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Kenneth Bean (James Thoma)





PRINCETON, NJ - Princeton Symphony Orchestra's (PSO) recently-appointed assistant conductor, Kenneth Bean, will make his debut on the podium on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. This will be followed by another performance on Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.

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Making his PSO debut will be violinist Alexi Kenny with his interpretation of Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto. On the program are Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Ballade in A Minor, Op. 33 and Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World."

Both concerts will take place at the Richardson Auditorium, on Princeton University campus. Attendees are required to wear masks at all times while inside the building, be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and must have received boosters, if eligible.

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Edward T. Cone Music Director <u>Rossen Milanov</u> said he was pleased to have the orchestra back at Richardson Auditorium and have Bean open the 2022 Spring Season. "We are at home at Richardson. It is a very special, intimate concert hall with a wonderful sense of history, and our musicians produce an exceptional sound there," Milanov said. "I am thrilled that Kenneth Bean is my artistic partner, and know he can expect a warm welcome from our patrons."

A conductor in the Philadelphia area, as well as an active freelance trumpeter,

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PSO in October last year. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a Master of Music Education degree from Jackson State University.

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Meanwhile, violinist Kenney is the Winner of the 2013 Concert Artists Guild Competition and laureate of the 2012 Menuhin Competition. Born in Palo Alto, California, Alexi is a graduate of the New England Conservatory in Boston, where he received his Artist Diploma as a student of Miriam Fried and Donald Weilerstein.

Tickets for the Feb. 5 and 6 performances at Richardson Auditorium start at \$20, youth (ages 5-17) are half price. To purchase tickets, visit princetonsymphony.org or call 609-497-0020.

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