



# *Duo Century*

*Duo Century* is a women's trumpet and piano duo that was recently established in Kansas City. Members Kowoon Lee and Meagan A. Conley both studied at University of Missouri-Kansas City for the Doctoral of Musical Arts degree. They started the duo with a project called **TMWC** (Trumpet Music by Women Composers) as they devote a topic of music by women composers. Currently, they are working on music by Jennifer Higdon, Cecilia McDowall, and Amy Dunker.

Pianist Dr. Kowoon Lee debuted as a concerto soloist at the age of 16, and has since performed internationally with many orchestras and ensembles. As a strong advocate of new music, she has worked with many renowned living composers, such as Chen Yi, James Mobberley, Juri Seo, Gabriela Ortiz, Karan Tanaka, and Vera Ivanova, to name a few. Dr. Lee specializes in music by women and underrepresented composers. She presented her lecture-recital “21<sup>st</sup> Century Music for Solo Piano by Living East Asian Women Composers” at several international conferences. Her doctoral research project involved piano music written by women composers, and included an original research paper and a recording. She studied at University of Missouri-Kansas City, Indiana University, and Sookmyung Women’s University. Dr. Lee now teaches at Cottey College, and serves as a committee member for the Puerto Rico Center for Collaborative Piano.

Dr. Meagan A. Conley is an educator, performer, and composer from Arkansas. She is principal trumpet of the Kansas City Civic Orchestra, Kinnor Philharmonic, and performs with NewEar, a new music chamber group based in Kansas City. As an electronic composer, she has presented her works for midi and trumpet at the University of Iowa, Truman State University, and Arkansas State University. In addition to composing, Dr. Conley also produces short films and music videos for the Kansas City Electronic Music Alliance. She studied at University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Iowa, the Pennsylvania State University and Arkansas State University. Dr. Conley serves as the music director at the St. Peter’s School in Kansas City.