



RENÉE FLEMING
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The Princeton Festival
Performance Pavilion
Morven Museum & Garden

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Renée Fleming, soprano
Rossen Milanov, conductor
Princeton Symphony Orchestra

George Frideric Handel *The Entrance of the Queen of Sheba* from *Solomon*

“To Fleeting Pleasures Make Your Court” from *Samson*

“Calm Thou My Soul” from *Alexander Balus*

Reynaldo Hahn
text by Paul Verlaine
(orch. Goldschmitz)

“*L’Heure exquise*” (The Exquisite Hour) from *7 Chansons grises*

text by Victor Hugo

“*Si mes vers avaient des ailes*”
(If My Verses Had Wings)

Leonard Bernstein

Overture to *Candide*

John Kander
orch. M. Gibson

“A Letter from Sullivan Ballou”

Pietro Mascagni

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria rusticana*

Ruggero Leoncavallo

“*Musette svara sulla bocca viva*” from *La Bohème*

Giacomo Puccini

“*O mio babbino caro*” from *Gianni Schicchi*

INTERMISSION

Alan Fletcher

Three American Songs

- I. Wondrous Love (traditional hymn)
- II. Slumber, My Darling (Stephen Foster)
- III. The Cuckoo (traditional folk song)

**Oscar Hammerstein II
Richard Rogers**

Carousel Waltz

“The Sound of Music”

**Fred Ebb
John Kander**
arr. Joseph Thalken

“Winter/Love and Love Alone” from *The Visit*

Andrew Lippa
orch. RF Garrett

“The Diva”

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS



ROSSEN MILANOV looks forward to collaborating in 2025-26 with established and emerging artists of the orchestral world and helping the PSO's popular June performing arts celebration – The Princeton Festival.

Respected and admired by audiences and musicians alike, he has established himself as a conductor with considerable national and international presence. In addition to leading the PSO, Mr. Milanov is the music director of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra.

During his eleven-year tenure with The Philadelphia Orchestra, he conducted more than 200 performances. In 2015, he completed a 15-year tenure as music director of the nationally recognized training orchestra Symphony in C in New Jersey and in 2013, a 17-year tenure with the New Symphony Orchestra in his native city of Sofia, Bulgaria.

Mr. Milanov has collaborated with Komische Oper Berlin (Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtzensk*), Opera Oviedo with the Spanish premiere of Tchaikovsky's *Mazepa* and Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle* (awarded best Spanish production for 2015), and Opera Columbus (Verdi's *La Traviata* and *Rigoletto* and Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*). 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 school children. He was named Bulgaria's Musician of the Year in 2005; he won a 2011 ASCAP award for adventurous programming of contemporary music at the PSO; and he was selected as one of the top 100 most influential people in New Jersey in 2014. In 2017, he was recipient of a Columbus Performing Arts Prize awarded by The Columbus Foundation. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.

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RENÉE FLEMING is one of the most highly acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's great opera houses and concert halls. A 2023 Kennedy Center Honoree, and winner of five GRAMMY® awards and the US National Medal of Arts, she has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Super Bowl. In 2023, the World Health Organization appointed her as Goodwill Ambassador for Arts and Health, and this year at Davos, she became an inaugural member of the World Economic Forum's Global Arts and Culture Council.

Renée received the GRAMMY Award® for Best Classical Vocal Solo for her album *Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene*. She is currently touring with a concert program inspired by the album, with a special film created for the performance by the National Geographic Society. Last year at the Metropolitan Opera, Renée starred in *The Hours*, an opera based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and award-winning film. Her voice is featured on the soundtracks of Best Picture Oscar winners *The Shape of Water* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Renée's anthology, *Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness*, was published in 2024. A prominent advocate for research at the intersection of arts, health, and neuroscience, Renée launched the first ongoing collaboration between the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and America's largest health research institute, the National Institutes of Health. She has created her own program called *Music and the Mind*, which she has presented in more than 60 cities around the world. She is now a founding advisor for major initiatives in the field, including the Sound Health Network at UC San Francisco and the NeuroArts Blueprint with Johns Hopkins University and The Aspen Institute.

Advisor for Special Projects at LA Opera, Renée is also Co-Artistic Director of the Aspen Opera Center and VocalArts at the Aspen Music Festival and School, and Artist Development Advisor at Wolf Trap Opera. Her other awards include Germany's Cross of the Order of Merit, the Polar Music Prize, the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, and honorary doctorates from ten leading universities.

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Rossen Milanov, Edward T. Cone Music Director, ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY
Kenneth Bean, Georg and Joyce Albers-Schonberg Assistant Conductor, ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY
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VIOLIN I

Basia Danilow² / Ruotao Mao¹
/ Emma Meinrenken³ / Michael
Roth⁴ / Claire Bourg⁵

Concertmaster

The George W. Pitcher Chair,
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Giancarlo Latta

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

Margaret Banks

Linda Howard

Tara A. Pagano-Toub

Sam Parrini

Cheng-Chih Kevin Tsai

VIOLIN II

Cameron Chase¹ / Emma
Richman^{2,3,4,5}

The B. Sue Howard Chair

Michelle Brazier

Fengwan Chen

Abigail Hong

Arthur Moeller

Cheng-Hsun David Tsai

VIOLA

Stephanie Griffin⁴ / Chieh-Fan
Yiu^{1,2,3} / Maurycy Banaszek⁵

**The Harriet & Jay Vawter
Chair**

Hannah Burnett

Beth Meyers

Jacqueline Watson

Cameren Anai Williams

CELLO

Branson Yeast¹ /

Ari Evan² /

Joseph Staten³ /

Frankie Carr⁴ /

Maja Bogdanović⁵

**The Julian Grant & Peter
Lighte Family Chair**

Iona Batchelder

Elizabeth Loughran

Nicco Mazziotto

Elizabeth Thompson

BASS

John Grillo

**The Stephanie & Robert
Wedeking Chair**

Stephen Groat

Dan Hudson

FLUTE

Sooyun Kim^{1,2} /

Brendan Dooley³ /

Megan Carroll⁴

**The Lunder/Ezekowitz Family
Chair**

Olivia Chaikin

Hilary Jones

OBOE

Lillian Copeland⁴ /

Gilles Cheng¹ /

Kemp Jernigan² /

Erin Gustafson³

**The Cynthia & Rob Hillas
Chair**

Matthew Maroon

CLARINET

Pascal Archer

**The Richard J. & Neil Ann S.
Levine Chair**

Gi Lee

BASSOON

Marty Tung¹ /

Adrian Morejon² /

Jensen Bocco³

**The Cynthia & Rob Hillas
Chair**

Zach Feingold

SAXOPHONE

Todd Groves, alto

Greg Thymius, tenor

John DiSanto, baritone

HORN

Steven Harmon

**The Dr. Michael L. Barnett
Chair**

Colin Weyman

Jonathan Clark

TRUMPET

Jerry Bryant

**The Donna & Donald Deieso
Chair**

Tom Cook

TROMBONE

Connor Rowe

The David A. Tierno Chair

Lars Wendt

**The Lor & Michael Gehret
Chair**

James Rogers

TUBA

Jonathan Fowler

TIMPANI

Jeremy Levine

The Anne VanLent Chair

PERCUSSION

Phyllis Bitow

**The Lunder/Ezekowitz Family
Chair**

Greg Giannascoli

Jared Soldiviero

DRUMSET

Joe Choroszewski¹ /

Eric Borghi²

HARP

André Tarantiles^{2,3,4} /

Jacqueline Kerrod⁵

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PSO friend in honor of all
parents**

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Jeffrey Carney¹ /

Stephen Groat²

KEY:

1. ICON
2. Renee Fleming
3. Tosca
4. Ballet
5. Viva Vivaldi