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