**Vitara Duo**

The Vitara Duo is a piano and violin duo made up of Kurt Chen violin and Anican Yu piano. They have an innate talent for improvisation and performing by ear, which means that this group can play almost any requested song given fair notice ahead of time to prepare without the need to arrange sheet music! The duo has also received accolades for their numerous videos on social media showcasing improvisation and their arrangements. Their strengths lie in repertoire consisting of jazz, ballads, and pop songs. The Vitara Duo members have experience performing at weddings, concert series, receptions, company events, and formals. Throughout the summer of 2019, the pair have been playing together at many occasions all throughout the Vancouver area. Their versatility allows them to play anywhere (as long as there’s an outlet for the electronic piano)!

**Kurt Chen (Violinist)**

Kurt Chen is a third-year at the UBC School of Music. His interest in violin emerged at the age of four and began learning under Mo Yeung, followed by Siu Feng Wei, Evelyn Creaser-Rumley, and Nicholas Wright. Currently, he studies with David Gillham at UBC. He has been a member of the Vancouver Academy of Music’s orchestras and the Chamber Music Institute. Kurt has had the opportunity to perform and share his passion in a variety of locations. Most recently, Kurt travelled to Hong Kong to teach young musicians orchestral playing. He also was given the opportunity to attend the Banff International String Quartet Competition with the Kolden Quartet in August of 2016 to learn from talented musicians such as Barry Shiffman and the Dover Quartet.

**Anican Yu (Pianist)**

Anican Yu always had an aptitude and passion for playing music and performing for others. He is a third-year at the UBC School of Music, studying with Terence Dawson. Throughout his musical career, he has challenged himself to reach higher standards and strive to meet his fullest potential in piano performance. He made his piano debut when won multiple music festivals in Prince George and participated in Provincial Festivals. He also performed at the 2015 Canada Winter Games with the band Bright City Heights. Anican’s playing style includes Classical, Jazz, and Modern music. He played at many weddings, events, and shows throughout his life by himself or with some of Canada's most exceptional musicians. In Zhengzhou, China, Anican advertised a Music School by performing in numerous shows and venues for the two months he spent over there. His performances inspired and encouraged young musicians to enroll in the school and learn music.