THE

PRINCETON FESTIVAL

Rossen Milanov, Edward T. Cone Music Director Gregory J. Geehern, Festival Director

2022 June 10-25

Outdoor Concerts, Opera & More New Jersey's Premier Performing Arts Festival

Presented by the Princeton Symphony Orchestra at Morven Museum & Garden

PERFORMANCES

Except where noted otherwise, all performances will take place under the state-of-the-art performance tent at Morven Museum & Garden.

OPENING NIGHT Seven Deadly Sins starring STORM LARGE

Friday, June 10 7:30pm

Princeton Symphony Orchestra Rossen Milanov, conductor

OPERA

Saturday, June 11* / Sunday, June 12 / Saturday, June 18 7pm **DERRICK WANG** | Scalia / Ginsburg

W. A. MOZART | The Impresario

*5pm Pre-Performance Talk (Stockton Education Center)

Friday, June 17*/ Sunday, June 19* 7pm **BENJAMIN BRITTEN | Albert Herring**

*5pm Pre-Performance Talk (Stockton Education Center)

CHAMBER MUSIC

Monday, June 13 7pm "WHAT MAKES IT GREAT?" Death and the Maiden with ROB KAPILOW and the SIGNUM QUARTET In partnership with WWFM-89.1FM, The Classical Network

Tuesday, June 14* 7pm **SIGNUM QUARTET | Schubert's Late String Quartets**

*5pm Pre-Performance Talk (Stockton Education Center)

Tuesday, June 21 7pm TIME FOR THREE

MORVEN CABARET & JAZZ CLUB

Wednesday, June 15 7pm STEPHEN SONDHEIM TRIBUTE

Wednesday, June 22 7pm **AARON DIEHL TRIO**

BAROQUE

Trinity Episcopal Church 33 Mercer Street

Thursday, June 16* 7pm THE SEBASTIANS

*6pm Pre-Performance Talk (Trinity Church)

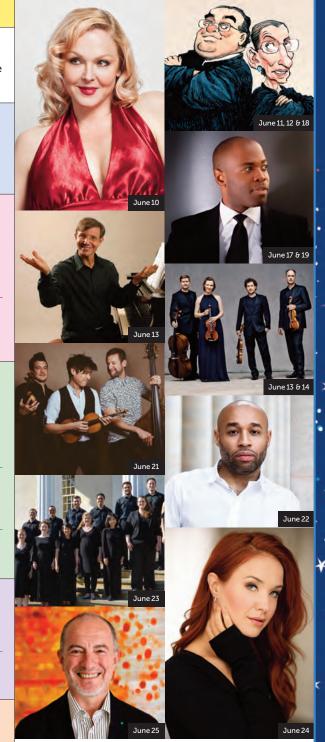
Thursday, June 23* 7pm **FESTIVAL CHORUS | The Sebastians**

*6pm Pre-Performance Talk (Trinity Church)

POPS

Friday, June 24 7pm **SIERRA BOGGESS | Broadway POPS!**

Saturday, June 25 7pm Family POPS!



FESTIVAL POETRY

Saturday, June 18 12:30pm & 3pm JUST POETRY:

WORKSHOP & READING

Nicole Homer leads a poetry workshop and reading in which writers of all ages can receive critique and coaching on their original works inspired by Derrick Wang's opera Scalia/Ginsburg. After the 12:30pm workshop, all are invited to a 3pm live Poetry Reading.

(Stockton Education Center)

FREE with registration

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Welcome to the Princeton Festival!

The stage is set, performers are in the wings, and we are ready to open the 2022 Princeton Festival! For the first time, we are presenting nearly all the Festival's performances under a single expanse for a true summer performing arts extravaganza!

Since the merger of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) with the Princeton Festival in the summer of 2021, we have been planning a season designed to bring exciting, top artists like Storm Large and Sierra Boggess to Princeton. We are enticing performing arts lovers from near and far to experience something new here, whether it be watching an opera like Derrick Wang's Scalia/ Ginsburg, listening to thrilling orchestral works performed by the PSO, Aaron Diehl's jazz set, chamber music with the Signum Quartet, Broadway show tunes, or discovering the timelessness of Baroque music performed by The Sebastians and the Festival Chorus.

We are proud to continue the Princeton Festival tradition of offering free community programs such as the Just Poetry: Workshop and Readings, the PSO BRAVO! poetry and art project for schoolchildren, and the many Festival talks at public libraries, adult communities, and at Morven's Stockton Education Center on a range of topics connected to our programming.

We are so thankful to everyone in the Princeton area for supporting our efforts. Many thanks to all of our artists, production crews, and staff for their energy behind the scenes, and to all of you for coming out to the Princeton Festival!

Now let the magic of a summer evening embrace you. Let your spirit soar with each memorable melody and every shine of the spotlight.

With warmest wishes,

Rossen Milanov

Edward T. Cone Music Director



Gregory Jon Geehern Festival Director





The Driving Force Behind the 2022 Princeton Festival

The 2021 merger of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra with the Princeton Festival brings new leadership to the Festival. The 2022 administrative and creative team, pictured above, of Executive Director Marc Uys, Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov, and Festival Director Gregory J. Geehern, presents adventuresome programming and new artists to the Princeton Festival's growing audience of performing arts lovers. They are achieving the long-sought goal of centralizing the Festival within Princeton, underscoring Princeton as a cultural destination for live arts.

"We are leading Princeton forward into a new creative era filled with fresh ideas, expressive voices, and innovative music." — Rossen Milanov

Rossen Milanov

Edward T. Cone Music Director

Rossen Milanov has established himself as a conductor with considerable national and international presence. In addition to leading the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and the Princeton Festival, Mr. Milanov is the music director of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, and chief conductor of the RTV Slovenia Symphony Orchestra in Ljubljana. Noted for his versatility, he is also a welcomed presence in the worlds of opera and ballet. He has collaborated with Komische Oper Berlin (Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of Mtzensk), Opera Oviedo with the Spanish premiere of Tchaikovsky's Mazzepa and Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle (awarded best Spanish production for 2015), and Opera Columbus (Verdi's La Traviata). He has been seen at New York City Ballet and collaborated with some of the best-known choreographers of our time such as Mats Ek, Benjamin Millepied, and most recently Alexei Ratmansky in the critically acclaimed revival of Swan Lake in Zurich with Zurich Ballet and in Paris with La Scala Ballet. Mr. Milanov is deeply committed to music education, presenting Link Up education projects with Carnegie Hall and the Orchestra of St. Luke's and leading the PSO's annual BRAVO! concerts for thousands of schoolchildren.

Marc Uys

Executive Director

Marc Uys has led the dedicated administrative team of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) since 2015. His initiatives and strategic approach have more than doubled the size of the PSO's season and expanded the scope of the orchestra's activities to include important new partnerships with American Repertory Ballet and McCarter Theatre Center. During the pandemic, he has not only ensured the continuous running of the organization and delivery of its mission with a full complement of staff, but formed a partnership with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, and, over the course of 2021, led the groundbreaking merger with the Princeton Festival. Prior to his current position, Marc enjoyed a 15-year international career as a violinist and production manager.

Gregory Jon Geehern

Festival Director

Gregory J. Geehern, D.Mus., is a multi-talented conductor, pianist, baritone, and scholar who has been called a "gifted new presence" for his work with full choirs, opera choruses, and chamber ensembles in repertoire from the Middle Ages to the present day. He is a recent addition to the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's administrative staff, having served as acting artistic director of the Princeton Festival in 2021 following the departure of Richard Tang Yuk. Prior to that, he held the position of assistant to the artistic director for several years and served as assistant conductor and chorus master of Beethoven's *Fidelio*, Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes*, and John Adams' *Nixon in China*. He also conducted performances of masterworks such as J.S. Bach's cantata *Der Herr denket an uns* and George Frideric Handel's *Dixit Dominus* with The Princeton Festival's Baroque Chorus and Orchestra.

THANK YOU!

It takes the cooperation of multiple organizations and administrators to make an endeavor on the scale of the Princeton Festival possible. We are incredibly thankful to the following organizations and their dedicated staff members for their help in making this season's Festival possible.

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Princeton Symphony Orchestra

Rossen Milanov, Edward T. Cone Music Director ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY

Kenneth Bean, Georg and Joyce Albers-Schonberg Assistant Conductor ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY

The Princeton Festival, June 10-25, 2022

VIOLINI

Elizabeth Fayette^{4,5}/ Krista Bennion Feeney²/ Lun Li³/ Zhen Liu¹ Concertmaster

The George W. Pitcher Chair, ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY

Margaret Banks

The Yvonne Marcuse Chair, in memory of Mark M. Rutzky

Magdiell Antequera

Isabella Egawa

Qianru Elaine He

Aubrey Holmes

Linda Howard

Danny Jin

Elena Kawazu

Diana Kim

Ruotao Mao

Cheng-Chih Kevin Tsai

Zongheng Zhang

VIOLIN II

Qianru Elaine He⁴/ Mei-Ching Huang³/ Diana Kim²/ Wei Zhu¹

The B. Sue Howard Chair

Michelle Brazier

Elena Chernova-Davis

Carmina Gagliardi

Isabella Geis

Nicole Oswald

Robyn Quinnett

Justus Ross

Cheng-Hsun David Tsai

Anna Tsukervanik

VIOLA

Michael Davis^{1,2}/ Hannah Burnett³ *The Harriet & Jay Vawter Chair*

Edwin Kaplan

Joe Kauffman

Jonathan Kim

Rosemary Nelis

Grace Takeda

Jacqueline Watson



CELLO

Alistair MacRae^{1,3}/ Thapelo Masita^{2,4}

The Julian Grant & Peter Lighte Family Chair

Alex Cox

Elizabeth Loughran

Sofia Nowik

Talia Schiff

Elizabeth Thompson

BASS

John Grillo^{1,2,4,5}/ Gabriel Polinsky³ *The Stephanie & Robert Wedeking Chair*

Stephen Groat

Dan Hudson

Devin Howell

FLUTE

Julietta Curenton² / Catherine Gregory^{1,4,5} / Scott Kemsley³

The Lunder/Ezekowitz Family Chair

Mary Schmidt

OBOE

Lillian Copeland^{1,3}/ Gilles Cheng² *The Cynthia & Rob Hillas Chair*

Rachel Ahn

CLARINET

Andy Cho^{1,2,4,5}/ Olivia Hamilton³ *The Richard J. & Neil Ann S. Levine Chair*

Sherry Hartman-Apgar

BASSOON

Brad Balliett^{1,2,4,5}/ Joshua Butcher³ *The Cynthia & Rob Hillas Chair*Zach Feingold

HORN

Jonathan Clark^{1,3,4,5}/ Audrey Flores² **The Dr. Michael L. Barnett Chair**

Wilden Dannenberg

Peter Morris

Rachel Nierenberg

Colin Weyman

TRUMPET

Jerry Bryant^{1,2}/ Andrew Kemp^{4,5} *The Donna & Donald Deieso Chair*

Valdemar Castillo

Thomas Cook

James De La Garza

TROMBONE

Ben Dettlebeck¹/ Addison Maye-Saxon⁴/ Jason Stein²/ Ian Striedter⁵ The David A. Tierno Chair

Gilles Bernard

James Rogers

Lars Wendt

TUBA

Jonathan Fowler^{1,4}

TIMPANI

Jeremy Levine^{1,3,4,5}/ William Wozniak²

The Anne VanLent Chair

PERCUSSION

Phyllis Bitow^{1,4,5}/ David Tarantino² *The Lunder/Ezekowitz Family Chair*

Zachary Crystal

Stella Perlic

Jared Soldiviero

HARP

André Tarantiles^{1,3}

Anonymous Chair, given by a PSO friend in honor of all parents

BANJO/GUITAR

Scott Kuney¹

PIANO/KEYBOARD

Akiko Hosaki³/ Molly Morkoski²/ Benjamin Pawlak¹

Кеу:

- 1: Seven Deadly Sins
- 2: Double Bill
- 3: Albert Herring
- 4: Broadway POPS!
- 5: Family POPS!



Seven Deadly Sins starring

Storm Large

Friday, June 10, 7:30 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ

Storm Large performs as the two Annas, sweet and sensuous, in Kurt Weill's The Seven Deadly Sins, and Rossen Milanov conducts the Princeton Symphony Orchestra in Rodion Shchedrin's Carmen Suite.

This Festival-opening concert is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of



Storm Large, vocalist

Hudson Shad, vocal quartet Mark Bleeke, tenor Eric Edlund, baritone Peter Becker, bass/baritone Wilbur Pauley, bass

Princeton Symphony Orchestra Rossen Milanov, conductor







Kurt Weill (1900–1950)

The Seven Deadly Sins

Prologue

Sloth

Pride

Wrath

Gluttony

Lust

Greed

Envy

Epilogue

INTERMISSION

Rodion Shchedrin (b. 1932)

Carmen Suite

Introduction: Andante assai

Dance: Allegro

First Intermezzo: Allegro moderato – Andante moderato – (attacca)

Changing of the Guard: Moderato

Carmen's Entrance and Habanera: Allegro moderato – Quasi andante

Scene: Allegro moderato – Tempo precedente – Andante assai

Second Intermezzo: Larghetto

Bolero: Allegro vivo

Torero: Moderato con stoltezza

Torero and Carmen: Lento – Tempo I Adagio: Andante moderato – Adagio

Fortune-Telling: Andantino – Andante assai

Finale: Allegro – Tempo precedente – Andante assai

About the Artists



Storm Large: musician, actor, playwright, author, awesome. She shot to national prominence in 2006 as a finalist on the CBS show Rock Star: Supernova, where despite having been eliminated in the week before the finale, Storm built a fan base that follows her around the world to this day. She was seen on the 2021 season of America's Got Talent. Other recent engagements include performing her one-woman autobiographical musical memoir Crazy Enough at La Jolla Music Society and Portland Center Stage, debuts with the Philly Pops, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Seattle Symphony, as well as return engagements with the Houston, Detroit, Toronto, and BBC Symphonies, the New York Pops, and the Louisville Orchestra, with whom she recorded the 2017 album All In. Storm continues to tour concert halls across the country with her band Le Bonheur and as a special quest on Michael Feinstein's Shaken & Stirred tour. Alongside Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey,

Storm joined Michael Feinstein as special guest with the Pasadena Pops.

Storm made her debut as guest vocalist with the band Pink Martini in April 2011, singing four sold-out concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. She continues to perform with the band, touring nationally and internationally, and she is featured on their album *Get Happy*. Storm has also sung with k.d. lang, Kirill Gerstein, John Doe, Rufus Wainwright, and George Clinton.

Over the last three decades, the **Hudson Shad** quartet has most likely racked up more performances as The Family in Kurt Weill's *The Seven Deadly Sins* than any other group in history. They have performed in over 70 different locations, from Arezzo to Zagreb, numbering well over 100 performances worldwide. They

participated in a staging of the work, in a double bill with Weill's *Der Lindberghflug*, at the Macerata Festival. They have thrice recorded the work: with Kurt Masur and the New York Philharmonic, with Marianne Faithfull, Dennis Russell Davies and the RSO-Wien, and with Storm Large and the Oregon Symphony under Carlos Kalmar. In 2008, Hudson Shad was honored to participate in the Carnegie Hall premiere of the work, with Ute Lemper and the Toronto Symphony. 2019 performances included *The Seven Deadly Sins* with Storm Large and the Oregon Symphony, with the Shanghai Symphony and Maestro Dutoit, and on tour in Germany. This performance with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra marks the seventeenth location with Storm Large since their initial encounter at the Ojai Festival in June 2014, and it marks a homecoming of sorts for two Shad grads of Westminster Choir College.





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• Comedic Double Bill • Derrick Wang | Scalia / Ginsburg W. A. Mozart | The Impresario

Saturday, June 11, 7 pm Sunday, June 12, 7 pm Saturday, June 18, 7 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ Derrick Wang's buoyant opera is inspired by two opera-loving, ideologically opposed Supreme Court justices, and Mozart's impresario, Frank, strives to manage the competing demands of two rival divas.

Gregory J. Geehern, conductor
Richard Gammon, director
Julia Noulin-Mérat, scenic design
Paul Kilsdonk, lighting design
Marie Miller, costume design
Carissa Thorlakson, wig and makeup design
Akiko Hosaki, répétiteur/coach
Cassie Goldbach, production stage manager



The Impresario*

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart English Libretto by Dory Previn

Scalia/Ginsburg**

An Opera by Derrick Wang Music and Libretto by Derrick Wang

Cast (in order of appearance)

W.A. Mozart | The Impresario

Buff, a crafty stage manager Herr Frank, the Impresario Herr Eiler, an amorous banker Madame Silverklang, an aging prima donna Miss Sweetsong, an ambitious soubrette

Cody Müller Lance Channing Nicholas Nestorak Aubry Ballarò Kelly Guerra

Derrick Wang | Scalia/Ginsburg

Justice Antonin Scalia The Commentator Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Nicholas Nestorak Cody Müller Kelly Guerra

with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra

Related Events



Saturday, June 11 at 5 pm

Julian Grant introduces W.A. Mozart's and Derrick Wang's operatic takes on workplace conflict with his talk "Divas and Justices."

Stockton Education Center; free and open to the public



Saturday, June 18 at 3 pm

Just Poetry: Reading - Poet Nicole Homer hosts a poetry reading of original works by poets inspired by Derrick Wang's opera "Scalia/Ginsburg."

Stockton Education Center; free and open to the public

^{*}The Impresario is presented by arrangement with Theodore Presser Company, publisher and copyright owner.

^{**}Scalia/Ginsburg is presented by special arrangement with Consequent Music.

The Impresario — Synopsis

The action takes place in a theatrical office in Vienna during the late 18th century. Herr Frank, an opera producer, is persuaded by his assistant, Buff, to undertake a new production, much against his better judgment. He encounters difficulty with the two singers competing for the leading role, Madame Silverklang, an aging prima donna and Miss Sweetsong, an aspiring ingenue. Each is determined to win the part and scorns the abilities and accomplishments of the other. Finally, Herr Eiler, the banker who is backing the production, placates the singers, and is so pleased with himself in the role of mediator that he decides to fire Frank and take his place as impresario. Everyone, including Buff, decides to go along with Eiler rather than Frank, and poor Frank storms out, bequeathing them his position and possessions and denouncing their greed.

Scalia/Ginsburg — Synopsis

- 1. In the plot of this operatic comedy, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is visited by The Commentator, an otherworldly figure who:
 - a. Confronts Justice Scalia (as in the opera Don Giovanni).
 - b. Seals Justice Scalia in a chamber (as in the opera Aïda).
 - c. Compels Justice Scalia to undergo three trials (as in the opera The Magic Flute).
 - d. All of the above.
- 2. When Justice Ginsburg arrives to assist Justice Scalia, she:
 - a. Comforts Justice Scalia (in the style of Bellini).
 - b. Debates Justice Scalia (in the style of Verdi and Mozart).
 - c. Explains her view of the evolving Constitution (in evolving musical styles).
 - d. All of the above.
- 3. The trials undergone by the Justices include:
 - a. An inquisition (in which the Commentator directly questions the Justices).
 - b. A trial of silence (in which the Justices must not say anything).
 - c. A mystery.
 - d. All of the above.
- 4. If the Justices pass the trials, they will receive:
 - a. Their freedom from the sealed chamber.
 - b. Access to another realm.
 - c. A special talent.
 - d. All of the above.
- 5. In the opera Scalia/Ginsburg, Justices Ginsburg and Scalia are described as:
 - a. [U.S.] Supreme Court Justices.
 - b. Different
 - c. One.
 - d. All of the above.

About Composer & Librettist Derrick Wang



Derrick Wang is a creator, thinker, and advisor unlocking value in unlikely places.

As a creator, he is known in worldwide media as the composer and librettist of the opera Scalia/Ginsburg, which U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called "a dream come true," and which ushered in the current era of Supreme Court-themed art. The Los Angeles Times wrote: "Could we please make it a constitutional requirement that no one can be sworn into office in the White House or Congress without

first having seen Scalia/Ginsburg?" Hailed as "a perfect...jewel" (Opera Today), "a fiercely entertaining crash course on the U.S. Constitution and the people who uphold it" (Broad Street Review), and "the kind of opera that should be everywhere" (OperaWire), Scalia/Ginsburg was premiered to international attention at noted conductor Lorin Maazel's Castleton Festival and (in its revised version) at The Glimmerglass Festival, featured as its own chapter (the audio version of which Derrick Wang narrates) in Ruth Bader Ginsburg's book My Own Words, broadcast on national radio in the United States, featured on Live with Carnegie Hall, and performed across the United States and abroad, including its sold-out Australian premiere in 2021.

As an ASCAP and BMI award-winning composer, lyricist, and librettist, his works have been performed by artists and groups including the American Modern Ensemble, Castleton Festival, Chautauqua Opera Company, Glimmerglass Festival, Opera Carolina, Opera Delaware, Opera Grand Rapids, Opera Las Vegas, Opera Memphis, Opera Naples, Opera North, Orchestra Victoria, Washington National Opera, and Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, in venues from New York to Australia, and his orchestrations have been performed at Juilliard and Carnegie Hall.

As an interdisciplinary thinker, his writing has been published in academic journals, profiled in legal periodicals, cited on network television (including Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?), and covered in U.S. news outlets (ranging from The Wall Street Journal to MSNBC) and international media (from The Economist to the Süddeutsche Zeitung and beyond). As founding advisor of Arsāpio, a creative consultancy for polymathic growth, he demonstrates how artistic knowledge can unlock leadership potential in organizations of all kinds. As a speaker, pianist, and creator of the motto "We are different, we are one," he has addressed judges, legislators, and legal scholars across the American political spectrum and the United States.

A graduate of Harvard University (AB magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), the Yale School of Music (MM), and the University of Maryland Carey School of Law (JD), he teaches music and law in the Business of Music program at the Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University. For more information, visit www.derrickwang.com.

Derrick Wang photo by Matthew Fried

About the Artists — Double Bill



Aubry Ballarò (Madame Silverklang)

Soprano Aubry Ballarò is a current resident artist at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia where she was most recently featured as Musetta in *La bohème* and Gilda in *Rigoletto* in their November gala. She is seen frequently in recital and on the operatic stage at AVA, most notably singing roles such as Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Juliette in *Roméo et Juliette*, and Oscar in *Un ballo in maschera*. Under the baton of Steven Mercurio, she has appeared twice at the Festival de Musique de Saint Barthélemy, singing Micaëla in their 2020 production of *Carmen*, and popular operatic selections in their 2021 concert with orchestra. She was a Finalist

in the 2021 Vincerò World Singing Competition in Napoli, a winner of the 2019 Bologna International Vocal Competition with honorable mention, as well as an Encouragement Award winner in the 2017 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. This spring, Aubry will be singing the title role in *Lucia di Lammermoor* with Stara Zagora State Opera, and is pleased to be spending June singing Madame Silverklang in Mozart's *The Impresario* with The Princeton Festival.



Lance Channing (Herr Frank)

Lance Channing's previous Princeton Festival credits include Man of La Mancha, A Little Night Music, Porgy and Bess, and The Flying Dutchman [Der fliegende Holländer]. Other theatre credits include Pippin (w/Anika Noni Rose), Julius Caesar (w/ James Edmondson), And Then There Were None (with Alison Arngrim), and the world premieres of Nicholas Nickleby, Contact, and The Tempest (in an actual lake). Lance can be seen in the films Cut Shoot Kill, Crooked & Narrow and The Black Rider as well as an episode of Marvel's Daredevil on Netflix and The Hungry Games on Food Network. www.lancechanning.com



Kelly Guerra (Miss Sweetsong/Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

Peruvian-American mezzo-soprano Kelly Guerra starred as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in Derrick Wang's opera *Scalia/Ginsburg* with the Chautauqua Opera in 2021. She recently sang the role of Lupita in *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* with Opera Santa Barbara and Iphigenia Unbound in *Iphigenia* by Wayne Shorter and Esperanza Spalding. In spring 2022, Kelly makes her Los Angeles Philharmonic debut under the baton of John Adams in a performance of *De Staat* by Andriessen, and will premiere Katherine Balch's *Illuminate* with the California Symphony. She has been featured at the Lucerne Festival, Tanglewood Music Center, and the Bard Music Festival.





Cody Müller (Buff/The Commentator)

Described as having a voice that "...resonates authority," Cody Müller, bass, has been thrilling audiences all over North America. A recent graduate of the prestigious Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, Cody has been engaged by opera companies and orchestras alike. Some of his most notable credits include Sparafucile in Rigoletto with the Academy of Vocal Arts, Dr. Bartolo in Le nozze di Figaro, the Usher in Trial by Jury with OperaDelaware, Henezo in L'amico Fritz with Baltimore Concert Opera, Don Basilio in The Barber of Seville with Opera Iowa, Gus O'Neill in Later the Same Evening with Central City Opera, Jesus in Bach's Matthäus Passion with

the Concert Artists of Baltimore, and the bass soloist in H-Moll-Messe with the American Bach Soloists. The upcoming year will see Cody make debuts with companies across the United States. He currently resides in Philadelphia, PA.



Nicholas Nestorak (Herr Eiler/Justice Antonin Scalia)

Nicholas Nestorak is emerging as a tenor to watch! Recently, Nestorak joined the roster of The Metropolitan Opera to cover Pang in their production of *Turandot* as well as the Tanzmeister in Ariadne auf Naxos. In addition, he returned to Opera Grand Rapids as Pong in Turandot, performed Goro in Madama Butterfly with Florida Grand Opera, Monostatos in The Magic Flute with Toledo Opera and Opera Grand Rapids, The Witch in Hansel and Gretel with Brava! Opera, and Grant Wood in Strokes of Genius, a new work about Cedar Rapids native Grant Wood, with Cedar Rapids Opera Theater. He also made his debut as Count Almaviva in The

Barber of Seville with Opera Roanoke to critical acclaim. He has delighted audiences at the Glimmerglass Festival as Tobias in Stephen Sondheim's gruesome favorite, Sweeney Todd, appeared in the title role of Albert Herring and Jupiter in Semele at Opera MODO, and as Lord Geoffrey in The Picture of Dorian Gray at Opera Fayetteville.

Opera Production Team

Meet the team of exceptionally creative individuals who made this year's Princeton Festival productions of Derrick Wang's *Scalia/Ginsburg*, W.A. Mozart's *The Impresario*, and Benjamin Britten's *Albert Herring* come to life. Read on to find out more about them and their behind-the-scenes work.



Richard Gammon, Director

Filipino American stage director Richard Gammon's productions include *Der Kaiser von Atlantis* and Gluck's *L'île de Merlin* (Wolf Trap Opera), *Gianni Schicchi* and Ching's *Buoso's Ghost* (Michigan Opera Theatre), *Madama Butterfly* and Perla's *An American Dream* (Virginia Opera), Scarlatti's *Erminia* (Opera Lafayette at The Kennedy Center); *Susannah* (Charlottesville Opera), *CARE Monologue Film Project* (Cleveland Play House), *The Life and Times of Joe Jefferson Benjamin Blow* (National Asian Artists Project), Rorem's *Three Sisters who are Not Sisters* (Manhattan School of Music), and Sankaram's *Looking at You* (Carnegie Mellon). Creative positions include Opera Maine's

Studio Artist Program director (Kaminsky's *As One*, Heggie's *Three Decembers*, Fairouz's *Sumeida's Song*), co-founder/director of *Art with Arias* (Portland Museum of Art/Opera Maine recital collaboration), creative associate for Seán Curran Company's *Dream'd in a Dream* (BAM Next Wave Festival), and associate director of *Porgy and Bess* (Greensboro Opera) and *The Grapes of Wrath* (Michigan Opera Theatre).



Julia Noulin-Mérat, Scenic Design

Julia Noulin-Mérat is an American, French, and Canadian producer, production designer, and is the General Director & CEO of Opera Columbus. She is the creative director for Hong Kong-based More Than Musical and is the Artistic Advisor of Guerilla Opera. Previously, she was the Associate Producer at Boston Lyric Opera for 8 years. She has designed over 400 opera, theater, and television productions, including 25 new operas and 22 new plays. Other projects include a TEDx talk on site-specific opera productions in the modern age for Opera Omaha; Neverland (China Broadway), a \$20 million, 50,000 square immersive theater piece in Beijing

based on Peter Pan directed by Allegra Libonati; PPE friendly outdoor Fall and Spring Festival productions (the Atlanta Opera) directed by Tomer Zvulun; an immersive Pagliacci (Boston Lyric Opera) production complete with fairgrounds inside an ice rink directed by David Lefkowich; and Playground (Opera Omaha), a National touring operatic sound sculpture in collaboration with composer Ellen Reid. Noulin-Mérat's work has been featured in *Opera News, LiveDesign, The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, to name a few. www.Noulinmerat.com



Paul Kilsdonk, Lighting Design

Paul Kilsdonk (Lighting Design) is excited to be collaborating with Princeton Festival. Paul has designed many productions with Passage Theater; White Guy on the Bus, Song for the Disappeared, The Goldilocks Zone to note a few. He designed lighting for The Language Archive with Bristol Riverside Theatre and The Beauty Queen of Leenane at Langhorne Players. Design for McCarter Theatre includes Eclipsed, Coming Home, Lucky Girl, and A Christmas Carol (Associate Design). In his staff position as Lighting Supervisor with McCarter Theatre, Paul has been responsible for creating the lighting for hundreds of events, including soloist

musicians, jazz trios, rock bands, orchestras and festive lighting for the annual galas.



Marie Miller, Costume Design

Marie Miller served as costume coordinator for the Princeton Festival's 2019 production of John Adams' opera Nixon in China. She was costume designer for the musical theater production of She Loves Me, and has kept the Festival in stitches since 2005. Other opera-tunities include working with Opera Festival of NJ and the Curtis Institute of Music. Among her favorite fabrications are *The Boys Next Door* (McCarter world premiere) and the creation/construction of a 90-ft. long "70-Pede" for the Princeton University Alumni P-rade.



Carissa Thorlakson, Wig and Makeup Design

Carissa Thorlakson is a New Jersey-based wig and makeup designer. She has created designs for Off-Broadway productions of Grand Hotel and Little Rock. She has also designed for The Old Globe, A.R.T., Walnut Street Theatre, McCarter Theatre Center, Lookingglass Theatre Company, Hudson Stage Company, Temple University, Olney Theatre Center, the University of Delaware Resident Ensemble Players, The Princeton Festival, and American Repertory Ballet. She has served as a wig and makeup artist at Santa Fe Opera, Sarasota Opera, Washington National Opera at The Kennedy Center, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Signature Theatre, and Round House Theatre.



Akiko Hosaki, Répétiteur/Coach

A collaborative pianist and vocal coach, Akiko Hosaki is currently an adjunct assistant professor at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, and serves as the head of vocal staff accompanists and coordinator. She was the assistant to Dalton Baldwin, legendary collaborative pianist, at Académie internationale d'été de Nice, France, since 2013 until his passing in 2019, and at Mozarteum Sommerakademie in 2017 and 2018. In the United States, she has collaborated with opera companies such as Castleton Festival, New Jersey State Opera, Opera North, the Princeton Festival, and Boheme Opera. A native of Osaka, Japan, Akiko Hosaki holds degrees from

Musashino Academia Musicae in Japan, Westminster Choir College, and the University of Minnesota.



Cassie Goldbach, Production Stage Manager

Cassie Goldbach is a stage manager specializing in music-driven performance. Tours: Blue Man Group's How to Be A Megastar Tour, STOMP!, Mannheim Steamroller, Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra, Donny & Marie Osmond, Tape Face, Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, Live!, The Clairvoyants, A Nat King Cole Christmas, The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron, and countertenor Phillipe Jaroussky. International & National: Teatro Signorelli (Italy), Icastica Arezzo (Italy), Casino Lisboa (Portugal), New World Stages (NYC), Town Hall (NYC), Pershing Signature Center (NYC), Barrow Street Theater (NYC), Artist Lounge Live (Chicago) Columbus Symphony, Cleveland

Opera Theatre, Broadway in Chicago, Opera Per Tutti. She currently holds production & stage management residencies with Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theater and the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival.



Benjamin Britten | Albert Herring

Music by Benjamin Britten Libretto by Eric Crozier

Friday, June 17, 7 pm Sunday, June 19, 7 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ Tenor Joshua Stewart sings the title role in Benjamin Britten's comic opera about a young man who is named May King due to a lack of virtuous maidens and the machinations of his mother.

Rossen Milanov, conductor
Richard Gammon, director
Julia Noulin-Mérat, scenic design
Paul Kilsdonk, lighting design
Marie Miller, costume design
Carissa Thorlakson, wig and makeup design
Akiko Hosaki, répétiteur/coach
Cassie Goldbach, production stage manager





Joshua Stewart, tenor

Cast (in order of appearance)

Lady Billows, an elderly autocrat Florence Pike, her housekeeper Miss Wordsworth, a schoolteacher Mr. Gedge, the vicar Mr. Upfold, the mayor Superintendent Budd Sid, a butcher's assistant Albert Herring, from the greengrocer's Nancy, from the bakery Mrs. Herring, Albert's mother Emmie, village child Cis, village child Harry, village child Harry (cover)

Ann Toomey Mariana Karpatova Leah Brzyski Jonathan Lasch Shawn Roth Eric Delagrange Billy Huyler Joshua Stewart Hannah Klein Melody Wilson Alexandra Thomas Sienna Grinwald-Alves Lewis Jacobson Wasden Liam Connor McWha

with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra

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Albert Herring — Synopsis

Act I

The scene is Loxford, a small market town midway between Ipswich and Aldeburgh, in East Suffolk. One of the more important persons of the district is Lady Billows, who combines an autocratic zeal for good works with a horror of immorality in all its forms – but especially among the young and unmarried. This has brought her to the notion of reviving the May Day Festival in Loxford. She appoints a small committee to guide her in selecting a worthy girl for May Queen, offers 25 guineas as the premium on virtue, and sets Florence, her housekeeper, ferreting around for gossip about all likely candidates.

Alas, when the committee has its final meeting in April, the evidence against its nominees is comprehensive and damning. To elect a local girl for her virtue would shirk the plain facts. None of them is fit.

The situation is saved by Mr. Budd. If there is no Queen available – why not have a May King? Why not Albert Herring? His reputation is spotless: his shyness and his fear of girls are notorious. The Vicar agrees: why should virtue be a prerogative of the female sex? Lady Billows grasps at the chance of snubbing the unforgivable Loxford girls, and the whole committee sets off to break the news to Albert and his mother.

The Herrings keep a greengrocer's shop in Little Street, next door to the butcher's. We see Albert first on a normal workday morning, with Sid from next door dropping in for a chat. They are joined by Nancy, Sid's latest girl, and the flirting between her and Sid discomforts Albert, who is glad to see the back of them. He is made still more uncomfortable by the arrival of Florence, as forerunner to the whole committee, and objects strongly to their plan of crowning him, but is overruled by Mum, who has a weather eye on the 25 guineas.

Act II

May Day itself. Nancy and Sid are making last-minute preparations for high tea, while everyone else is at the service in the Parish Church celebrating Albert's coronation. Sid persuades Nancy to help him in a practical joke: they fill all the glasses with lemonade, and dose Albert's glass with a stiff lacing of rum.

Miss Wordsworth takes a final rehearsal of the ode she has written for the occasion, until the guests begin arriving – Albert last of all, in a neat but ostentatiously clean white suit. Bouquets are presented, speeches made and applauded, the purse of guineas delivered, and all join in a toast to their May King. Albert takes a long swig from his glass, demands more 'lemonade' and becomes immediately much brisker. The curtain falls with everyone settling down to the food.

Act III

Later that evening Albert comes home in a state of considerable exhilaration. Mum is visiting her sister, and Albert can spread himself in memories of the magnificent feast: he is interrupted by Sid and Nancy on their way for a walk. They stop to chat under the lamp-post outside the shop, laugh at the quaint picture Albert made in his white suit, but soon forget him in their own flirtation, which Albert overhears with horrible fascination. When they have gone, his excitement, embarrassment and indignation combine in a wild desire for escape. He suddenly makes up his mind to enjoy one night's freedom at least and slips out into the night. Mum returns, locks up and trudges wearily off to bed, thinking Albert is in and asleep already.

Next day the whole town is feverishly alarmed by the May King's disappearance. Business stops, the search spreads wider and wider round the district, and rumors abound. Mum is broken-hearted at the loss of her boy. Suspicion hardens into dreadful certainty when a solemn procession arrives at the shop bearing the little wreath of orange-blossom Albert wore at his coronation. It has been found on the Ipswich road, crushed by a cart.

All join in a threnody of lamentation around the wreath, which is broken by the arrival back of Albert himself filthy, disheveled and defiant. His explanation of his night-out is appalling. He has plunged into unforgivable excesses – but at least he has learnt the value of his own independence and can stand up for himself in future.

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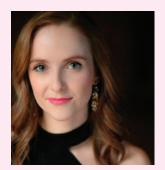
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About the Artists — Albert Herring



Leah Brzyski (Miss Wordsworth)

Rising coloratura soprano Leah Brzyski is quickly establishing herself as a noteworthy performer throughout the United States. This season, she made her Santa Fe Opera debut premiering the role of Agave in Mark Adamo and John Corigliano's opera Lord of Cries and covering the role of Tytania (A Midsummer Night's Dream). She then joined Minnesota Opera's Resident Artist Program to sing the roles of Frasquita in Carmen and Jeannette in The Anonymous Lover. She makes her international debut at the Beijing Modern Music Festival in 2023. Recent roles include Miss Wordsworth with Minnesota Opera, Norina with Bel Cantanti Opera, Cendrillon with

Opera Ithaca, and Le Rossignol with Yale Opera. Leah Brzyski was the 1st place winner of the 2020 Grand Junction Symphony Competition, the 2020 Dorothy Lincoln-Smith Competition, and a District Winner of the Metropolitan National Council Auditions (2020).



Eric Delagrange (Superintendent Budd)

American Basso Cantante Eric Delagrange is a native of Buffalo, New York and a recent graduate from the prestigious Academy of Vocal Arts. This 2021–2022 season, he can be seen as Prince Gremin in *Eugene Onegin* with Music Academy of the West. Other highlights include Colline in *La bohème* and Zaretsky/Captain in *Eugene Onegin* with The Academy of Vocal Arts. In the 2019–2020 season, he made his role debut as Balthazar in *La Favorite* at The Academy of Vocal Arts. In December, he made his debut with Heartbeat Opera in Louisa Proske, and Chloe Treat's production of *Der Freischütz* as Hermit. In October of 2019, he joined pianist

Brent Funderburk in a Recital Series at The Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Connecticut. He graduated from Mercyhurst University with his Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and DePaul University with his Master of Music in Opera Performance.



Sienna Grinwald-Alves (Cis)

Sienna Grinwald-Alves is a sophomore music education major at Westminster Choir College, where she studies under Dr. Christopher Arneson. Sienna is from Toms River, NJ, and began her vocal training at the age of ten years old. She spent two years at the Paper Mill Playhouse Conservatory perfecting her dance, voice, and acting technique. Her past credits include Hänsel und Gretel (Sandman) Westminster Choir College Opera Theatre, Ballymore: Winners (Maggie Enright) Westminster Choir College Opera Theatre, Amahl and the Night Visitors (Shepherd) Ocean County College Opera, and more. She is a 1st place award recipient of the Westminster Vocal

Scholarship and 1st-place winner of the Turton Talent Show Competition among other awards. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support, with a special thank you to Prof. Susan Ashbaker, Dr. Christopher Arneson, and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra.





Billy Huyler (Sid)

Billy Huyler is a baritone praised by OperaWire for having a voice that is "focused and indicative of substantial vocal agility." Most recently, he was selected as a studio artist with Sarasota Opera for the 2022 season where he covered the role of Sulpice in Donizetti's *La fille du régiment*. In 2021, he performed the role of Tarabotto in Rossini's *L'inganno felice* with Opera Southwest. He was selected as an apprentice artist with Sarasota Opera for the 2019–2020 season where he performed the role of Doganiere in Puccini's *La bohème* and covered the roles of Grégorio in Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* and the Court Usher in Verdi's *Rigoletto*. Other highlights include

singing Tom in the New York City premiere of Laura Kaminksy's *Some Light Emerges* and performing Papageno in *Die Zauberflöte* at the Prague Estates Theater. He is a native of Florham Park, NJ and based in Brooklyn, NY.



Mariana Karpatova (Florence Pike)

While still a student at the Juilliard Opera Center, Mariana Karpatova appeared on the "Live from Lincoln Center" broadcast of Maurice Sendak's new production of Hänsel und Gretel in the dual role of the Mother and the Witch. Shortly after, she went on to make her Lincoln Center recital debut at Alice Tully Hall as the recipient of the Alice Tully Vocal Arts Debut Award. She has appeared with major US opera companies such as the Metropolitan Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, Sarasota Opera, Baltimore Opera, Sofia National Opera, Palm Beach Opera and others. During the 2021–22 Season, Mariana Karpatova was featured in the Holiday Concert at the

Opera at Florham, the Bulgarian Concert Evenings in New York Opening Night Gala at Carnegie Hall, and the Consulate General of the Republic of Bulgaria Concert Series. Future engagements include an appearance with Columbus Symphony Orchestra in the fall. Since August 2018, she has been a co-creator and participant in the "Off-the-Beaten-Path" Chamber Music Festival held each summer in her native Bulgaria.



Hannah Klein (Nancy)

Hannah Klein, from Concord, Ma, entered the Curtis Institute of Music in 2016 and studies voice with Cynthia Hoffman. Previous roles include Madame de Volanges in *The Dangerous Liaisons*, Nancy in *Albert Herring*, Mrs. Nolan in *The Medium*, Mourner in *A Quiet Place*, Geneviève in Impressions of *Pelléas*, and Le Pâtre/the Shepherd Boy in *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* for the Curtis Opera Theatre.





Jonathan Lasch (Mr. Gedge)

Jonathan Lasch has been described by critics as possessing a voice of "arresting color and heft," a performer who is a "master of the stage" and a "tour de force." Most recently, he performed as Sam in Leonard Bernstein's *Trouble in Tahiti* with Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, Hannah Before in *As One* with Aepex Contemporary Performance at Kerrytown Concert Hall. He is thrilled to return to the Princeton Festival as The Vicar in Benjamin Britten's *Albert Herring*. On the concert stage, Jonathan most recently sang the title role in Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with Chorus America and the baritone soloist in Jocelyn Hagen's amass with Eugene Rogers

in Hill Auditorium. He also performed Schubert's *Schwanengesang* several times on concert stages across Michigan. Jonathan Lasch is assistant professor and coordinator of voice at Wayne State University in Detroit.



Shawn Roth (Mr. Upfold)

Winner of the 2021 Marilyn Horne Song Competition, Shawn Roth is an emerging tenor in opera. In November of 2019, he was named a winner in the Michigan District of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and went on to receive the Encouragement Award at the MONCA Great Lakes Region Finals in January 2020. In fall 2020, he joined the roster of resident artists at Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, where he studies with Bill Schuman. There, he has performed and prepared the roles of Lensky in *Eugene Onegin*, Wilhelm Meister in *Mignon*, and Rodolfo in *La bohème*. Shawn Roth maintains a

private voice studio in his hometown of Johnstown, PA.



Joshua Stewart (Albert Herring)

Born in New Orleans, Joshua Stewart attended New Orleans Centre for Creative Arts (NOCCA) following which he graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and joined Munich's Bavarian State Opera Studio. Based in Europe, the artist recently sang with celebrated conductor Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra on tour in the UK, to Paris, and in Germany as tenor soloist in Tippett's A Child of our Time. He appeared in the roles of Zinovy in Lady Macbeth of Mstensk and Lazarus in the world premiere of Giorgio Battistelli's Wake, both at Birmingham Opera Company (UK) directed by Graham Vick, Trin in

La Fanciulla del West at Hamburg State Opera, and Antenore in Zelmira and Giove in Le nozze di Teti e di Peleo at Rossini in Wildbad, Germany among others. The artist appeared as The Shepherd in Oedipus Rex in performances staged by Peter Sellars under the baton of Esa-Pekka Salonen at the Baltic Sea Festival in Stockholm, at Festival Aix en Provence, and at London's Royal Festival Hall. In the US, Joshua appeared with Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in Das Paradies und die Peri under the baton of Paolo Bortolameolli and sang the title role in Charlie Parker's Yardbird at Madison Opera, Atlanta Opera, Arizona Opera, and at Seattle Opera. Recent roles this season include Rodolfo in La Boheme in concert for Columbus Symphony, Son in Blue at Seattle Opera in the highly lauded production by Jeanine Tesori and Tazewell Thompson, and the role of Benny Paret in Champion at Boston Lyric Opera. Future engagements include Valcour L'amant anonyme at Theater St Gallen, Switzerland.



Alexandra Thomas (Emmie)

Alexandra Thomas is delighted to be making her debut with the Princeton Festival as Emmie in *Albert Herring*. She previously appeared as the Dew Fairy in Westminster Opera Theatre's production of *Hänsel und Gretel* this past fall. She currently studies with Dr. Kathy Price at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. With the Westminster Symphonic Choir, she has sung with the Philadelphia Orchestra under the direction of Yannick Nézet-Séguin (Bach's B-minor Mass) and Stéphane Denève (Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges*). She has sung and recorded two CDs with the Grammy-nominated Westminster Williamson Voices: *Aurora* and *A Scattered Light in*

Winter (on which she has a solo). When not singing, Alexandra enjoys spending her time cooking, reading, and practicing handcrafts.



Ann Toomey (Lady Billows)

American soprano Ann Toomey is a 2016 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions national semifinalist and 2019 Richard F. Gold Career Grant Recipient. In the 2021–2022 season, Ann Toomey made her role debut as the title role of Puccini's Tosca with Sarasota Opera, and will perform the title role of *Susannah* with Wolf Trap Opera. Ms. Toomey also sings the title role in Korngold's *Die Kathrin* with the Chicago Folks Operetta and returns to Lyric Opera of Chicago as the cover of the Lady in Waiting in *Macbeth*. On the concert stage, she sings Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Orlando. During the 2018–2019

season, she performed as Musetta in *La bohème* with Lyric Opera of Chicago, completing her three-year residency with the Ryan Opera Center. She debuted at Lyric Opera of Chicago as First Lady in *Die Zauberflöte* and was also seen as the Fifth Maid in *Elektra*. She covered several roles during her time in Chicago, including Elettra (Idomeneo), Fiordiligi (*Così fan tutte*), and Micaëla (*Carmen*).



Lewis Jacobson Wasden (Harry)

Lewis Jacobson Wasden is a boy soprano who sings with the Princeton Boy Choir and previously performed with the Apprentice Choir of the American Boy Choir. He has studied with Fred Meads. Lewis recently originated the role of William Frankenstein in a workshop of *Frankenstein*, a newly commissioned opera by Gregg Kallor with the Arizona Opera Company. He also performed the Youth role in Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs. Lewis can be heard on recordings for the early childhood music program Music Together. He also performs with the Hopewell Valley Children's Theater. Lewis is a 7th grader, and

enjoys percussion, piano, theater, singing, composing, reading, and hiking.





Melody Wilson (Mrs. Herring) With her warm, richly timbred voice, mezzo-soprano Melody Wilson has quickly made a name for herself in the US and Europe. In 2022, she performed a recital with Oakland Symphony, gave her debut with the San Francisco Symphony in Brahms's Alto-Rhapsody, and stepped in as Olga in Eugene Onegin with the Dallas Symphony under Maestro Fabio Luisi. Next on her agenda are Principessa di Bouillon in Adriana Lecouvreur with Baltimore Concert Opera, A Child of Our Time with Oakland Symphony under Maestro Leo Slatkin, Meg Page in Falstaff and Olga in Eugene Onegin with Union Avenue Opera, Sanctuary Road with Chautauqua Symphony, and a gala concert with Broadway legend Brian Stokes Mitchell and the Delaware Symphony. Her engagements in 2021 included her company debuts with Indianapolis Opera as Suzuki in Madama Butterfly and Cincinnati Opera as Mercédès in Carmen, her return to Opera Theatre of St. Louis' and Beethoven's Ninth with Kalamazoo Symphony. Melody Wilson is a fivetime recipient of the Jessye Norman Fellowship and a winner of the Gabriela Benacková Competition in Prague and the International Czech and Slovak Competition.



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"What Makes It Great?": Death and the Maiden

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Monday, June 13, 7 pm

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Rob Kapilow, host

Signum Quartet

Florian Donderer, violin Annette Walther, violin Xandi van Dijk, viola Thomas Schmitz, cello

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor, D. 810 "Death and the Maiden"

- Ι. Allegro
- 11. Andante con moto
- Ш. Scherzo: Allegro molto
- IV. Presto

For over 30 years, Rob Kapilow has brought the joy and wonder of classical music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Kapilow's work brings music into people's lives: opening new ears to musical experiences and helping people to listen actively rather than just hear.

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Kapilow appeared on NBC's Today Show with Katie Couric, presented a special What Makes It Great?® for broadcast on PBS's Live From Lincoln Center, and was the subject of a full-length PBS documentary. His What Makes it Great radio series was broadcast for more than a decade on NPR's Performance Today, and he has written three books: All You Have To Do Is Listen, What Makes It Great, and Listening for America: Inside the Great American Songbook from Gershwin to Sondheim.

Kapilow has conducted many of North America's major orchestras, as well as works of musical theater, ranging from the Tony Award-winning Nine on Broadway to the premiere of Frida for the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival, and premieres of works for the American Repertory Theater. At the age of 19, Kapilow interrupted his academic work at Yale University to study with the legendary Nadia Boulanger. After graduating from Eastman School of Music, he returned to Yale, where he was an assistant professor and conductor of the Yale Symphony Orchestra for six years. He lives in River Vale, NJ, and is a black belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate.





Signum Quartet

Schubert's Late String Quartets

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Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

String Quartet No. 13 in A Minor, D. 804, "Rosamunde"

- Ι. Allegro ma non troppo
- 11. Andante
- III. Menuetto: Allegretto - Trio
- IV. Allegro moderato

String Quartet No. 15 in G Major, D. 887

- Allegro molto moderato
- 11. Andante un poco moto
- III Scherzo: Allegro vivace – Trio: Allegretto
- IV. Allegro assai

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PROGRAM

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Amazing Grace	Traditional
Ashokan Farewell	by J. Ungar
Banjo Love	by Meyer/Hackman/Kendall/De Pue
Bittersweet Symphony	by The Verve
Black Bird	by Lennon/McCartney
Bradford Commission	by Kendall/De Pue/Meyer
Chaconne in Winter	by J.S. Bach/Arranged by Hackman & Time For Three
Czardas	by Monti
Deanna	by Time For Three
Déjà vu	by Time For Three, Liz Rose, Femke Weidema
Ecuador	by Meyer
Eleanor Rigby	by The Beatles
Hallelujah	by LeonardCohen
Hide and Seek	by Imogen Heap
Jazz Riff	by Meyer
Joy	by Time ForThree
In the Dressing Room	by Meyer/Arranged by Meyer & Moose
Norwegian Wood	by Lennon/McCartney/Arranged by Hackman & Time For Three
Orange Blossom Special	by Charlie Rouse
Over	by Time for Three, Liz Rose, Femke Weidema
Sweet Child of Mine	by Guns N' Roses
Stand By Me	by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller
Philly Phunk	by Meyer
Shenandoah	Traditional
Sunday Morning	by Adam Levine, Jesse Carmichael
Toxic	By Bloodshy & Avant (Britney Spears)
Vertigo	by S.Hackman/Arranged by S.Hackman









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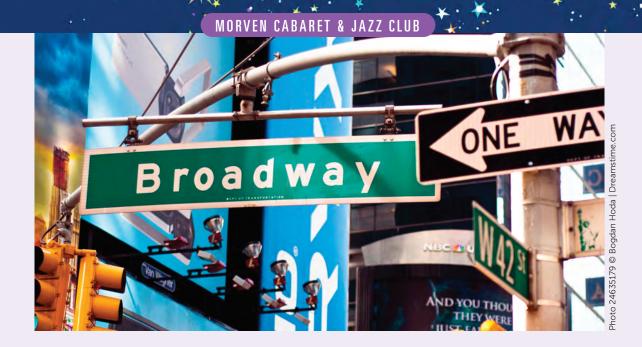
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Prize-winners Jennifer Higdon and William Bolcom. Their most recent commission by Pulitzer Prize-winner Kevin Puts, Contact, will be premiered with the San Francisco Symphony and the Philadelphia Orchestra in summer 2022. This concerto will be featured on their new album, Letters for the Future, alongside Jennifer Higdon's Concerto 4-3, to be released June 2022 on Deutsche Grammophon. tf3.com



Stephen Sondheim Tribute

Yours Sincerely, Stephen Sondheim

Wednesday, June 15, 7 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ This exciting evening features the fantastic music of Broadway's celebrated composer Stephen Sondheim sung by Alyssa Giannetti and Jason Forbach with Matthew Stephens, pianist and music director.

Alyssa Giannetti, *vocals* Jason Forbach, *vocals* Matthew Stephens, *Music Director and piano*

No other person has single-handedly evolved the American Musical Theatre art form like Stephen Sondheim. Since his passing, personal letters and anecdotes from Sondheim have surfaced, only deepening our understanding of the man and his work. In this concert, you will experience Sondheim's iconic music and lyrics interwoven with his own words.

Please enjoy Yours Sincerely, Stephen Sondheim!



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About the Artists



Alyssa Giannetti is a classically trained singer and actor based out of New York City. She is a graduate of Northwestern University where she received a BM in Voice & Opera Performance, as well as a minor in Choral Music Education and a certificate in Musical Theatre Performance. Originally from Bloomfield Hills, MI, Alyssa made her professional debut while touring with the first National Tour of Love Never Dies, the sequel to The Phantom of the Opera, as the Christine Daaé Understudy and Ensemble Swing. She most recently was seen singing more Lloyd Webber hits in the world premiere of UNMASKED: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber at Paper Mill Playhouse and in Far from Canterbury at Barnstormers Theatre. Upcoming engagements include performing in the ensemble in Mary Poppins at The Muny.



Jason Forbach has a career ranging across the opera, symphony, and Broadway stage. He currently appears in The Phantom of the Opera at the Majestic Theater on Broadway. In 2014, he was in the Tony-nominated Broadway revival of Les Miserables as Enjolras, where he reprised the role he played on the 25th Anniversary National Tour. He has performed regionally with companies such as Washington D.C. Shakespeare Theater Company, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Paper Mill Playhouse, 5th Avenue Theater, and The Kennedy Center. He has sung on the concert stage at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Omaha Symphony, New Jersey Festival Orchestra, Las Vegas Philharmonic, Abilene Philharmonic, and on the opera stage. He has also performed on T.V.'s "America's Got Talent," "Good Morning America," and

"The 68th Annual Tony Awards." He has three solo albums, A New Leading Man, Revolutionary, and Remembering to Dream, and has appeared on original cast albums of An American Victory and Song of Solomon. Jason has taught master classes with universities all over the country, maintains a home studio in New York City, and is an award-winning playwright and screenwriter.



Versatile music director and pianist Matthew Stephens has performed in venues ranging from Lincoln Center to Feinstein's/54Below alongside Broadway luminaries including Norm Lewis and Mary Testa as well as opera stars Natalie Dessay and Deborah Voigt. National Tour: The Sound of Music (Associate Conductor), New York/Off Broadway: The Body Politic (NYMF), The Mikado (NYGASP), Mystery of Edwin Drood (Blue Hill Troupe), Regional: La Cage Aux Folles (Arizona Broadway Theatre), Sanctuary Road (North Carolina Opera), A Streetcar Named Desire (Kentucky Opera), Carmen (Forth Worth Opera), Concert: My Fair Lady (Utah Symphony), Witches Bitches & Divas! (GreenRoom42), Kurt Weill on Broadway (Feinstein's/54Below). A strong advocate for new works, Matthew

collaborates with the music teams for the American Opera Project, American Lyric Theatre, and NYU-Tisch MT Writing Program. He is a recipient of the Kenan Aesthetic Education Fellowship at Lincoln Center. Education: UNC School of the Arts (MM) James Madison University (BM). @maspianist





Aaron Diehl Trio

Wednesday, June 22, 7 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ Pianist, composer, and Juilliard grad Aaron Diehl is one of the most sought-after jazz virtuosos, having collaborated with Wynton Marsalis, Benny Golson, and Philip Glass. He and his trio perform great works from the early jazz tradition.

Aaron Diehl, *piano* Aaron Kimmel, *drums* Paul Sikivie. *bass*



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Aaron Diehl, piano

Pianist and composer Aaron Diehl transforms the piano into an orchestral vessel in the spirit of beloved predecessors Ahmad Jamal, Erroll Garner, and Jelly Roll Morton. Following three critically acclaimed leader albums on Mack Avenue Records—and appearances at such historic venues as Jazz at Lincoln Center, The Village Vanguard and New York Philharmonic—the American Pianists Association's 2011 Cole Porter fellow now focuses his attention on his forthcoming solo album and ongoing curation of Black American composers programming with emphasis on William Grant Still. A Juilliard graduate, Aaron has performed with Wynton Marsalis, Benny Golson, Jimmy Heath, Branford Marsalis, Philip Glass, and GRAMMY award-winning artist Cécile McLorin Salvant. He recently appeared with the New York Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra as featured soloist.

Aaron Kimmel, drums

Aaron Kimmel is a native of Hollidaysburg, PA. He holds a bachelor of music degree from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Kenny Washington and Billy Drummond, and he is now a freelance drummer living in New York City. He frequently appears at Smalls and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, performing as a sideman with the Benny Green trio and Aaron Diehl, among others. He has also played with such jazz luminaries as Harry Allen, Ken Peplowski, Eric Alexander, Joe Magnarelli, Grant Stewart, Terell Stafford, Ryan Kisor, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Brian Lynch, Ann Hampton Callaway, Mary Stallings, and Jon Faddis.

Paul Sikivie, bass

Paul Sikivie is an American jazz double bassist. Originally from Gainesville, FL, he has lived in New York City since 2007, when he began studies at The Juilliard School. He has played with many artists of international stature, including long associations with Cecile McLorin Salvant, Aaron Diehl, Matt Wilson, Johnny O'Neal, Ted Nash, and Grant Stewart. Since 2015, Sikivie has turned attention towards composition and arranging. Most notably, he melded string quartet and jazz piano trio for six pieces on McLorin Salvant's Dreams and Daggers, which was awarded the 2018 Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album.



The Sebastians

Thursday, June 16, 7 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church 33 Mercer Street Princeton, NJ

Giuseppe Antonio Brescianello (1690–1758)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741) Led by Artistic Director Jeffrey Grossman, The Sebastians bring youthful vigor and elegant playing to their performances of early music.

Chaconne à 6 in A Major

Harpsichord Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055

- I. Allegro
- II. Larghetto
- III. Allegro ma non tanto

Concerto in G Minor, RV 107

- I. Allegro
- II. Largo
- III. Allegro



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BAROQUE

Johann Georg Pisendel (1687 - 1755)

Violin Concerto in G Minor, JunP I.1

- 1. Largo e staccato
- 11. Allegro
- III. Largo
- IV. Allegro

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

Concerto grosso in B-flat Major, Op. 3, No. 2

- Vivace Grave 1.
- 11. Largo
- III. Allegro
- IV. Menuet
- V Gavotte

The Sebastians are a dynamic and vital musical ensemble specializing in music of the Baroque and Classical eras. Lauded as "everywhere sharp-edged and engaging" (The New York Times), The Sebastians have also been praised for their "well-thought-out articulation and phrasing" (Early Music Review) and "elegant string playing... immaculate in tuning and balance" (Early Music Today). Their 2018 unconducted St. Matthew Passion with TENET Vocal Arts was called "shattering" and "a performance of uncommon naturalness and transparency." The Sebastians recent seasons have included dozens of originally conceived programs, including collaborations with poets, choreographers, and actors, a musical installation in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, programs dealing with musical "immigration" and nationalism, and major works of J.S. Bach led from the keyboard. The Sebastians are currently in residence at the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments.

Recorder Violin Cello

Priscilla Herreid Nicholas DiEugenio, concertmaster Ezra Seltzer

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Related Event



Thursday, June 16 at 6 pm

Join independent scholar John Burkhalter as he surveys the distinctive variety of styles and genres in the ornate and colorful world of Baroque music.

Trinity Episcopal Church's Pierce-Bishop Hall; free and open to the public



Festival Chorus with The Sebastians

Thursday, June 23, 7 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church 33 Mercer Street Princeton, NJ The Festival Chorus has a long tradition of presenting some of the most intricate and expressive music of the Baroque period. Festival Director Gregory Jon Geehern conducts.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Wer sich selbst erhöhet, der soll erniedriget werden, BWV 47

Chorus: Wer sich selbst erhöhet Aria: Wer ein wahrer Christ will heißen

Recitative: Der Mensch ist Kot, Stank, Asch und Erde

Aria: Jesu, beuge doch mein Herze

Chorale: Der zeitlichen Ehrn will ich gern entbehren



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George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

O Praise the Lord with One Consent, HWV 254

Chorus: O Praise the Lord with One Consent Air: Praise Him. All Ye that in His House Attend

Air: For this our Truest Interest

Solo: That God is Great

Chorus: With Cheerful Notes Let all the Earth Solo: God's Tender Mercy Knows no Bounds

Chorus: Ye Boundless Realms of Joy

Chorus: Your Voices Raise

Festival Chorus

Gregory Jon Geehern, conductor Connor Fluharty, rehearsal keyboardist

The Festival Chorus is a professional chamber choir which was formed in 2018. Each member in the chorus is a renowned early music singer in their own right. The ensemble has regularly performed works by Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel and other great composers of the Baroque era. This is their first collaboration with The Sebastians.

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Marisa Curcio	Heather Kayan	Joshua Glassman	Lucas DeJesus
Teresa-Marie Gotanco	Alissa Poh	Jonathan Hartwell	Mark Hightower
Motomi Tanaka	Rebecca Roy	Christopher Hodson	Zachary Krieger

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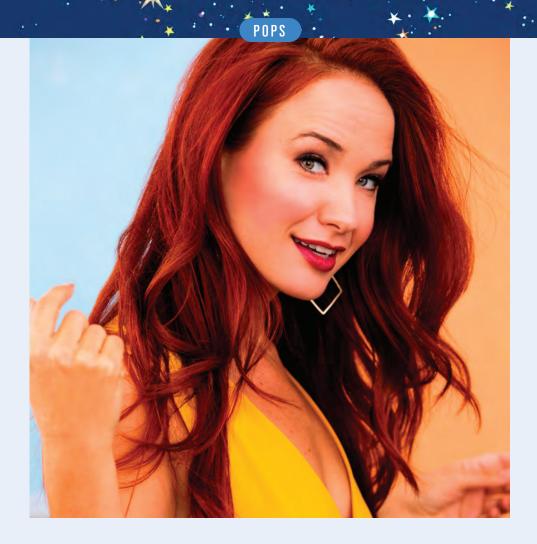
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Thursday, June 23 at 6 pm

A master of vocal pedagogy, Dr. Jacqueline Horner-Kwiatek discusses the challenges, and rewards, of singing Bach and Handel's music.

Trinity Episcopal Church's Pierce-Bishop Hall; free and open to the public.



★ Broadway POPS! ★ starring Sierra Boggess

With Rossen Milanov and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra
Friday, June 24, 7pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ



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Princeton Symphony Orchestra Sierra Boggess, *vocals* Rossen Milanov, *conductor* The Music Man: Symphonic Impressions

PROGRAM

Meredith Willson Arr. Richard Hayman

"Home" from Phantom Maury Yeston

Frank Loesser "If I Were A Bell" from Guys and Dolls

Orch. George Bassman and Ted Royal

Frank Loesser Music from Guys and Dolls

Arr. Calvin Custer

Music by Jerry Bock "Will He Like Me?" from She Loves Me

Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Orch. Don Walker & Frank Matosich Jr.

Alan Menken Beauty and The Beast Suite

Arr. Michael Kosarin

"Part of Your World" from The Little Mermaid Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Andrew Lloyd Webber "Love Never Dies" from Love Never Dies

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

INTERMISSION

Frederick Loewe My Fair Lady: Overture

Arr. André Previn

Frederick Loewe "I Could Have Danced All Night" from My Fair Lady

Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner

Arr. Johnny Green

Meredith Willson "My White Knight" from The Music Man

Orch. Don Walker

Stephen Sondheim Symphonic Suite from Into the Woods

Arr. Don Sebesky

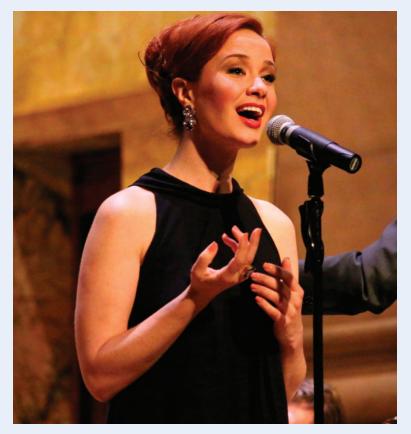
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"How Could I Ever Know" from The Secret Garden Music and Lyrics by Marsha Norman

Music by Lucy Simon

Andrew Lloyd Webber "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"

from The Phantom of the Opera Lyrics by Charles Hart Orch. David Cullen



Sierra Boggess is regarded as one of Broadway's most beloved leading ladies. She is best known worldwide for re-inventing the coveted role of Christine Daaé in Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera. Sierra made her Broadway debut as Ariel in Disney's The Little Mermaid. Her additional Broadway credits include Master Class, It Shoulda Been You, The Phantom of The Opera, and School of Rock. Off-Broadway credits include Love, Loss, and What I Wore and Music in the Air. In the West End, Sierra has appeared as Fantine in Les Misérables and originated the role of Christine Daaé in Love Never Dies. receiving an Olivier Award Nomination. She starred as Cinderella in the Hollywood Bowl production of Into the Woods, as Danielle

DeBarbarac in *Ever After* at the Alliance Theatre, and as Countess Ellen Olenska in the world premiere of *The Age of Innocence* at Hartford Stage.

Sierra's concert appearances include engagements with BBC Proms at Royal Albert Hall, Lincoln Center's American Songbook Series: The Lyrics of David Zippel, The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, Broadway By The Year at Town Hall, *Guys and Dolls* at Carnegie Hall, and *The Secret Garden* at Lincoln Center. She has toured the United States, Japan, and Australia with her concert show which has been released on CD, *Awakening: Live at 54 Below.* Most recently, she released the album *Together At A Distance*, an album of duets with Julian Ovenden. Additional recordings include *School Of Rock, It Shoulda Been You*, the 25th-anniversary concert of *The Phantom of the Opera* (also on DVD), the symphonic recording of *Love Never Dies, The Little Mermaid*, Andrew Lippa's *A Little Princess*, and more.

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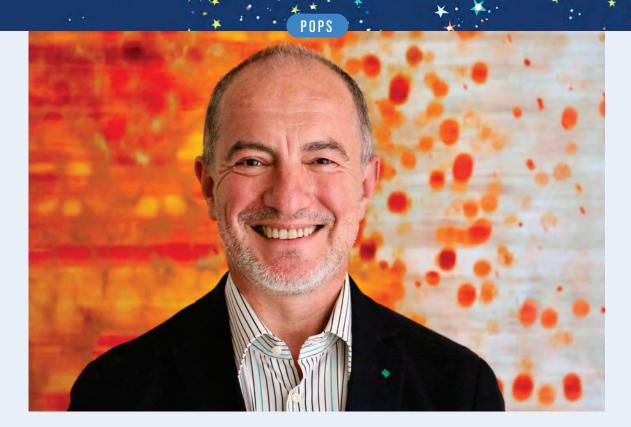
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Family POPS!

With Rossen Milanov and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, June 25, 7 pm

PERFORMANCE TENT Morven Museum & Garden 55 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ

Maestro Milanov celebrates music's ability to inspire, bring hope, and unite a community with a program of favorite melodies and striking orchestral works. Musicians from the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey play side-by-side with the PSO on a special performance of Antonín Dvořák's New World Symphony under the baton of Kenneth Bean.





Princeton Symphony Orchestra Rossen Milanov, *conductor*

Adolphus Hailstork American Fanfare

George Frideric Handel Water Music: Suite No. 2, HWV 359

II. Alla Hornpipe

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Overture to Le nozze di Figaro

Gioachino Rossini Overture to La scala di seta

Antonín Dvořák Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, Op. 95

I. Adagio-Allegro molto

Jessie Montgomery Overture

Edvard Grieg Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

I. Morning

IV. In the Hall of the Mountain King

Johannes Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5

arr. Albert Parlow

Johann Strauss II Unter Donner und Blitz, Op. 324 (Thunder and Lightning Polka)

Gerónimo Giménez Intermedio from La boda de Luis Alonso

Felix Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Op. 90 "Italian"

IV. Saltarello: Presto

John Philip Sousa The Stars and Stripes Forever

Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey Kenneth Bean, *conductor*



The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ) was founded in 1978 by the late Portia Sonnenfeld as a preparatory orchestra for the Mercer County Symphony Orchestra (now called the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra). In 1999, with increased enrollment, the orchestra was incorporated under the name "Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey." Unique to YOCJ are its chamber groups for flute, saxophone, brass, woodwinds, and percussion that offer an unparalleled opportunity for small ensembles that feature these instruments in performance. YOCJ is a growing, vibrant organization that looks forward to carrying on the tradition of providing diverse musical experiences to the talented young musicians of our region.

YOCJ student musicians joining the PSO this evening:

Katherine Monroe, Sanjay Kaushik, Kabir Nankani, *violin*; Elayne Jia, *viola*; Nikhil Das, Isabelle Ho, Ronak Shah, Ethan Xu, *cello*; Althea Dietze, *clarinet*; Sol Chung, *bassoon*; Elizabeth Ferrara, *French horn*; John Santucci, *percussion*





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International Piano Competition Finals

Monday, June 20, 3 pm

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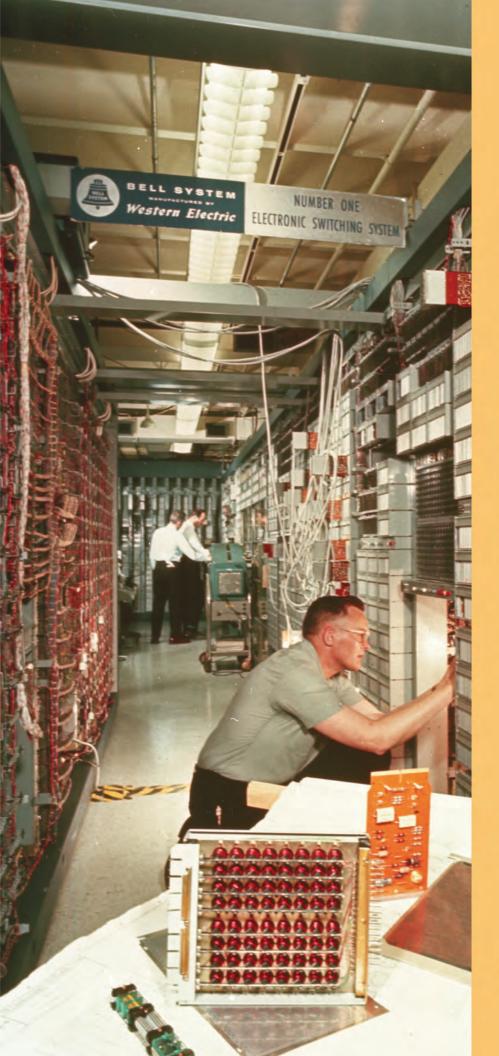
Watch young artists from around the world display extraordinary talent and musicianship in our virtual competition! You'll enjoy amazing performances by the three most impressive pianists in each of seven categories, as selected by our expert adjudicators, concert artists Caroline Hong and Joanne Polk.

Contestants in this year's competition are ages 6 and above and hail from across the United States and around the world. Choose your favorites if you wish – it won't be easy – then listen as Festival Director Gregory Geehern announces the winners.

The video of this virtual competion will premiere on our website.



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Community Enrichment Programs

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra continues the Princeton Festival's long tradition of providing opportunities to learn more about the performing arts. Festival Director Gregory Jon Geehern discussed operatic works by Kurt Weill, Benjamin Britten, and Derrick Wang at area libraries and adult communities in May. This month, the following talks and events are essential elements of the Festival experience. *Except where indicated, all take place in the Stockton Education Center. All are free and open to the public.*



Saturday, June 11 at 5 pm Julian Grant introduces W.A. Mozart's and Derrick Wang's operatic takes on workplace conflict with his talk *Divas and Justices*.



Friday, June 17 at 5 pm
Sunday, June 19 at 5 pm
Join Prof. Timothy Urban for his presentation *Under the hood of Albert Herring,* a shallow dive into the deep pool of Benjamin Britten's musical wit.



Tuesday, June 14 at 5 pm
Charles Fisk, a retired
musicology professor from
Wellesley College and one
of the world's foremost
Schubert scholars, discusses
the expressive realms so
apparent in the music of
Franz Schubert's later years,
particularly in the composer's
final quartets.



Saturday, June 18 at 12:30 pm Just Poetry: Workshop – Nicole Homer leads a poetry workshop in which writers of all ages can receive critique and coaching on their original works inspired by Derrick Wang's opera Scalia/Ginsburg.



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Princeton Festival History

Founded in 2004, the Princeton Festival quickly established a reputation for artistic excellence and innovative programming in the performing arts. Every year in June, thousands of people from the mid-Atlantic region and beyond come to the Festival to enjoy the quality and variety of its programs. Offerings include opera, musical theater, jazz, and a constantly evolving selection of other genres, including dance, world music, orchestral pops, choral concerts, country music, chamber recitals, and an annual piano competition. The Festival has long-standing partnerships with public libraries and local churches, and promotes life-long learning in the arts through free educational lectures presented to a wide and diverse community.

Major Milestones and Highlights: 2005-2021

The **2005** Inaugural Season featured four performances of Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* in the Kirby Theatre at the Lawrenceville School. The Concordia Chamber Players gave the first of 17 consecutive annual concerts.

In **2006**, the Festival staged a production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, plus the Gian Carlo Menotti musical *The Old Maid and the Thief*. Two genres were added: Jazz and Orchestra Concert.

Festival opera productions moved to McCarter Theatre in Princeton in **2007** for Bizet's *Carmen*.

The Spanish-themed season included the musical *Man of La Mancha* and introduced two new genres: Dance (a flamenco company) and Piano Recital.

2008 inaugurated the Festival's annual Piano Competition. A new genre and venue were added: Organ Recital in Princeton University Chapel.

In **2009**, a magical production of 20-th century composer Benjamin Britten's opera *A Midsummer Night's Dream* using projected images marked a break from standard repertoire and traditional staging. The production got an excellent review in



Once Upon a Mattress, 2012, photo by Jessi Franko Oliano

The New York Times by chief classical music critic Anthony Tommasini. Choral Music had its Festival debut with a performance of Duruflé's Requiem.

The Festival continued its innovative programming in **2010** by staging a Baroque opera, Handel's Ariodante, along with the 1928 Threepenny Opera by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. The new Princeton Festival Chorus performed in Princeton University Chapel. The Festival was awarded its first of four grants for opera from the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 2011, the Festival partnered with Lustig Dance Theatre to present Stravinsky's ballet Pulcinella. It also staged the composer's opera The Rake's Progress, added the Library Lecture Series, and established the Princeton Festival Guild. The Princeton Girlchoir and the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra performed during the season.

World Music and Cabaret added breadth to the Festival's **2012** season, with appearances by a Gamelan Orchestra and Sylvia McNair respectively. A new educational program, the Choral Conductors Workshop, drew choirmasters from the region and beyond. The local VOICES Chorale and Bucks County Choral Society joined forces for a grand concert in Princeton University Chapel. Rachmaninoff's rarely seen Francesca da Rimini was a highlight for opera fans.

The Festival's first performance of a Wagner opera, The Flying Dutchman, headlined the successful 2013 season. World Music returned with a steelpan concert, and a cappella vocal jazz introduced yet another new genre.

The Princeton Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2014 with Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, its most







Porgy and Bess, 2014, photo by Jessi Franko Oliano

demanding production to date. Its new opera education program successfully engaged families with limited access to the arts in an interactive workshop. They then attended a full dress rehearsal of *Porgy* and participated in a post-rehearsal Q&A session with principal artists.

2015 introduced the highly successful Baroque Orchestra and Chorus. Country Music duo Striking Matches added to the Festival's array of genres. Pradhanica Indian Classical Dance combined World Music and Dance in one exhilarating show.

In **2016**, the Festival presented Complexions
Contemporary Ballet, a New York City-based
company that combined athleticism, lyricism,
and technical training and experience. Acclaimed
jazz singer Cécile McLorin Salvant triumphantly
returned to Princeton on the heels of her first
Grammy win for Best Jazz Vocal Album. The
Festival partnered with the Princeton Symphony
Orchestra and the Princeton Garden Theatre on
a presentation of composer Richard Einhorn's
Voices of Light, an acclaimed oratorio for chorus,
orchestra, and vocal soloists written to accompany
the 1928 silent film *The Passion of Joan of*Arc. Over 700 attended this event in Princeton
University Chapel.

In **2017**, the Festival mounted a critically acclaimed new production of Beethoven's *Fidelio* at McCarter Theatre Center. Principals of the Baroque Orchestra presented the first-ever Baroque chamber music recital in the Princeton Abbey, a new Princeton venue. The Festival's first pops concert took place in Richardson Auditorium at Princeton University, another new venue. Philadelphia's BalletX troupe dazzled the audience with works commissioned from noted choreographers.

2018 saw a new Festival production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* in three performances at McCarter Theatre Center. Other offerings included Stephen Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, three different performances by the Baroque Orchestra, chamber music, and a jazz concert. A poetry series was inaugurated with internationally recognized Japanese poet Mari Kashiwagi reading from her then-unpublished *Butterfly* poems.

The 15th anniversary season in **2019** featured highly praised productions of John Adams' iconic opera *Nixon in China* and the musical *She Loves Me,* along with a concert from rising jazz star Jazzmeia Horn. Also included: the Baroque concert series, a chamber music recital, the piano competition, and







Man of La Mancha, 2017, photo by Jessi Franko Oliano

Cliburn Competition finalist Rachel Cheung in recital, plus multiple lectures and workshops.

The **2020** season was cancelled in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its place the Festival assembled an online virtual festival: nearly 50 events created specifically for this purpose, including song recitals, instrumental performances, artist interviews, an international poetry reading, podcasts, and a record-breaking, first-ever online piano competition.

The June 2021 Festival was hybrid in format with digital offerings including the online piano competition and international poetry readings, plus live Baroque concerts and vocal performances at Morven Museum & Garden's Stockton Education Center.

Summer **2021**–The Princeton Festival merged with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO), led by Rossen Milanov. The Princeton Symphony **Orchestra** is a cultural centerpiece of the Princeton community and one of New Jersey's finest music organizations, a position established through performances of beloved masterworks, innovative music by living composers, and an extensive network of educational programs offered to area students free of charge. Led by Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov, the PSO presents orchestral, pops, and chamber music

programs of the highest artistic quality, supported by lectures and related events that supplement the concert experience. Its flagship summer program The Princeton Festival brings an array of performing arts and artists to Princeton during multiple weeks in June. Through PSO BRAVO!, the orchestra produces wide-reaching and impactful education programs in partnership with local schools and arts organizations that culminate in students attending a live orchestral performance. The PSO receives considerable support from the Princeton community and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, regularly garnering NJSCA's highest honor. Recognition of engaging residencies and concerts has come from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the PSO's commitment to new music has been acknowledged with an ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming and a Copland Fund Award. The only independent, professional orchestra to make its home in Princeton, the PSO performs at historic Richardson Auditorium on the campus of Princeton University.





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