

## 6/11/20 CI Music Hour Recap

Dear all,

Thursday, our guest cellist, Stella Cho, performed beautifully the Bach Cello Suite No 4, Sarabande, Ave Maria by Bach/Gounod and Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata movement 3. She shared the recordings of the last two pieces which are added at the bottom. These are not professional recordings, nevertheless I hope you enjoy it.

In the discussion, she pointed out that cello is so alike in range to the human voice. With deep and rich sounds, cello provides the foundation in an ensemble or orchestra, bringing the music to the earth. Stella used the analogy of the cello literally being placed on the ground. She demonstrated different playing styles, such as vibrato or bowing and plucking.

In a spontaneous perceptual exercise, Stella played a segment of Ave Maria a half step (semitone) below the correct pitch, while the accompanying recorded piano stayed to the correct note. Basically everyone from the group was able to hear the discrepancy and the dissonance.

There was a great suggestion from the group to listen to foreign musical instruments with different tonal traditions to see if we can engage with the music independent from our expectations. We briefly discussed vertigo and vestibular disturbances in CI users. We had to pause this important discussion due to time constraints and will pick it up next week.

This week's survey is a set of listening exercises focusing on cello and voice. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey.

### **Link to this Week's Survey**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScv\\_0G7M-DMJpMG5CkrknEoWalDaPgaz\\_0pRSirxREKMw-sQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScv_0G7M-DMJpMG5CkrknEoWalDaPgaz_0pRSirxREKMw-sQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Lois from Access Virginia provided captions for the session. Thank you, Lois!

Next Thursday, we will return to the home base, taking a break from the guest concerts. Susan and Andres will talk about exciting new experiments and tests that we are doing in the lab. We will dedicate time for group questions and discussion. Also, time permitting, we will listen to some songs together with non-western instruments.

Have a great weekend!

Juri

Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod (Cello by Stella Cho)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/e65qcu2paj0eqcm/stella%20bach%20air.mp3?dl=0>

Rachmaninov Cello Sonata, 3rd movement (Cello by Stella Cho)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/71nqlleyq0x4ui8/stella%20rachmaninov.mp3?dl=0>

Bach Cello Suite No. 4, Sarabande (Cello by Mischa Maisky)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCdQW3d8wdg>