

University Symphony Orchestra ASU Choral Union

"Holiday Concert"

Timothy Russell, conductor

School of Music Herberger College of Fine Arts Arizona State University

Sunday, December 3, 2006 2:30 p.m. ASU Gammage

MUSIC



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Program

Intermission

Chanukah Suite......Jeff Tyzik O Holy Night Silent Night A Musicological Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas.......Craig Courtney A Partridge from 6th Century Rome Two Turtle Doves from 15th Century France Three French Hens from 16th Century Italy Four Calling Birds from 17th Century Italy Five Golden Rings from 18th Century Germany Six Geese A-laying from 18th Century Austria Seven Swans A-swimming from 19th Century France Eight Maids A-milking from 19th Century Germany Nine Ladies Dancing from 19th Century Austria Ten Lords A-leaping from 19th Century Italy Eleven Pipers Piping from 19th Century Russia Twelve Drummers Drumming from 19th Century United States of America Hark the Herald Angels Sing arr. Mack Wilberg

Out of respect for the performers and those audience members around you, please turn all pagers, cell phones, and watches to silent mode. Thank you.

Biographies

Timothy Russell is in his 14th year as a Professor of Music and Director of Orchestras at Arizona State University. He is one of America's most versatile and dynamic conductors and foremost music educators. He is equally at home conducting the great symphonic literature, music for chamber orchestra, ballet, large choral works, pops concerts, and children's programs. An articulate spokesperson for the arts, his obvious joy in discussing music and building new audiences is only surpassed by the insight and energy which his concerts possess . . . entertaining and enlightening programs of music spanning over four centuries. powerfully presented for listeners of all ages. In addition to his conducting at ASU, Dr. Russell directs the School's graduate orchestral conducting program. He is also the co-founder and Music Director of the award-winning ProMusica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Russell was recently named the winner of the 2006 Ohioana Pegasus Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the arts and humanities. Past winners have included folk artist Elijah Pierce, Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin, conductor Erich Kunzel, and entertainers Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day, and Roy Rogers.

Russell has been a frequent guest conductor with The Phoenix Symphony, including highly acclaimed full-length productions of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake and Nutcracker ballets, Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, and the "Tribute to George Balanchine" with Ballet Arizona. This season he will also lead Coppelia by Leo Delibes. Other guest conducting appearances have included the Charlotte Symphony, Baton Rouge Symphony, American Classical Orchestra, Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, South Dakota Symphony, Spokane Symphony, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble, Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, and Summit Brass. In recent years he has conducted All-State Orchestras in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The conductor/producer of twenty-seven CDs, Russell has received two Grammy nominations. All of his recordings have been enthusiastically received by listeners and critics alike, as has his vital and imaginative orchestral leadership.

Maestro Russell just celebrated his twenty-seventh season as music director of ProMusica. His achievements with that ensemble have been remarkable and diverse. A recipient of the Greater Columbus Arts Council's "Artistic Excellence Award," the orchestra continues to maintain its outstanding reputation for artistic performance and exciting, adventuresome programming. On eight occasions the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) has honored Russell and ProMusica for their service to contemporary music. Together, they have been active in the commissioning of new works. Russell has conducted the world premiere performances of over ninety new compositions.

Prior to coming to the Valley of the Sun, Maestro Russell served for nine seasons as the Music Director and Conductor of The Naples Philharmonic. For the last four years of his tenure he was the resident conductor in Naples, Florida in addition to serving as Director of Music Education for the city's spectacular Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Joy to the World

A Danforth Foundation Fellow, Dr. Russell has held academic appointments at The Ohio State University and the University of Rochester, including in its Eastman School of Music as an Associate Professor of Conducting and Ensembles. Dr. Russell regularly leads pre-concert talks and symposia, and continues to be a featured speaker at music conferences and workshops. He is actively involved in research and publication, currently writing three books – The Joyful Musician: A Mindful Approach to Peak Performance, The Conductor's Anthology, and Mindful Tennis with renowned Harvard psychologist Ellen Langer.

Timothy Russell and his wife, Jill, and their children, Kathryn and Geoffrey, reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

David Schildkret is the chair of the Choral Program at Arizona State University. He conducts the Chamber Singers and the Choral Union, and he supervises the doctoral choral conducting program. Previously, he taught at the University of Rochester and at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. From 1995 to 2002, he was the dean of the Salem College School of Music in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Schildkret holds degrees from Rutgers University and Indiana University. He is the Collegiate Repettory and Standards Chair for the Arizona Choral Directors Association and serves on the board of the National Collegiate Choral Organization. In addition to his work at ASU, he is Music Director of the Mount Desert Summer Chorale in Bar Harbor, Maine, and is the Director of Music at Scottsdale United Methodist Church.

ASU Choral Union

David Schildkret, conductor

Founded in the 1950s, the Arizona State University Choral Union is devoted to singing the masterworks for large chorus and orchestra. Members are auditioned volunteer singers from the ASU community, including students, faculty and staff, and residents of the Phoenix metropolitan area. Many of the members are professionally trained and most have had extensive choral experience. Intensive weekly rehearsals take place from August through May. The Choral Union sings several times each season with the ASU Symphony Orchestra, including the annual Holiday Concert, one of ASU's most beloved musical traditions. The group has sung with the Phoenix Symphony and has toured in Mexico, England, Australia, and Italy. Recent performances have included works Orff's Carmina Burana, Mahler's Second Symphony, and Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky.

The Choral Union welcomes new members. We rehearse Tuesday evenings from 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Contact David Schildkret at <u>David.Schildkret@asu.edu</u> for more information.

For more information about the ASU Choral Program, visit our website at http://music.asu.edu/choirs

ASU Orchestra Program

The Arizona State University Orchestra Program in the Herberger College of Fine Arts School of Music is dedicated to providing the finest musical and educational opportunities for those qualified individuals interested in studying and performing a wide variety of orchestral music. The faculty and administration are committed to the training and development of professional orchestral performers (instrumentalists and conductors), orchestral music educators, music therapists, musicologists, theorists, composers, arts administrators and future arts supporters. The students share in this commitment, aspiring to the highest possible standards of musical excellence.

Currently the program includes three ensembles: the University Symphony Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra and the Sinfonietta. The University Symphony Orchestra presents approximately seven concerts on the ASU campus each year in the internationally acclaimed ASU Gammage, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. In February 2005, the ASU Symphony Orchestra performed the featured concluding concert at the American String Teachers Association's National Conference in Reno, Nev. They offered "An Evening of Jazz" with the acclaimed jazz violinist Regina Carter, her quintet and members of our own ASU string faculty. The symphony and chamber orchestras have recorded commercially released compact discs (Perception, Lilacs: The Music of George Walker, A Brassy Night at the Opera and The Hoover Clarinet Concerto, respectively). The ASU Symphony Orchestra has offered such programs as "The Classics Meet Jazz" with clarinetist Eddie Daniels and Doc Severinsen as well as a Tribute to filmmaker Blake Edwards with Monica Mancini and a Tribute to Rafael Méndez with trumpeters Jens Lindemann and Allen Vizzutti. In 2002, the ASU Symphony Orchestra collaborated with the world renowned Bolshoi Ballet in full-length performances of La Bayadere as well as with Ballet Arizona in presenting four performances of Tchaikovsky's full-length Swan Lake Ballet.

Soloists with the orchestra have included renowned faculty performers as well as such visiting guest artists as violinists Glenn Dicterow, Szymon Goldberg, Dylana Jenson, Ani Kavafian and Edvard Melkus; cellists Colin Carr, Stephen Kates and Lazlo Varga; pianists André Watts, Ursula Oppens and Jeffrey Siegel; guitarist Manuel Lopez-Ramos; sopranos Faye Robinson, Anna Christy and mezzo-soprano Isola Jones, the Roger Wagner Chorale; guest conductors Lukas Foss and Vincent Persichetti; and the hilarious PDQ Bach and Victor Borge. The orchestra combines annually with the School of Music's Choral Union to present a "Holiday Concert" to sold-out houses. This performance features such works as Handel's Messiah, the Vaughan Williams Hodie, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and other great choral works. They also collaborated on such giant masterworks as the Verdi and Brahms Requiems, Orff's Carmina Burana, and Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony.

Outstanding student soloists, chosen through a rigorous competition on campus are presented in a "Concert of Soloists" each February. This concert also features the world premiere performance of the work that has won the annual ASU Student Composition Contest. The orchestra is committed to the performance of contemporary music and has premiered pieces by Michael Conway Baker, Randall Shinn and Chinary Ung, and performed concerts with visiting composers Michael Daugherty, Joan Tower, Phillip Glass, George Walker, and Gunther Schuller.

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Arizona State University Choral Union

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Soprano Tammy Allgood Madeline Andrews Amanda Arnett Stefani Nichole Baca Lauren Bass Iris Blake Annie Campbell Jeannie Chang Tracy Choy Diane Cole Katherine Conner Victoria Conner Emmalyn Corman Lila Deidiker Cariño Dominiguez Elena Eleftheriadou Eileen Ermel Kristie Etling Maris Fernandes Connie Formsma Barbara Gould Sharon Hamilton Sarah Haskett Kimberlee Headlee Kristinn Heinrichs Caitlin Horrocks Ingrid Israel Dellamae Jennison Ella Johnson Patricia Kenady HyunJung Kim Jee-Hyun Kim Katherine Kirby Soo-Lin Lee Erin Lewis Sister Joan Marie Madden Katelen Marr Nichol Meshew Tiffany Clark Mortensen Katherine Motil Judy Nordstrom Michaline Olijnyk Neicea Orozco Tacy Pillow Rachel Policar

Amelia Poll Janis Rvan Shari Samuelson-Wesely Kate Sessions Juliana Snyder Meigan Stack Wendy Stapley Jean J. Steele Allison Swain Kristen M. Thomasson Doris Tyldesley Eleanore Wardlaw Lauren Winston-McPherson Samantha Winter Rebecca Woolf

Julianne Wright Alto Mary Barta Brianne Borgie Marilyn Brafford Alice Buseck Barbara Daniel Carole Deans Adrienne Dorman Arlys Eaton Megan Faraoni Susan L. Fuhrer Gini Gregg Joan Grey Chelsea Jenkins Dorothy Johnsen Melissa Kelsev Janet Kurdziel Sarah Larimer

Jenni Lee

Jane Little

Liana MacNeill

Jackie McGarry

Jennifer Mitchell

Katie Mogerman

Madeline Moore

Marianne Murzyn

Jackie Medina

Susan Miles

Chrissie Newburg Muriel Osder Irene Pappas Glenda Rauscher Nedda Reghabi Nancy Rosenthal Lu Sanford Anne Stumpf Courtney Tinnan Lee Van Camp Judy Waltz Margaret Webb Carol K. West Heidi Whipple Amanda Wilcox Wendy Xu

Tenor John Adams Richard Fawley Brent C. Gardner Richard S. Haines Melanie Henrichs Mike Kaiser Vincent Lane Robert Moodie Ron Raynes John F. Schiffer Bernard Van Emden Phil VanderMeer Dick Watt

Bass Michael Barta Robert Charlesworth William Coghlan Dexter Conner Michael Dezort David F. Doeller Edward Flora Jerry Formsma Christoph Gales Paul Gales Jr. Paul Gales Sr. Ryan D. Garrison David Hale Allen Holloway Justin Huang

Norman Jenson Robert Johnsen Kris Kaehn Richard Larson Devin Mauney Michael McDowell Brian McOueen Charles C. Newton Aude Odeh Charles Ratliff Warren Riggers Robert Rosenthal Dan Ryan Dan Sagramoso **Bob Simington** Mark Sims Jeff Wilkinson

Assistant Conductor Ryan D. Garrison

Rehearsal Accompanist Norman Jenson

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Violin I Angela Cassette** Laura Speck Xian Meng Agnieszka Laskus Steven Crichlow Christian Simmelink Rachael Massengill Brian Chen Sarah Bowlin Tamara Freida Jenwei Yu Vanessa Castillo Molly McCarthy Eliza Hesse

Violin II Xi Wang* Gina Dyches Holly Roberts Chrystal Smothers Patricia Cole Allison Kellis Alyssa Saint Taylor Morris Bonnie Teplik Kate Bivona Crystal Gheen Jessica Brooksby Jamilyn Richardson Chung Gum Kang

Viola Matthew W. Gordon* Jan Matthews Megan Leigh Smith April Losey Alexander Vittal Louis Privitera Jr. Ellen Tollefson Padua Canty Courtney D. Chapman Michi Aceret Cicely DeSalle

Nelly Rocha* Hope Shepherd Jennifer McConaghie Jenna Dalbey Adele Stein Derek J. Stein Vanessa Belknap Amy L. Huzjak Ruth Wenger Willie Braun Joanna Neuschatz

John Sims Kale Gans Flute David Nischwitz^ Katie Valadez^

Bass Lucian Manolache* Christopher Rose Daniel Stotz Juan J. Garcia T. J. Maliszewski Rossine Parucci William Brichetto Chris Wagner Joe Tyksinski

Kathryn Schaap Piccolo Jessica Polin Kathryn Schaap Oboe Dane Philipsen* Rachel Cullers Megan Radcliff

Jessica Polin

English Horn Megan Radcliff

Clarinet Yen-ting Chuang^ Mark Kleine^ Stefanie Harger Jennifer Kabbas Bass Clarinet

Stefanie Harger

Bassoon# Julie Link Ian Newton Kristilyn Woods

Horn Gustavo Camacho^ Sally Bailey^ Adam A. Nelson Ryan Gastonguay Jordan Robert

Trumpet Timothy Wootton* Micah Wilkinson Bill Anonie

Trombone Samuel Winston Price* Todd Jacobs

Bass Trombone Trevor Forshay-Docwra Tuba

Christian Carichner

Harp Virgina Blake* Celeste Smith

Organ Patrick Hawkins Piano Brandon S. Matthews

Timpani/Percussion Matthew Holm* Laura Wiedenfeld Tyler Stell Matt Watson Michael Kemp

** Concertmaster * Principal ^ Co-principals

For this concert. this section is using a rotating seating plan.

Orchestra Assistants Jacob Harrison Brandon S. Matthews Jana Minov

Orchestra Librarian Jacob Harrison Jessica Polin

Orchestra Manager Derek J. Stein

Orchestra Office Specialist Linda Bennett

Special thanks to Danwen Jiang Katie McLin Nancy Buck Thomas Landschoot Catalin Rotaru John Ericson

Upcoming Events

Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Symphonic Chorale, and Chamber Singers

Holiday Choral Showcase

Monday, December 4, 2006 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

15 East First Avenue, Mesa

Admission charged

Brook Larson, Michele Paynter Paise, Gregory Gentry,

and David Schildkret, conductors

ASU Choral Union

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along
Tuesday, December 5, 2006 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Organ Hall – School of Music Free admission
David Schildkret, conductor

University Symphony Orchestra

Monday, February 5, 2007 7:30 p.m. ASU Gammage – free admission Henry Charles Smith, guest conductor Charles Vernon, trombone soloist

Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 7:30 p.m. ASU Gammage – free admission Joel Smirnoff, guest conductor Catalin Rotaru, double bass

Members of the ASU Symphony Orchestra with Lyric Opera Theatre

Richard Strauss – *Ariadne auf Naxos*February 23 & 24; March 2 & 3, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Evelyn Smith Music Theatre

Admission: \$22 general, \$7 students

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