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Welcome to the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra's 25/26 season!

Over the last 80 years at the Rhode Island Philharmonic, with your help, we have built a vibrant, supportive, inspiring community around our love of music. We have shared the stage with some of the world's most talented artists and conductors, and evolved under singular artistic leaders, including Larry Rachleff and Bramwell Tovey. We built education programs that impact hundreds of thousands of students, including many who have gone on to significant careers in music and music education.

This year, with new Music Director Ruth Reinhardt at the helm, we will explore the symphonic world with programs that introduce new works and composers, alongside traditional pillars of orchestral music. All will be performed by world-class artists, including many Ruth is bringing to us for the first time. It will be a season worthy of this transformative moment as Ruth takes to the stage and guides us into the Reinhardt Era!

As we begin, we honor our shared history, remain grounded in tradition and celebrate your passion, moving forward with new discoveries and dynamic music education. We will broaden our reach, welcome more people, diversify our programming and find shared joy in the music.

Your chance to interact with the Orchestra doesn't stop when the curtains close! Join Ruth and our Guest Artists for talkbacks after tonight's concert and ask them your burning questions. Subscribe to our email newsletters. Join the Conductor's Circle and gain access to behind-the-scenes tours, exclusive events, and even the chance to sit on stage! Inquire about volunteering for a committee or our Board of Directors. Become a student at the RI Philharmonic Music School! There are so many ways to channel your passionc.

For now, enjoy tonight's concert! We are delighted and grateful you are here with us. Your dedication, enthusiasm and generosity are the foundation on which this Orchestra was built. We are honored to embark on this journey with you.

A heartfelt thank you!

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# RUTH REINHARDT Music Director

It is with tremendous excitement that I welcome you to the 81st season of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra my first as Music Director. Becoming a part of this vibrant organization, with its rare combination of a world-class

orchestra and a thriving music school, is an honor, a dream and an inspiration.

In this first season, I'm so looking forward to building on the legacies of Larry Rachleff and Bramwell Tovey, celebrating some of the most cherished works in classical music, and introducing you to some of my favorite living composers and soloists.

One of the many highlights I'm thrilled to share with you is the appearance of Steven Banks, a young and mesmerizing saxophonist, who will perform Billy Childs' powerful *Diaspora* concerto. His artistry and charisma promise an unforgettable experience that captures the spirit of innovation we're embracing this year. There has also been a rediscovery of the work of French romantic composer Marie Jaëll, and I'm delighted to premiere her beautiful cello concerto for you, which will be performed by the remarkable Andrei Ionită.

This season is built on connection: between performers and audiences, generations of musicians and our Orchestra, and the Rhode Island community we proudly serve. A particular joy for me is the opportunity to work closely with the talented students of our Music School. This will culminate in our side-by-side performance of Dvořák's *Slavonic Dances*, where students will share the stage with RI Phil musicians in a celebration of mentorship, collaboration, and shared passion.

Whether you're a long-time subscriber, a first-time concertgoer, a parent of a Music School student or a student yourself, this is *your* orchestra. I'm eager to get to know you, to listen, to learn and to build on the work of those who have come before me.

Thank you for your warm welcome. I can't wait to share the music and the journey ahead.







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The Conductor's Circle is comprised of music lovers and donors who contribute generously to keep the music playing!

Membership in the Conductor's Circle connects you with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and offers access to our unique world of music creation, both on stage and off, From complimentary parking, lounge access, and the opportunity to purchase premiere tickets in the Mezzanine; to private dinners with Guest Artists and Conductors, backstage tours. invitations to exclusive events and even the chance to sit on stage during a concert. Conductor's Circle benefits are designed as exclusive experiences.

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I look forward to seeing you in the Conductor's Circle as I turn to the audience from the stage!

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## RUTH REINHARDT Music Director

German conductor Ruth Reinhardt is building a reputation for her keen musical intelligence, programmatic imagination, and elegant performances.

The 2025-26 season marks the beginning of Reinhardt's term as Music Director of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, leading seven programs across the season. In the summer of 2025, she debuted with the Seoul Philharmonic and the São Paulo State Symphony Orchestra. Significant debuts across the season include the Staatskapelle Dresden, Philharmonia Orchestra in London, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Bruckner Orchester Linz, and the Sinfonieorchester St. Gallen in Switzerland. She also has returning engagements with the Warsaw Philharmonic, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Orlando Philharmonic, Naples (FL) Philharmonic, SWR Symphonieorchester, and the Folkwang Kammerorchester in Essen.

Programmatically, Reinhardt's interests have led her toward contemporary repertoire, with significant emphasis on women composers of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Her programs often introduce new names and fresh faces to many orchestras, including Grażyna Bacewicz, Kaija Saariaho, and Dai Fujikura, to name some of the more familiar ones, and pairs them with stylistically contrasting or complementary pieces, whether core masterworks by Brahms, Rachmaninoff, or Dvořák, or with "classic moderns" such as works by Bartók, Stravinsky, Lutowslawski, Martinů, and Hindemith. Ruth is a frequent collaborator of many of today's foremost instrumentalists spanning several generations. Among them are pianists Emanuel Ax, Daniil Trifonov, and Eva Gevorgyan, violinists Augustin Hadelich and Vadim Gluzman, cellists Andrei Ioniță and Jean-Guihen Queyras, horn player Stefan Dohr, and saxophonist Steven Banks.

In past seasons, Reinhardt has appeared with many of the major North American Orchestras and as recently as last season has made debuts with the St. Louis and San Diego Symphony Orchestras. Previously, she has appeared with the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra (on three occasions), National Symphony Orchestra, and the symphony orchestras of San Francisco, Detroit, Houston, Seattle, and Baltimore. In Europe, she has appeared with Haque Residentie Orkestra, Netherlands Radio Philharmonic in Amsterdam, Orchestre National de France, Frankfurt Radio Symphony, RSO Berlin, Stockholm Philharmonic, and Tonkünstler Orchestra Wien, among many others.

Ruth Reinhardt served as Associate Conductor of the Dallas Symphony for the final two seasons of Jaap Van Zweden's tenure as Music Director (2018-2020). She received her master's degree in conducting from the Juilliard School of Music in New York in 2017. She was a Dudamel Fellow of the Los Angeles Philharmonic (2017-2018), conducting fellow at both the Seattle Symphony (2015-2016) and Tanglewood Music Center (2015), and Taki Concordia associate conducting fellow (2015-2017). She currently makes her home in Switzerland.



# ROBERT SPANO Principal Guest Conductor

Robert Spano, conductor, pianist, composer, and teacher, is known worldwide for the intensity of his artistry and distinctive communicative abilities, creating a sense of inclusion and warmth among musicians and audiences that is unique among American orchestras. He was appointed

Principal Conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School in 2024 and transitions to Principal Guest Conductor this season following Ruth Reinhardt's appointment as Music Director. Unfortunately, due to schedule shifts at the Washington National Opera where he is Music Director, Spano will not be able to conduct in Rhode Island this season. We look forward to his return in 2026/27.

Spano has been Music Director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra since 2022, and his contract runs through July 2031. He is the tenth Music Director in the orchestra's history, which was founded in 1912. Spano begins his tenure as Music Director of the Washington National Opera this season, for a three-year term. An avid mentor to rising artists, he is responsible for nurturing the careers of numerous celebrated composers, conductors, and performers. As Music Director of the Aspen Music Festival and School since 2011, he oversees the programming of more than 300 events and educational programs for 630 students and young performers; he also directs the Aspen Conducting Academy, which offers participants unparalleled training and valuable podium experience. After twenty seasons as Music Director with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, he now serves as Music Director Laureate.

Spano made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 2019, leading the US premiere of Marnie by American composer Nico Muhly. Recent concert highlights have included several world-premiere performances, including The Sacrifice of Isaac by Jonathan Leshnoff with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Steven Mackey's Aluminum Flowers and James Ra's Te Deum with the Curtis Symphony Orchestra, Of Earth and Sky: Tales From the Motherland by Brian Raphael Nabors with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Rhode Island Philharmonic, and Voy a Dormir by Bryce Dessner at Carnegie Hall with the Orchestra of St. Luke's and mezzo-soprano Kelley O'Connor.

With a discography of critically acclaimed recordings for Telarc, Deutsche Grammophon, and ASO Media, Robert Spano has garnered four Grammy™ Awards and eight nominations with the Atlanta Symphony. Spano is on faculty at Oberlin Conservatory and has received honorary doctorates from Bowling Green State University, the Curtis Institute of Music, Emory University, and Oberlin. Maestro Spano is a recipient of the Georgia Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities and is one of two classical musicians inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO MUSIC FOR ALL



The RI Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School's mission is to enrich and transform Rhode Island and our region through great live symphonic performances and music education. To further this mission, we offer concerts and education programs of exceptional quality that are relevant and accessible to all.

We believe that our work can help achieve a more just and equitable society and have worked for many years to use music as a tool to further equity and opportunity in our community.

We work with many partners to further our efforts to expand access, including the Papitto Opportunity Connection (POC), the Rhode Island Foundation, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, as well as mayors, school superintendents, principals, teachers, and many other organizations and individuals who share our vision.

On our stages, in our classrooms, and with our partners, we are committed to harnessing music's power to inspire, transform, educate and unify, including within our own organization. As such, we:

- I Ensure that the Orchestra performs a significant number of works each season written by exceptional living composers, and composers with diverse backgrounds and voices;
- Perform free concerts in Providence, Pawtucket and elsewhere;
- Work to keep quality high, and ticket prices and tuition affordable;
- Create pathways for students through free and subsidized learning opportunities like Link Up and the Victoria's Dream Project, and employ third party researchers to evaluate our efforts;
- Offer financial aid to students who cannot afford tuition at the Music School;
- Employ hiring and audition practices that value and further quality and diversity:
- I Hold ourselves accountable for results.

Through these and other actions, we seek to provide pathways for more performers, educators, composers and arts leaders from diverse backgrounds who will enrich, enliven and expand access to our concert halls and classrooms for generations to come. By listening to, celebrating, empowering and reflecting the many voices that make up our communities and our profession, we can honor the past, and forge a bright and exciting future for symphonic music and music education, and contribute to the cultural, educational and economic vibrancy of our region.



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- 4. Sasha Callahan
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- 6. Barbara Lefkowitz
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- 8. Allyson Michal

- 9. Alexey Shabalin
- 10. Zoya
  - Tsvetkova
- 11. Zoia Bologovsky

#### **VIOLIN II**

- 12. Amy Rawstron
- 13. Lois Finkel
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- 15. Laura Gulley
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- 17. Rose Drucker

#### **VIOLA**

- 18. Abigail Cross
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- 20. Noriko Futagami
- 21. Christine Orio
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- 23. Willine Thoe
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- 27. Jackie Ludwig Selby
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- 29. Steven Laven
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- 34. Robert Caplin
- 35. Eliot Porter
- 33. Lilot i orter
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- 45. Ian Greitzer 46. Steven Zhang
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#### 47. Tom Parchman

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- 48. Ron Haroutunian
- 49. Brooke Allen

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- Spiridopoulos 56. Alexei
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57. Gabriel Rice

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58. Stephen Lamb

#### **TIMPANI**

59. Craig McNutt

#### **PERCUSSION**

- 60. Rob McEwan
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62. Hyunjung Choi

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#### Conductor

Christine Noel, Artistic Director of the Providence Singers, has conducted several annual performances of Messiah at The VETS. For 20 years, she has treasured a rich partnership with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, and, especially, collaborations with the late conductors Bramwell Tovey and Larry Rachleff. As Artistic Director of the Providence Singers, she has led the chorus through world premieres, commissions, and the organization's fourth commercial

recording - Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. Praised for her "thoughtful leadership," "elegant conducting," and "attention to musical detail," Dr. Noel's work has impacted and influenced emerging musicians, many of whom have pursued advanced careers in music.

She has served on the music faculty and as Director of Choral Activities at Clark University, Worcester, MA, and as musical director at Trinity Repertory Company. Dr. Noel is the Founding Artistic Director of the Rhode Island Children's Chorus (RICC), an award-winning choral organization for youth ages seven to 18. RICC recently celebrated its 22nd anniversary and has been featured at conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Education, RICC has also performed at Carnegie Hall and other notable venues throughout the eastern United States.

In demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and master teacher, Dr. Noel has conducted choral/orchestral works in the United States and abroad. She holds a Master of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from Boston University, where she studied with Ann Howard Jones and David Hoose. She also holds an undergraduate degree in Music Education from Rhode Island College, where she was the recipient of a Ridgway Shinn Fellowship for a year of study at the Kodály Institute of Music in Kecskemét, Hungary. Passionate about language study, she resided in Florence, Italy for two years, where she completed the superior level of Italian studies at the University of Florence and served as Assistant Conductor for two Italian choral ensembles.



#### Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00pm

Christine Noel, conductor Teresa Wakim, soprano • Meg Bragle, mezzo-soprano Lawrence Jones, tenor • David Soar, bass Providence Singers, Christine Noel, Artistic Director

#### Scene 1: Isaiah's prophecy of salvation

- 1. Sinfony
- 2. Comfort ye (tenor)
- 3. Every valley (tenor)
- 4. And the glory of the Lord (chorus)

#### Scene 2: The coming judgment

- 5. Thus saith the Lord (bass)
- 6. But who may abide (alto)
- 7. And he shall purify (chorus)

#### Scene 3: The prophecy of Christ's birth

- 8. Behold, a virgin shall conceive (alto)
- 9. O thou that tellest (alto and chorus)
- 10. For behold, darkness (bass)
- 11. The people that walked in darkness (bass)
- 12. For unto us a child is born (chorus)

## Scene 4: The annunciation to the shepherds 13. Pifa

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- 14a. There were shepherds abiding (soprano) 14b. And lo, the angel of the Lord (soprano)
- 15. And the angel said unto them (soprano)
- 16. And suddenly . . . w/ the angel (soprano)
- 17. Glory to God (chorus)

#### Scene 5: Christ's healing and redemption

- 18. Rejoice greatly (soprano)
- 19. Then shall the eyes of the blind (alto)
- 20. He shall feed his flock (alto and soprano)
- 21. His yoke is easy

#### INTERMISSION

#### Scene 1: Christ's Passion

- 22. Behold the Lamb of God (chorus)
- 23. He was despised (alto)
- 24. Surely he has borne our griefs (chorus)
- 25. And with his stripes (chorus)
- 26. All we like sheep (chorus)
- 27. All they that see him laugh (tenor)
- 28. He trusted in God (chorus)
- 29. Thy rebuke (tenor)
- 30. Behold and see (tenor)

#### Scene 2: Christ's Death and Resurrection

- 31. He was cut off (soprano)
- 32. But thou didst not leave (soprano)

#### Scene 6:

- 40. Why do the nations so furiously rage together (bass)
- 41. Let us break their bonds asunder (chorus)
- 42. He that dwelleth in heaven (tenor)
- 43. Thou shalt break them (tenor)

#### Scene 7: Christ's reception in Heaven

44. Hallelujah Chorus

#### Scene 1: The promise of eternal life

- 45. I know that my Redeemer (soprano)
- 46. Since by man came death (chorus)

#### Scene 2: The Day of Judgment

- 47. Behold, I tell you a mystery (bass)
- 48. The trumpet shall sound

#### Scene 4: The acclamation of the Messiah

53. Worthy is the Lamb (chorus)





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#### Isaiah's prophecy of salvation

#### Sinfonia (Overture)

#### Recitative

Tenor: Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40: 1-3)

**Tenor:** Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry moutain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40: 4)

**Chorus:** And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40: 5)

#### The coming judgment

#### Recitative

Bass: Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. (Haggai 2: 6-7)

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3: 1)

Alto: But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire. (Malachi 3: 2)

Chorus: And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. (Malachi 3: 3)

#### The prophecy of Christ's birth Recitative

Alto: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. (Isaiah 7: 14; Matthew 1: 23)

#### Air and Chorus

Alto: O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your god! (Isaiah 40: 9)

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isaiah 60: 1)

Chorus: O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your god!

Bass: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. (Isaiah 60: 2-3)

#### Air

Bass: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;

and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (Isaiah 9: 2)

Chorus: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9: 6)

#### The annunciation to the shepherds Pifa ("Pastoral Symphony")

#### Recitative

Soprano: There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. (Luke 2: 8)

Soprano: And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. (Luke 2: 9)

#### Recitative

Soprano: And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11)

#### Recitative

Soprano: And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: (Luke 2: 13)

Chorus: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men." (Luke 2: 14)

#### Christ's healing and redemption

Soprano: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Rejoice greatly. . . da capo (Zecharaiah 9: 9-10)

#### Recitative

Alto: Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (Isaiah 35: 5-6)

Soprano/Alto: He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arms, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40: 11)

Soprano/Alto: Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11: 28-29)

Chorus: His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. (Matthew 11: 30)

#### INTERMISSION

#### Christ's passion

**Chorus:** Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1: 29)

#### Δir

**Alto:** He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (*Isaiah 53: 3*)

**Alto:** He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off His hair: He hid not His face from shame and spitting.

He was despised. . . da capo

**Chorus:** Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows!

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. (Isaiah 53: 4-5)

**Chorus:** And with His stripes we are healed. (*Isaiah 53: 5*)

**Chorus:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53: 6)

#### Recitative

**Tenor:** All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn; they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying: (*Psalm 22: 7*)

**Chorus:** "He trusted in God that He would deliver Him; let Him deliver Him, if He delight in Him." (*Psalm 22: 8*)

#### Recitative

**Tenor:** Thy rebuke hath broken His heart: He is full of heaviness. He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man, neither found He any to comfort him. (Psalm 69: 20)

#### Air

**Tenor:** Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow. (Lamentations 1: 12)

#### Christ's Death and Resurrection Recitative

**Tenor:** He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgressions of Thy people was He stricken. (Isaiah 53: 8)

#### Air

**Tenor:** But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption. (16: 10)

**Chorus:** SLift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. (Psalm 24: 7-10)

#### Λi.

**Soprano:** How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. (Isaiah 52: 7; Romans 10: 15)

#### Air

**Bass:** Why do the nations so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against His anointed. (Psalm 2: 1-2)

**Chorus:** Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their yokes from us. (*Psalm 2: 3*)

#### Recitative

**Tenor:** He that dwelleth in Heav'n shall laugh them to scorn; The Lord shall have them in derision. (*Psalm 2: 4*)

#### Air

**Tenor:** Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (*Psalm 2: 9*)

Christ's reception in heaven

**Chorus:** Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. (*Revelation 19: 6*)

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11: 15)

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (Revelation 19: 16) Hallelujah!

#### Promise of eternal life

#### Δir

**Soprano:** I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. (Job 19: 25-26)

**Soprano:** For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (*I Corinthians 15: 20*)

**Chorus:** Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (*I Corinthians* 15: 21-22)

#### Day of judgement

#### Recitative

**Bass:** Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (I Corinthians 15: 51-52)

#### Air

Bass: The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. The trumpet...da capo (I Corinthians 15: 52-53)

#### The acclamation of the Messiah

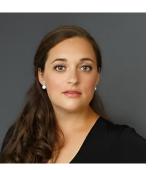
**Chorus:** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Revelation 5: 12-14)

#### PROVIDENCE SINGERS

Founded in 1971, the Providence Singers, under the direction of Christine Noel, presents concerts of choral masterworks, contemporary music, and newly commissioned works. In addition to an annual concert series, the Singers make frequent guest appearances throughout the region, including annual concerts with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra. Creative partnerships have included performances with Dave Brubeck Quartet at Lincoln Center and Newport Jazz Festival, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, New Haven Philharmonic, Aurea Ensemble, New Bedford Symphony, and the State Ballet of Rhode Island. The Providence Singers have produced four studio recordings of American choral music, the most recent of which was the 2017 recording of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. Opportunities for community education and participation include workshops, concert discussions, and community sings. The Providence Singers support emerging talent through its Fassett Fellowships for young adult singers and In Harmony, a new after-school choral program for high school singers.



#### TERESA WAKIM

Soprano

With a voice of "extraordinary suppleness and beauty" (The New York Times), GRAMMY-nominated soprano Teresa Wakim is "a marvel of perfect intonation and pure tone" (New York Arts) and perhaps known best for her "perfect early music voice" (Cleveland Classical). First Place Winner of the International Competition for Early Music in Brunnenthal, Austria, she was also honored as a Lorraine Hunt Lieberson

Fellow at Emmanuel Music Boston. A graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Boston University's College of Fine Arts, she maintains a busy career as a concert soloist spanning the medieval to new music, and on the baroque opera stage.

Passionate about period performance and scholarship, she has performed concerts and toured with many of the world's best period instrument ensembles, including the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra, BEMF, Wiener Akademie, Apollo's Fire: The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, Mercury Baroque, Dallas Bach Society, Handel Choir of Baltimore, Pacific MusicWorks, Tragicomedia, The Dryden Ensemble, Bourbon Baroque, Three Notch'd Road, the Musicians of the Old Post Road, Les Bostonades, New York Baroque Inc, and Blue Heron.

When not performing, Tess can be found caring for her young daughter, and discussing all things blue whales, gene therapy, and space exploration with her scientist husband in Boston, MA.



#### **MEG BRAGLE**

Mezzo-Soprano

Meg Bragle is an acclaimed mezzo-soprano recognized for her musical intelligence and "expressive virtuosity" (*San Francisco Chronicle*). A leading interpreter of Baroque and Classical repertoire, she brings clarity, emotional insight, and a deep sense of connection to performances with many of the world's foremost period ensembles and major

North American orchestras. Her extensive discography includes over 20 recordings spanning nearly 1,000 years of repertoire, with highlights including four celebrated Bach recordings with Sir John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists.

Bragle is also a dedicated educator and advocate for emerging artists. She is Co-Founder and Director of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park National Oratorio Competition and serves as Artist in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania, where she directs the Collegium Musicum and the Opera and Musical Theater Workshop. She also reaches audiences as afternoon classical host on WRTI 90.1 FM, sharing her passion for music with insight and accessibility.



#### **LAWRENCE JONES**

Tenor

Tenor Lawrence Jones has established an active presence on the concert and operatic stages. He has received praise for his portrayals of Tom Rakewell in Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress* at the Princeton and Aldeburgh Festivals. *The New York Times* wrote, "Tenor Lawrence Jones brought a light, sweet voice and lyricism to Tom." Opera News praised him for his "clean, ringing tenor," and *The Guardian* described

him as "a smooth-voiced Tom....his first-act aria, lamenting the loss of love, is especially affecting."

Mr. Jones has performed roles with companies such as New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Opera Saratoga, Sarasota Opera, Amarillo Opera. On the concert stage, he has sung as a soloist with Musica Sacra, Boston Baroque, Boston Pops, Albany Symphony, Charlotte Symphony, Rhode Island Philharmonic, and the Utah Symphony, with whom he made his company debut in Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*.

Lawrence has sung as a member of many professional chamber and vocal ensembles, including the Clarion Music Society, Ensemble Origo, TENET, and the renaissance vocal ensemble, Cut Circle. With the latter, he has toured across Europe, including performances in the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium. With the Clarion Choir, he participated in the Grammy-nominated recording of Maximilian Steinberg's *Passion Week*, as well as in the accompanying tour which premiered the work in Moscow, Saint Petersburg, and London.



# **DAVID SOAR**

Bass

Bass David Soar was born in Nottinghamshire, England, and studied at the Royal Academy of Music and the National Opera Studio.

During the 2025-2026 season, the bass makes exciting returns to houses in the US. First, he joins the San Francisco Opera as Titurel in Wagner's Parsifal and then travels to Utah

Opera to sing the role of Rocco in Beethoven's Fidelio. On the concert stage he appears as the bass soloist in Handel's Messiah with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra.

The 2024-2025 season began with a house debut with Utah Opera, reprising the role of Judge Turpin in Sweeney Todd. He debuted with San Francisco Opera (Zuniga in a performance of Bizet's Carmen), and Lyric Opera of Kansas City (Timur in Turandot). He performed two productions of Wagner's Das Rheingold, appearing as Fasolt with Opéra de Monte-Carlo, and Fafner with Pacific Symphony. On the concert stage, he joined the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra for Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and Saint Thomas Church in New York for Handel's Messiah.

Recordings for the bass include Havergal Brian's Faust (Orchestra of English National Opera/Martyn Brabbins); The Dream of Gerontius and Roméo et Juliette for Chandos (BBC Symphony Orchestra/Sir Andrew Davis); Stanford's Stabat Mater for Naxos (Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra/David Hill); Stravinsky's Threni (Royal Flemish Philharmonic/Phillippe Herreweghe) and Adriana Lecouvreur on DVD for Opus Arte with Angela Gheorghiu and Jonas Kaufmann (Royal Opera House Orchestra/Sir Mark Elder).

#### Messiah, HWV 56 **GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL** (1685-1759)

Last performed December 15, 2024 with Christine Noel conducting, Providence Singers and soloists Eleonore Cockerham, Tamara Mumford, Thomas Cooley and Douglas Williams. In addition to a chorus and solo soprano, alto, tenor and bass, this piece is scored for two oboes, bassoon, two trumpets, timpani, continuo and strings.

When Handel made a visit from his native Germany to England in 1710, he had no intention of settling there. But he did have reason to believe that the visit would be profitable. Recent attempts by local composers to establish an appetite for Italian Opera in London seemed to be bearing fruit. But no one on the planet could hold a candle to Handel when it came to writing Italian-style opera in the early 1700s. Within four months of setting foot on British soil, he successfully mounted a production of his new work Rinaldo, which proved to be such a success that Queen Anne herself let him know that, were he to return on a more permanent basis, he would enjoy guaranteed patronage from both the crown and the aristocracy.

Handel gladly accepted the offer and, for many years, rode wave after wave of success in his newly adopted country. But public taste is a fickle thing, and society was changing. Patronage of the arts was gradually shifting from the aristocracy to

the middle classes. And the middle classes, accustomed to the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, clamored for on-stage action and English language texts that they could understand. Opera at the time, where most of the real action happened off stage and soloists merely sang about it (in Italian, no less), was a hard sell to the 18th century ticket buying public. The playwright Samuel Johnson succinctly summed up the general British opinion of opera as an "exotic and irrational entertainment."

So, reading the writing on the wall, Handel took it upon himself to invent an entirely new form - the English oratorio - a completely different animal from the Italian oratorios he had written earlier in his career. Where the choruses in his early work were subordinate and simple, this new invention took advantage of a burgeoning tradition of choral music in England and featured the grandest of choruses that would not only command center stage but ring through the ages as well.

His first foray into this new form was called *Esther*, a dramatic spin on an Old Testament story about a Persian Queen who devises a clever plan to save all the Jews in her country from imminent slaughter. Despite its lack of sets and acting, the music was so new and compelling that audiences clamored for more. *Esther* enjoyed many successful revisions in subsequent London seasons, and its memorable grand chorus at the end foretold even greater things on the horizon.

In August of 1741, Handel received an invitation to present a concert for the benefit of Dublin's charities. In a head-spinningly short period of 24 days (although one might make the argument that this piece had been percolating within him for a decade or so), Handel produced what we now know as *Messiah*. Powerful puritanical elements in England, who couldn't abide the thought of something called "Messiah" being defiled by a presentation in such a sinful venue as a theater, forced its first appearances to be billed as simply "a new sacred oratorio," But its timeless and universal message of redemption, faith, and hope, brimming with majestic choral passages and poignant arias, soon began resonating with audiences not just as a religious text but also as a celebration of the human condition.

Throughout, Handel blends dramatic choral movements with delicate solo arias, creating an emotional journey for the listener, and his expert use of the orchestra creates a vibrant sound that evokes the joy and reverence of the text. But pay attention, if you will, to the way in which he achieves crystal clarity in even the most complex of musical moments. This bit of sublime magic on the part of the composer means that there is always something for everyone, from the most ardent music enthusiast to the casual listener. And even in the grandest moment, there is always something ineffable that strikes us on a deeply personal level.

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1. No.1, op.46, C major: Presto

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Side-by-Side performance with students from the RI Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

CHAUSSON Poème, op.25

Mr. Dimmick

**J. STRAUSS** On the Beautiful Blue Danube, op.314

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I. Andante

II. Allegro marcato

III. Adagio

IV. Allegro giocoso

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#### WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE THE SHOW PARALLEL EVENTS

#### 1866

#### **Strauss**

The Beautiful Blue Danube



#### **MUSIC**

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 1 ("Winter Dreams")



#### ART

**Bierstadt** Storm in the Rocky Mountains, Mt. Rosalies



#### **LITERATURE**

Dostoyevsky Crime and Punishment



#### HISTORY

Alfred Nobel invents dynamite.

#### 1886

#### Dvořák

Three Slavonic Dances



#### MUSIC

Saint-Saëns The Carnival of the Animals



Degas The Tub



#### LITERATURE

Stevenson The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde



Coca-Cola invented.

#### 1896

#### Chausson

Poème



MUSIC Puccini La Bohème



#### ART

Pissarro Pont Boieldieu in Rouen, Rainy Weather



#### LITERATURE

Wells

The Island of Doctor Moreau



#### HISTORY

Wilhelm Röntgen discovers the X-ray.

#### 1944

#### **Prokofiev**

Symphony No. 5



#### MUSIC

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#### ART

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#### LITERATURE

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#### CHARLES DIMMICK

Violin

Charles Dimmick enjoys a varied and distinguished career as concertmaster, soloist, and chamber musician. Praised by the Boston Globe for his "cool clarity of expression," Charles is one of New England's most sought-after orchestral musicians. He is co-concertmaster of the Boston Pops Esplanade, and concertmaster of both the Portland

Symphony and the Rhode Island Philharmonic. In the summers, Charles can be found serving as the concertmaster of the New Hampshire Music Festival. Charles has appeared as guest concertmaster for the Arizona Music Fest and the Winston-Salem Symphony. A frequent soloist, Charles has garnered praise, packed houses, and received standing ovations for what the Portland Press Herald has called his "luxurious and stellar performances" and his "technical and artistic virtuosity." Recent concerto engagements have included performances with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Portland Symphony, Winston-Salem Symphony, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Arizona Musicfest, Chamber Orchestra of Boston, and the Boston Civic Symphony. As a chamber musician, Charles can be heard collaborating with the Sebago Long Lake Chamber Festival, the Chameleon Arts Ensemble, Radius Ensemble, and Monadnock Music. He is featured as concertmaster on many recordings with the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and Odyssey Opera, including the Grammy-Award winning opera The Fantastic Mr. Fox, by Tobias Picker. His debut recording as concerto soloist in Elliot Schwartz's Chamber Concerto and his debut solo violin recording of Lisa Bielawa's Synopsis #7 can be found at bmop.org.

Charles is a dedicated and experienced teacher and he maintains a private violin studio in the Boston area. In the summers Charles can be found coaching and teaching ambitious violinists at the Greenwood Music Camp (junior division). Charles is the former interim Lecturer in Violin at the University of Southern Maine, Gorham campus.

Charles lives with his wife, the flutist Rachel Braude, and their young daughter, Chloe, an aspiring violinist. He performs on a 1784 Joseph Gagliano violin.

#### THE BLUE DANUBE

Whenever the musicians of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra perform sideby-side with their younger counterparts in the Rhode Island Philharmonic *Youth* Orchestra, the results are always electric. And few works are better able to capitalize on this than Dvořák's sparkling *Slavonic Dances*. Pair that with an iconic waltz, a lush musical love poem, and a symphony that extolls the grandeur of the human spirit, and you've got an evening of music, by some of history's greatest melodists, that won't be soon forgotten.

First danced in Boston in 1834, the waltz ("an indecent foreign dance" according to The London Times) quickly captivated all of Europe, ushering in what has been called "quite simply the greatest change in dance form and dancing manners that has happened in our history." It is ironic, then, that the most recognizable example of the form started not as a dance, but as a choral tribute, complete with whispering mermaids and lingering lovers, to Vienna's cherished river. Within a year, the "waltz king" had composed an orchestral version of the piece, full of beguiling melodic invention and harmonic grace, which went on to become the envy of Brahms, the unofficial Austrian anthem, and a popular culture staple, found in everything from Daffy Duck cartoons to the runaway Netflix series Squid Games.

Chausson's Poème for Violin & Orchestra draws its inspiration, not from a river, but from "The Song of Triumphant Love," a short story by the Russian novelist Ivan Turgenev, in which a violin (with a diamond-tipped bow, no less) plays a prominent role. *Poème* is a tour de force for solo violin, shifting seamlessly from the deeply intimate to the wildly pyrotechnical in an aesthetic that "blends the French impressions of the East with the Italian affect of drama, and is a unique masterpiece in the history of music."

Equally masterful is Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony. Despite his distrust of the Stalinist regime, he conducted the premiere of this magnificent work in full view of the dictator in 1945. Brimming with optimism for an imminent conclusion to World War 2, and singing full-throatedly "of a mankind free and happy," it still seems to ask the profound guestion "but what comes after victory?"

### **Three Slavonic Dances ANTONIN DVOŘÁK** (1841-1904)

Dances Number 1 and 2 are RI Philharmonic Orchestra premieres. Dance Number 8 was last performed November 11, 1972 with Francis Madeira conducting. This piece is scored for piccolo, flute, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, timpani, percussion and strings.

Channeling the infectious energy and enthusiasm of a deeply musical culture in communal celebration, Dvořák's *Slavonic Dances* provide an ideal vehicle for bringing experienced and aspiring musicians together for a side-by-side performance. These sparkling gems fairly overflow with rhythmic drive, pulsating percussion, and vibrant brass and woodwind melodies. They are also the catalyst that propelled a young and struggling Bohemian musician into the international spotlight.

Throughout his 20s and early 30s, Dvořák had submitted piece after piece to the Austrian State Prize for composition, hoping to gain some success and recognition. His persistence finally paid off when panelist Johannes Brahms gave him the nod, and convinced his own publisher, Fritz Simrock, to take a chance on the young unknown from Prague.

Taking a page from the Brahms playbook, Dvořák leveraged the wild success of his mentor's Hungarian Dances and penned his own set of Slavonic Dances, opus 46, for two pianos. This turned out to be a brilliant move, as they flew off the retailers' shelves, and Simrock soon requested that the composer write arrangements of the dances for orchestra as well. Happy to oblige, Dvořák had these ready in short order, and they quickly became beloved and enduring hallmarks of the romantic repertoire.

Unlike Brahms' Hungarian ones, the Slavonic Dances do not incorporate actual folk melodies-all the tunes are of the composer's own invention, but the character is authentic enough to give the impression of good times on the village green. Dvořák emulates several different dance types from across the Slavic world. From the bold and brash furiant (opus 46, no.1), to the more melancholy and reflective Ukrainian dumka (opus 72, no. 2) and back, Dvořák moves seamlessly between major and minor modes, with invigorating rhythms and catchy melodic figures. These pieces are lyrical and danceable all at once.

#### Poème, op.25 **ERNEST CHAUSSON** (1855-1899)

Last performed December 8, 1953 with Francis Madeira conducting and soloist Julian Olevsky. In addition to a solo violin, this piece is scored for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, tuba, harp and strings.

When Ernest Chausson died at the young age of 44, from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident, so ended the promise of the most distinctive voice in French music of his generation. His music forms a bridge between Cesar Franck's lush, Wagnerian Romanticism and the sensuous Impressionism of Claude Debussy. In fact, it was a performance of Wagner's Tristan und Isolde that inspired Chausson to leave a comfortable life as a lawyer and study composition at the Paris Conservatory. Despite his gentle, unassuming character, Chausson's creative and generous spirit was infectious, and his salon soon became a hub for the Parisian musical community.

Among his friends was the renowned violinist, Eugène Ysaÿe, who asked him to write a new concerto. Chausson was daunted, calling concerto writing "the devil's own task," but he did agree to write a free-form shorter work that would allow his friend to provide audiences with an unforgettable, indeed immersive, musical experience.

The result, simply titled Poème, is a work of seamless form and supple structure, with a deeply emotional core. It so impressed the composer Isaac Albéniz (another friend), that the latter paid for it to be published out of his own pocket. The music is inspired by the steamy tale of a love triangle with mystical overtones found in Ivan Turgenev's short story "Le Chant de l'amour triomphant." Specifically, Poème evokes a scene in which one of the suitors begins to play a violin (with a diamondtipped bow) that he had procured from far India: "when Muzio began the final song, the very sound suddenly grew stronger and quivered resonantly and powerfully; a

passionate melody poured out from beneath the broad sweeps of the bow, poured out in beautiful sinuous coils like that very snake whose skin covered the top of the violin; and the melody burned with such fire, was radiant with such triumphant joy, that both Fabio and Valeria were pierced to their very hearts and tears came into their eyes. Muzio, with his head bent forward, pressed over the violin, his cheeks grown pale and his brows drawn together in one straight line, seemed even more concentrated and solemn—and the diamond on the end of the violin bow shed sparkling rays as it moved, as if it had also been ignited by the fire of the wondrous song..."

It's unsurprising, then, that tone and expression are probably the holy grail for violinists who approach this piece. Technical challenges, such as an onslaught of double-stops, perfecting the intonation in the instrument's highest register, and mastering quick shifts in vibrato speed, certainly abound. But they are just the beginning, a foundation from which to build the actual music. From its dark and intimate first notes to the freewheeling pyrotechnics of the last, *Poème*, at its best, is a sensually gripping experience, for player and listener alike.

#### The Beautiful Blue Danube, op.314 JOHANN STRAUSS (1825-1899)

Last performed January 26, 2019 with Tania Miller conducting. This piece is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp and strings.

While Johann Strauss, the elder, may have played an instrumental role in building - and capitalizing upon - the insatiable appetite for waltzes in 19th century Austria, it was his son, Johann Strauss II, who provided us with most of the waltzes we still know and love today. With an unparalleled gift for melodic invention, harmonic grace, and rhythmic verve, Strauss II garnered the sincere praise of no less a figure than Brahms, who once wrote of *The Beautiful Blue Danube* that it was "unfortunately, not by Brahms."

This unmistakable symbol of joy and celebration begins with shimmering strings and a foreshadowing horn call, followed by a pensive response in the winds, all invoking a sense of "sunrise on the river," before the first melody emerges in its entirety. There are, in fact, a total of five separate melodies that make up *The Beautiful Blue Danube*. Some more romantic, some more joyous; some major, some minor; some featuring the harp, some featuring crashing cymbals. But as they gracefully move from one to the next, they unified by such a subtle and logical connection of stylistic elements that each change of tune goes by almost imperceptibly.

One of the most tantalizing features of any waltz performance is the einschliefen, or a slowing down of the tempo that makes the music appear to hover in space for a moment before continuing on. One might think that this effect could work only when an orchestra performs without dancers, but it was actually a natural and highly anticipated part of any Viennese ball, as if the revelers took this moment to catch their collective breaths.

#### Symphony No.5 in B-flat major, op.100 SERGEI PROKOFIEV (1891-1953)

Last performed September 20, 2014 with Larry Rachleff conducting. This piece is scored for piccolo, two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, E-flat clarinet, bass clarinet, two bassoons, contrabassoon, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp, piano and strings.

From the time Sergei Prokofiev left Russia after the 1917 revolution to well into the 1930s, the highly prolific composer had created dozens of popular works for stage and for chamber and orchestral ensembles. His music had found acceptance far beyond Russia's borders, and he was in great demand as a performer and conductor throughout Europe and the United States. Hoping to bolster its cultural standing in the world, the newly formed USSR encouraged Prokofiev to return to his homeland, promising greater opportunities for him and his fellow musicians. Cautiously optimistic, Prokofiev agreed, and while initially things seemed promising, the rise of Stalin meant that artists of all sorts were soon subjected to extreme oversight, sent away to work camps, executed, or simply disappeared. Prokofiev himself was never again allowed to leave Russia, and he tread with great care when considering what to compose and how to present it.

In a rare act of generosity, Stalin invited Prokofiev and his colleagues Glière, Shostakovich, Khachaturian, and Kabalevsky to spend the summer of 1944 at a retreat in Ivanovo, about 150 miles outside of Moscow, so they could compose in an environment free of city bombings and wartime shortages. It was there that Prokofiev penned the first draft of his fifth symphony. In language that sounds like an attempt to appease the censors, Prokofiev described it as "glorifying the human spirit. I wanted to sing of a mankind free and happy - his strength, his generosity, and the purity of his soul. I cannot say that I chose this theme. It was innate in me and had to be expressed." His PR strategy worked, and even enjoyed a serendipitous boost when, while conducting the work's 1945 premiere in Moscow Conservatory's Great Hall, the composer had to pause before his first downbeat, as he was interrupted by celebratory gunfire signaling the victorious advance of the Red Army across the Vistula River into German territory.

Rather than opening in a customarily fast tempo, Prokofiev's fifth symphony begins with a noble Andante. This allows Prokofiev to infuse the music with some of his most colorful writing, especially for the wind and brass sections. Listen for the elegant lyricism shared by flute and bassoon in the relatively calm first theme, and for tremolo strings that propel an elaborate development towards an electrifying coda. We also hear plenty of his trademark harmonic "side-slips" that frequently take the music - seemingly inevitably - into wildly unexpected places.

The second movement is a scherzo (the musical term for "joke") in all but name. Adding to his already rich orchestral color palette, Prokofiev calls upon percussion and trumpet to lead us on an exhilarating ride, while clarinets dazzle us with virtuosity. Folksy tunes with ever-shifting rhythm patterns, played mostly by oboe and clarinet, provide an exotic respite in the middle section, followed by a breathless accelerando that leads us back to the movement's opening material.

The dreamy Adagio movement forms the center of gravity for the entire symphony. A haunting ambiguity pervades this movement, wafting somewhere in between major and minor modalities. Above this uncertainty, one of Prokofiev's

most beautiful melodies soars in the violins. Also of note is a refrain of special poignancy, always played by the oboe and bassoon, that eventually builds to a tortured climax before receding to a quiet end.

The finale begins in almost whimsical fashion, with a cello choir playing a slow introduction that recalls the first theme of the first movement. The violas then usher in a new mood, inviting the high-spirited clarinet to give us another dazzling display of virtuosity. Then, just as the movement is striving to end on a victorious note, the music degenerates into a frenzy, which is stripped down to a string quartet playing staccato "wrong notes" with rude interjections from low trumpets. Color and irony dance in unbridled splendor here, making for a wild and brilliant conclusion to what is arguably the greatest symphonic masterpiece of the mid-20th century.

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#### **SARAH SMITH**

Rhode Island Philharmonic Music School

2024-2025 Concerto & Aria Competition Winner

Sarah began studying the harp with her mother at the age of five. When she entered middle school, she began taking virtual lessons with Mary Kay Waddington in Denver, CO, before virtual lessons were common. She also attended Suzuki institute summer camps in Logan, Utah and "Harp Weekends" in Washington, D.C.

Having both a mother and older sister who play the harp, Sarah had a lot of unique opportunities at a young age to perform. Perhaps the most memorable was a concert with eight harpists at the Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs, Arkansas when Sarah was 10 years old.

When Sarah was 12, she made it to the final round of the American Harp Society national competition in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and is preparing to compete again in Los Angeles this summer.

Sarah is a senior at North Kingstown High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and the varsity tennis team. This is the fourth year Sarah has been playing with RIPYO, and she has loved her experiences with the orchestra. She hopes to attend Brigham Young University in the fall.

# How did you choose the harp and who has had an influence on your growth as a musician?

I was surrounded by music at a young age, specifically the harp. My aunt, mom, and sister play the harp so the option was made extremely available. For the past 13 years, I have practiced, performed, and learned to love my instrument. My mom has given me amazing opportunities to grow as a musician, from getting me a harp to not allowing me to quit when I would get frustrated. Her constant encouragement has made me love the harp and the music that I play.

# What does it mean to you to be selected as the winner of the concerto competition?

Music has been a very important part of my life ever since I can remember. Being a part of this orchestra has increased my love for music as I have been able to learn and perform amazing music alongside amazing musicians. Competing in this competition was extremely challenging and time consuming. However, the hard work has been worth it and I am so grateful for this experience. It is such an amazing honor to prepare to play my concerto alongside fantastic musicians and I am so excited to share the music that I love so much.

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Music School Concerto & Aria Competition is open to currently enrolled student musicians who play either piano, orchestral or band instruments, or sing. Finalists are selected from an initial round of current students who perform at a very high level. On **Saturday, December 14, 2024, five finalists performed for adjudicators at the Carter Center for Music Performance & Education**, and Sarah Smith was chosen as the winner of the 2024/2025 Concerto Competition. Sarah performed at The VETS in May of 2025.







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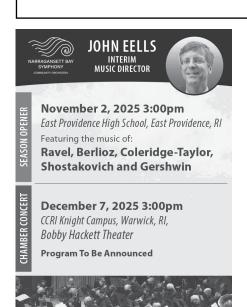
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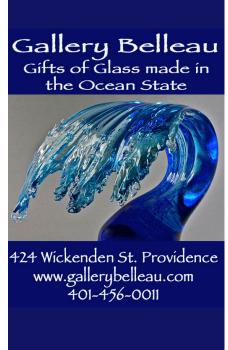
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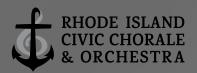
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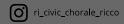
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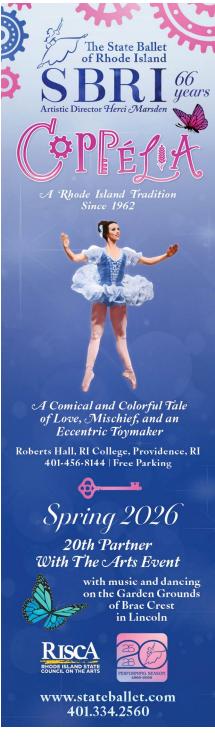
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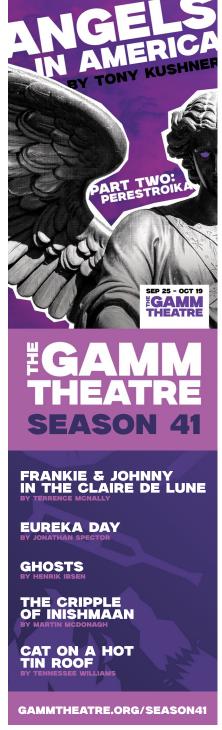


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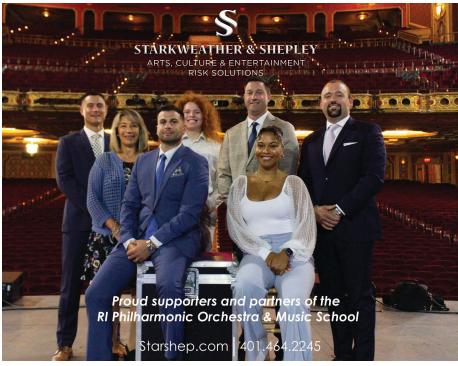
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