Sinfonietta Music for Royalty Brandon Stephen Matthews, conductor Louis Privitera Jr., viola

Chamber Orchestra Concert of Soloists

Jacob Harrison, guest conductor Xi Wang, violin

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008 ASU Gammage

School of Music Herberger College of The Arts Arizona State University

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Program

Sinfonietta

Procession of the Nobles from <i>Mlada</i> Nikolai R	imsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)
King Stephen Overture, opus 117Ludwig	g van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Crown Imperial March	.William Walton (1902-1983)
Trauermusik (Music of Mourning)	Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)
Louis Privitera Jr., viola	
Three Orchestral Pieces from Sigurd Jorsalfar, opus 56 Prelude – In the King's Hall Intermezzo – Borghild's Dream	Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
Homage March	
Intermission	
Chamber Orchestra	
THOUGHTS for Woodwinds, Percussion, and Strings 2007-2008 ASU Composition Contest Winner	Josh Gottry (b. 1974)
Le Tombeau de Couperin	Maurice Ravel
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Prelude Forlane Menuet Rigaudon

Violin Concerto, opus 14......Samuel Barber

Allegro Andante Presto in moto perpetuo

> Xi Wang, violin 2007-2008 Concert of Soloists Chamber Orchestra Winner

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

Chamber Orchestra

Timothy Russell, Director of Orchestras

- Violin I Christian Simmelink** Angela Cassette Ricardo Elias-Rodriguez Kate Bivona Bonnie Teplik Diane Zelickman
- Violin II Taylor Morris* Alyssa Saint Terra Warger Chung Gum Kang Vanessa R. Castillo Ansel Eklund
- Viola

Allyson Wuenschel* Padua Canty Courtney D. Chapman Megan Leigh Smith

- Cello Amy L. Huzjak* Molly Rife Mark Schoellhammer Willie Braun Ruth Wenger
- Bass Daniel Stotz* Juan J. Garcia **Rossine** Parucci

Kelly Raymond ^ Elizabeth Min ^

Piccolo Elizabeth Min

Flute

Oboe Dane Philipsen ^ Caryn Creamer ^ Carly Avlworth

English Horn Mary Simon

Clarinet Jonathan C. Robinson^ Roman Ruiz^

Bassoon Joseph Kluesener ^ Ashley Haney ^ Mikaela Miller

Horn Jordan Robert ^ Robbie Buss ^

> Trumpet Brittany Hendricks ^ William Anonie ^

Harp Anne Keller

> Piano Brandon S. Matthews

Timpani/Percussion Elizabeth DeLamater* Scott Mitchell Matt Watson Tyler Stell

- ** Concertmaster
- * Principal
- ^ Co-Principal

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Orchestra Librarian Jacob Harrison

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(1875 - 1937)

(1910 - 1981)

Sinfonietta

Jacob Harrison and Brandon Stephen Matthews, conductors

Violin I

Vanessa Ohlrich** Joseph Murray Logan Bellew Daley Melton Aram Akhavan Rebecca Benitez Rachel Garcia Amirah Ismail Helene Rhodes

Violin II

Elizabeth Hutchins* Hansa Y. Thompson Jacob Gomez Hyunju Park Sara Guzmán Heather McCoy Ashley Gooder Kim Kieu Michael Veto Charles Tang

Viola

Allison Kellis* Alexis Pillow Elizabeth Lake Jessica Aguilar Whitney Glenn Annissa Olsen Emmalyn Corman

Cello

Susan Jacob* Jen Ben Rachel Noble Eric Parmon Katherine Robinson Cecilia Quimbaya Grace Rolland Amy Ledin

Bass Brady Putzke* Philistine Witt Katie Langr

Rossine Parucci Flute/Piccolo Joshua K. Stockam ^ Kevin Kolden ^

Erika Salcido Natalie Ruggiero Peter Lora

Oboe # Megan Burton Eileen Ermel Nina Saunders

English Horn Eileen Ermel

Clarinet Derek Lance ^ Adrienne Lorway ^

Bassoon Michael Burns ^ Kaitlyn Cameron ^

Horn

Michele Predmore* Lisa Luttenegger Leighanna Sizemore Glen Hannibal Andrea Barbrie Kaci Watkins

Trumpet Steven Limpert ^ Antonio Villanueva ^ William Anonie

Trombone Derik Dalby* Patrick Anderson

Bass Trombone Nick Martin

Tuba Bo Atlas

Harp Jessica Grondel* Stephanie Miller

Timpani/Percussion John Hopkins* Charles Bounds Eryk Olsen Daniel Carr

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- # For this concert, this section is using a rotating scating plan.

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Program Note – Josh Gottry - THOUGHTS

A rhythmically driven work, Thoughts opens at a brisk tempo as an initial melodic fragment descends through the ensemble before settling into the piece's primary ostinato material. This opening material, an ostinato based on the whole-tone scale, gently dove-tails short fragments and two note whole-step rhythmic ideas between voices in the orchestra before allowing the cellos and basses to introduce the first melodic content. This idea is then voiced in bassoon and clarinet between extended string chordal clusters and upper woodwind ostinatos. After two sudden full ensemble outbursts, the low strings return to the initial melodic fragment as an ostinato in 7/8 time with chordal blocks in the upper strings and brief woodwind interruptions that fade gently into a light dance in the xylophone, flute, and oboe. The bassoon, viola, and cello add onto this dance with a lyrical melodic line. After revisiting the 7/8 ostinato idea, staccato string quarter notes transition the work into a contrasting major scale based section. Starting with the clarinet, the woodwinds introduce and playfully trade this new "sing-able" melody before handing things back to the solo clarinet which brings the ensemble right back into brief reprises of the earlier whole-tone material. Near the end of the work, this major melody returns in force with the entire ensemble building in intensity. The solo clarinet is given one more opportunity to speak before a final climactic run in the orchestra concludes the piece.

Biographies

Brandon Stephen Matthews is pursuing a doctoral degree in orchestral conducting at ASU, studying with Dr. Timothy Russell. He is currently a conductor of the ASU Sinfonietta, and an assistant conductor for the ASU Orchestra program. Matthews received a Master of Music degree in orchestral conducting at Brigham Young University under the direction of Kory Katseanes. During his time at BYU, Matthews conducted the University Orchestra and BYU Strings and was assistant conductor of both the BYU Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras. Among Matthews's other conducting mentors are Harold Farberman and Sydney Rothstein, with whom he studied at the Conductor's Institute at Bard College in New York.

Matthews made his opera debut at BYU, conducting Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Old Maid and the Thief* as well as P. D. Q. Bach's *The Stoned Guest*. He also served as music director for Center Street Musical Theatre Company in Provo, Utah for the 2004-2005 season, conducting six productions including *The Mikado*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Matthews continues his opera conducting studies with Dr. William Reber at ASU.

Biographies

Born is Spokane, Washington, Matthews began his musical studies as a pianist and later began playing viola. His musical training continued during summers spent at the Brevard Music Center (North Carolina) and the Marrowstone Festival (Washington). He received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at BYU. Matthews now resides in Mesa with his wife, Meghan and their son, George.

In demand as a conductor and an educator, Jacob Harrison is also a passionate supporter of composers and the arts of our time. He has premiered numerous new works for orchestras and chamber ensembles. In 2007, Mr. Harrison was appointed Resident Conductor of the Chaparral Music Fest, a music festival in Prescott, Arizona. In addition, he is codirector of the Arizona Contemporary Music Ensemble for the Spring of 2008.

After being appointed Music Director of the North Valley Chamber Orchestra in 2006, Jacob has increased the ensemble's visibility in the valley through the development of the ensemble's programming and by reaching out to the community of North Phoenix. In addition, Mr. Harrison has worked regularly with other orchestras throughout the Phoenix area such as the Phoenix Symphony Guild Youth Orchestra, the Scottsdale Community Orchestra, and the Arizona Repertory Orchestra.

Jacob Harrison's opera conducting debut was in 2006 with the ASU Lyric Opera Theater in a semi-staged production of Bela Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle*. He followed this as assistant conductor with the Lyric Opera Theater's 2007 production of Richard Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Before moving to Arizona, Mr. Harrison lived in Chicago where he worked with groups such as the Peoria Youth Orchestra, the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, the University of Chicago Chamber Orchestra, and the Mason Youth Orchestra in Michigan. He has also worked with the Poston Junior High Orchestra Program in Mesa and the Highland High School Orchestra Program in Gilbert.

Jacob Harrison studies orchestral conducting with Dr. Timothy Russell and opera conducting with Dr. William Reber while pursuing a Doctorate in Orchestral Conducting at Arizona State University. He is director of the ASU Sinfonietta Orchestra and assistant conductor for the ASU Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

Louis Privitera is currently completing an undergraduate degree in viola performance at Arizona State University. As a performer, he has played in masterclasses with such notable violists as Samuel Rhodes, Joseph De Pasquale, Yitzhak Schotten, and Misha Amory. Also an avid chamber musician, Louis has had the opportunity to work with the St. Lawrence, Julliard, and Brentano String Quartets in ASU's chamber music program.

Biographies

In past years, Louis was a participant at Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory and the Zephyr Chamber Music Festival, and in 2006 he published his first article with the American Viola Society Journal. Louis is a student of Nancy Buck.

Josh Gottry earned a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance at Northern Arizona University. He will receive his Master of Music in Composition from ASU in May and has studied with ASU professors James DeMars, Glenn Hackbarth, Jody Rockmaker, and Rodney Rogers.

Mr. Gottry has established himself as a percussion instructor, performer, and nationally recognized composer. He currently is an Adjunct Percussion Instructor for Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Additionally, he works with percussion ensembles and private percussion students. Mr. Gottry serves as Principal Percussionist with the Symphony of the Southwest.

Mr. Gottry's first composition, *Irrelevant* for solo marimba, earned him an ASCAP Young Composer Competition grant in 1995. Since that time, he has been selected for seven ASCAP Plus awards. He is regularly commissioned to compose for various percussion ensembles.

Josh Gottry is a member of the Percussive Arts Society, the American Society of Composers, Authors, & Publishers, and the Society of Composers, Inc. He is also a clinician for Mike Balter Mallets, Pro-Mark Sticks, and Yamaha Percussion. Mr. Gottry served six terms as Vice President for the Arizona State Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society and is currently a member of the PAS Education and Composition committees. He was published in the June 2002 and December 2006 issues of <u>Percussive</u> <u>Notes</u>.

Xi. Wang began her violin study when she was four. At the age of six, she began to study piano as well. Between 1998 and 2004, she was the concertmaster of the Sun Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Beijing Youth Chamber Orchestra. She won Third Prize in the Beijing Youth Violin Competition, Third Prize in the National Youth Violin Competition in China in 2001, and Second Prize in the Beijing Youth Violin Competition in 2004. She has given a variety of performances as a soloist in Beijing Concert Hall, Beijing Zhongshan Park Concert Hall, and Beijing Golden Wings Concert Hall since 1999. In 2004, she toured in the U.S (including Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and New York City.) as a soloist with the Sun Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Xi Wang is currently studying violin at Arizona State University with Prof. Danwen Jiang and has served as a concertmaster of the ASU Symphony Orchestra and the ASU Chamber Orchestra. Ms. Wang recently won the ASU School of Music Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition, the Tuscon Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition, and the ASU Violin Competition. In 2007 she performed as a soloist with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and the ASU Sinfonietta.

Upcoming Events

University Symphony Orchestra & ASU Choirs Verdi Requiem Friday, April 25, 2008 7:30 p.m. ASU Gammage Carole FitzPatrick, soprano Jennifer Roderer, mezzo soprano Robert Chafin, tenor Peter Volpe, bass Timothy Russell, conductor

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