

# *The Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation*

## *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Reception, Concert and Dinner*

*May 9, 2022*



*The National Arts Club  
15 Gramercy Park South  
New York, NY 10003*



# Welcome

Dear M. le Vice-Consul Général, Distinguished Academics,  
Laureates, and Friends,

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you back tonight to the 17<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony of the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation, after a pause during the past two years due to Covid-19. I thank all who have contributed to making this evening, and our work over these past years, possible.

The frontiers of culture do not, in fact, coincide with national boundaries. The latter divide people according to loyalties and customs, but not according to what makes them happy, what makes one a genuine human being. Technology has made it easy to cross national frontiers physically, but there has been no invention of new mental habits to enable people to relate to others who have different world views. For that to happen, we must encourage young people to travel, to study and to live in countries different from their own. When individuals look beyond their familiar surroundings, they discover that many strangers share their emotions and interests.

Our foundation's objective is to give students opportunities to find connections between what seems to have no connection, linking applied science with culture, people, and places by fostering communications, encounters and exchanges.

Very warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Jérôme Lohez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Program

*Francis Dubois  
Master of Ceremonies*

*Welcome  
Ms. Dening Wu Lohez*

*Remarks  
Deputy Consul General Damien Laban*

*Jacques Barzun Award*

*Scholarship Awards*

*Classic Violin and Piano Selections  
Chloé Kiffer and Alexandre Moutouzkine*

## Menu

*Buffalo Mozzarella, Strawberries, Romaine*

*Petit Filet Mignon, Cremini Mushrooms &  
Cipollini Onions*

*or*

*Pan-seared Branzino, Polenta,  
Roasted Cauliflower*

*Chocolate Mousse Cake*

# *About the Foundation*

Founded in 2005, the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation is the only charitable organization established after the 9/11 tragedy that is dedicated specifically to promoting cultural and educational exchange among the United States, France, and China.

By providing scholarship awards to multinational students, enabling them to study in one another's homelands, the Foundation aims to shape the next generation of global citizens, along with a new class of international policy makers.

The Foundation also seeks to develop a pool of highly trained multicultural business leaders to serve as innovators in global commerce.

## *The Board*

Dening Wu Lohez  
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## *2022 Event Committee*

Ellie Abdi, George Calhoun, Sharen Glennon,  
Dening Lohez, Emily Wexler

# *The Jacques Barzun Award*



The Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation is delighted to bestow the Jacques Barzun Award for Distinguished Contributions to Trans-Cultural Scholarly Exchange upon **Lisa Rosen-Metsch, Dean of Columbia University's School of General Studies.** Rosen-Metsch, an internationally recognized AIDS researcher who previously chaired the Mailman School of Public Health's Department of Sociomedical Sciences, was named dean of the School of General Studies in November 2017.

A Brooklyn native raised by two New York City public-school teachers, Rosen-Metsch is an expert in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS among populations with substance-abuse disorders. Before joining the Mailman School of Public Health in 2012, she was a professor at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. Rosen-Metsch is herself an alumna of the School of General Studies, which is the University's liberal-arts school for nontraditional undergraduates — those who have taken an academic break before attending college or who are pursuing dual degrees. In 1990, Rosen-Metsch earned dual bachelor's degrees through a joint program between Columbia and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rosen-Metsch says that her interest in AIDS prevention arose from her experience at the School of General Studies, where she interned alongside Columbia AIDS researchers. "My years as a General Studies student were transformative and extraordinary," she said. "The potential to help navigate Columbia's future by returning to the school that gave me so much is humbling, exciting, and inspiring."

# *The Scholarships*

Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Foundation applicants are screened by the Foundation's executive board of internationally qualified professionals and academics.

The Foundation provides scholarships to students, regardless of their nationalities, who participate in dual-degree programs at universities that are associated with the Lohez 9/11 Foundation:

The Alliance Program at Columbia University — Columbia University / Sciences Po / École Polytechnique Palaiseau / Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The Fudan School of Journalism (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Global Communications and Media

The Fudan School of International Relations and Public Administration (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Asia, Europe, Global Affairs

Stevens Institute of Technology / EPITA (Paris) Dual Degree Program on Information Systems, Business, Engineering.

The scholarship will be an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

All recipients are required to participate in the Ambassadors Program for one year.

# 2022 *Scholarship Recipients*



Having traveled to many countries and learned multiple languages at a young age, **Aleksandra Gracheva** has witnessed issues of conflict and cultural frictions. She joined the Columbia University and Sciences Po Dual BA Program to engage in a multinational and critical educational path that allowed her to build strong foundations in the humanities to better understand causes and solutions for global conflict. As a Student Scholar at Columbia University's Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, as well as a Columbia/Cambridge GLOBES Scholar, Aleksandra uses her academic research as a tool for furthering her and her audiences' understanding of cultural and political differences. Her recent work has been presented and published in multiple outlets, including in a co-authored journal article in the prestigious *Nature: Human Behavior*.



**Saboura Salari Rad** is currently a graduate student studying Financial Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology. She received her bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, Iran. After graduating, she worked as a business developer and financial analyst at several start-ups, eventually shifting her focus from the fundamental to the applied. She became more determined to pursue a degree in Finance during the economic turmoil in her home country. Her ultimate goal is to earn a PhD in Economics in an endeavor toward making a positive impact in Iran and worldwide. As a woman from the Middle East, she is also dedicated to women's rights, equal opportunities, and empowerment. Saboura is actively involved in the Women in Business Club, Girls in Tech, R-Ladies and other peer female support groups that promote gender equality. With her extensive

network of resources, she supports women from her home country who wish to pursue higher education and careers outside of Iran.



**Shardul Shinde** works as a Graduate Student Assistant at Stevens Institute of Technology and as a Business Data Analyst Intern while pursuing his MS in Business Intelligence and Analytics. During his undergraduate years at Symbiosis Institute of Technology in India, where he studied Computer Science, he served as a community volunteer. Post completion of his undergraduate program, he co-founded a non-profit organization named YOUNG Foundation which is a youth-run organization for the underprivileged, in need, and gifted. At Stevens, Shardul Shinde serves as the president of the Business Intelligence and Analytics Club and public relations chair of the Indian Graduate Student Association. He is the master's peer mentor for the graduate students. Shardul is an avid soccer enthusiast and is passionate about music.



Born in the north of France and raised in a tight-knit family environment, **Victor Trolet** has always been driven by a will to understand the ties that make up societies. His journey at Sciences Po and at Columbia University allowed him to explore such intricacies, immersed in the study of subjects close to his heart: economics, sociology, and art. In addition to his academic engagement, Victor aims to bring people together in the achievement of mutual uplift and in the fight against self-censorship. This commitment is embedded in his projects in consulting, venture capital and art promotion on both sides of the Atlantic. His current responsibilities in New York City aim to bridge the academic and professional spheres, promoting learning opportunities and diversity outside the classroom.



# *Musical Performance*



Violinist **Chloé Kiffer**, native of France, has received enthusiastic praise by The New York Times for her “pure and beautiful tone” and The Greenwich Sentinel for being “...a star in every sense: performance, exquisite technique and beauty” (April 2019). Kiffer feels as comfortable performing solo on the international stage as she does in intimate chamber settings.



The *Dallas Morning News* wrote of a performance by Russian-American pianist **Alexandre Moutouzkine** that he “played Brahms’ Op. 117 Intermezzi more beautifully, more movingly, than I’ve ever heard them. At once sad, tender and noble, this was playing of heart-stopping intimacy and elegance.” Mr. Moutouzkine has toured throughout Germany, France, Spain, Russia, Italy, and North and South America, as well as in China and Japan. In recent seasons, he has appeared as soloist with the Tivoli Symphony Orchestra, the Radio Television Orchestra of Spain, Cleveland Orchestra, Louisiana Philharmonic, Valencia Philharmonic, the Gran Canaria and Tenerife symphonies in the Canary Islands, the National Symphonic Orchestra of Panama, the National Symphonic Orchestra of Cuba, the Israel Philharmonic, and the Brno Philharmonic Orchestra of the Czech Republic.

# *Academic Partners*



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