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# Conductor

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Conductor **JOHN GENNARO DEVLIN** is currently in his sixth season as music director of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra (WSO). In 2023, he was named a recipient of the Georg Solti Foundation Career Assistance Award for his work there, and honored by Wheeling's Mayor Glenn F. Elliott with the Mayor's Award for "distinguished service, loyalty, and dedication to our city."

Devlin's artistry and versatility make him a frequent guest conductor with major orchestras across the nation. He has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony, Louisville Orchestra, Sarasota Orchestra, Colorado Springs Philharmonic, Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, among others, and the American Repertory Ballet. Of his debut with the National Symphony Orchestra and violin soloist Joshua Bell, Anne Midgette of *The Washington Post* wrote that Devlin "led the evening with flair ... and was visibly in his element."

Devlin has premiered and/or commissioned over 50 new American works. His artistic partnerships with contemporary American composers include a two-decades-long relationship with Eric Nathan, from whom he has commissioned works that he performed at Carnegie Hall and with the National Symphony Orchestra. In 2022, Devlin commissioned and premiered Evan Meier's work *Migrations in Rhythm* in collaboration with multi-faceted hip-hop artist Christylez Bacon.

From 2015-2018 Devlin apprenticed with some of the world's best conductors, soloists, and orchestras while based in Washington, D.C. He was the exclusive cover conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra, where he served as assistant to world-renowned Music Directors Christoph Eschenbach and Gianandrea Noseda, accompanying the NSO on its historic 2018 tour of Russia. He served concurrently as the Assistant Conductor of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra in New Jersey, working alongside Music Director Rossen Milanov.

Devlin completed his master's and doctoral degrees in orchestral conducting under the tutelage of James Ross at the University of Maryland School of Music. He earned undergraduate degrees in Clarinet Performance and Latin from Emory University as a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar, graduating *summa cum laude*. His professional career has been shaped by his time as an assistant to conductors Gianandrea Noseda, Christoph Eschenbach, Rossen Milanov, and Victoria Gau.

# Guest Artist

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**ANDREA ROSS** is an internationally recognized vocalist, recording artist and Broadway performer, hailed by the *Boston Globe* as “a phenom, whose poise and pipes are astounding” and by *Variety Magazine* as a “lovely, clear soprano.”

Andrea Ross’ career was launched by the mentorship of Broadway composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, who produced her UK chart-topping album *Moon River* with Universal Music Group’s Classics and Jazz label.

She is featured on multiple tracks of *Andrew Lloyd Webber 60* (Universal Music Group) and the *Over The Rainbow* (UCJ) charity album, peaking at No. 1 on the UK Compilation Charts.

Andrea Ross is a seasoned musical theater entertainer, performing lead roles in the Broadway national tours of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Whistle Down the Wind* and Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *The Sound of Music*. Ms. Ross’ theatrical accolades include the prestigious Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Actress awarded by the Boston Theater Critics Association.

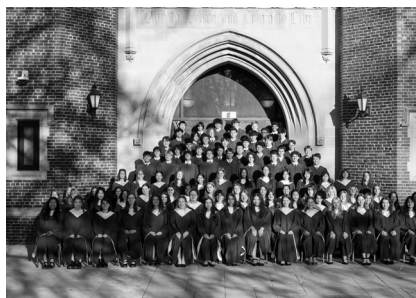
As a sought-after soloist, Andrea Ross has appeared with top symphony orchestras around the world, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony Orchestra, Phoenix Symphony, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Savannah Philharmonic, BBC Concert Orchestra, and many more. Ms. Ross has performed in concert venues throughout New York City including 54 Below, Joe’s Pub, and the 92nd Street Y. UK venues include the Royal Albert Hall and Wembley Stadium, where she was a guest artist for *Concert for Diana* in honor of Diana, Princess of Wales, hosted by Prince William and Prince Harry. Andrea Ross has been featured at prominent music festivals such as the Grand Tetons Music Festival, Lakes Area Music Festival, and Hampton Court Palace Festival.

Ms. Ross recently clinched the Gold Medal at the American Traditions Vocal Competition, earning recognition for her range and establishing herself as one of the most versatile young artists of her generation.

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# The Princeton High School Choir

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**The Princeton High School Choir** has a vibrant tradition of choral excellence that is unique among American high schools. The choir has performed extensively in North America and Europe, touring as representatives of Princeton, New Jersey, one of America's most distinguished communities. One of four performing ensembles, the 101 choir members are selected after carefully

auditioning nearly two hundred voices in the high school's choral program.

The foundation of the Choir's repertoire is rich in the study of Western choral music. Its curriculum includes traditional sacred and secular choral music spanning Medieval through 21st-century repertoire, contemporary music, staged opera and operetta productions, and American folk music, spirituals, and gospel repertoire.

The Princeton High School Choir has a history of collaborating with notable composers, conductors, and guest clinicians and is featured every December with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Rossen Milanov. The choir hosts a biennial Gospel Festival, led by past guest conductors Raymond Wise, Donald Dumpson, and William Heard. Notable performances have been with conductor Andrew Parrott on Michael Tippett's *Dance, Clarion Air*; John Harbison, performing his *O Magnum Mysterium*; Vincent Persichetti, singing his *Mass for Mixed Voices*; Peter Maxwell Davies, premiering his *Veni Sancte Spiritus*; Roger Sessions, premiering his *Mass*; and Frank Lewin, premiering and recording his *Mass for the Dead* in memory of Robert F. Kennedy. Maurice Duruflé conducted the choir in a performance of his *Requiem* in 1971. In 1963, Gian Carlo Menotti invited the choir to perform at his *Festival dei Due Mondi* in Spoleto, Italy, and Zoltán Kodály conducted the choir for the International Association of Choral Directors in Budapest. Additional performances of note have been at the ACDA Regional and National Conventions, the White House, and the Washington National Cathedral.

The choir has received numerous awards and honors, including first prize at the 1994 Festival of Gold in Washington, D.C., second prize at the 1984 International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, and the "Best in Class" designation at the 1981 convention of the American Choral Directors' Association in New Orleans.

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Saturday December 14, 2024, 3pm and 6pm

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**Princeton High School Choir** – Vincent Metallo, Director

**Isaac Watts/Traditional**

arr. Ryan James Brandau

"Joy to the World" and  
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

**Edward Pola and George Wyle**

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"It's the Most Wonderful Time of  
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**Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard**

arr. Mark Hayes

"Believe" from *The Polar Express*

**Leroy Anderson**

*Sleigh Ride*

**Robert Wendel**

*Caribbean Sleigh Ride*

**Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane**

arr. James Kessler

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

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"(Everybody's Waitin' for) The Man with the Bag"

**John Williams**

"Somewhere in My Memory" from *Home Alone*

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**

"Pine Forest" from *The Nutcracker*

**Placide Cappeau and Adolphe Adam**  
arr. Ryan James Brandau

"O Holy Night"

**Robert Wells and Mel Tormé**

"The Christmas Song"

**J. Fred Coots and Haven Gillespie**  
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Overture to a Merry Christmas (After Mozart)

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# Carol Sing-Along

## Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

## Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Toll the ancient yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.

## God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentleman;  
let nothing you dismay.  
Remember, Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.



## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King!

## **Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

## **Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh,  
over the fields we go laughing all the way: "ha, ha, ha!"  
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright;  
what fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

## **Oh Come, All Ye Faithful**

Glory to God; Glory in the highest!

Oh, come let us adore Him.

Oh, come let us adore Him.

Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

## **Jingle Bells (reprise)**

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

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