2021

Symphony Orchestra Philharmonic Orchestra String Orchestra Prelude Strings Percussion Ensemble 2022

Season Finale Concert

May 1, 2022 Orpheum Theatre Phoenix. Arizona



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# Welcome



When I look back on my journey as a musician, most of the seminal moments I experienced were greatly influenced by a teacher. Without my high school orchestra director, I may never had had the opportunity to conduct an orchestra for the first time and realize my dream. Without my private violin teachers, both in high school and college, I never would have developed my sense of musicianship that has carried me to this point.

PYSO's Teacher Appreciation concert has always had the focus of thanking those who make a difference in our young musician's lives. As we continue to adjust and learn in this new world, the task of our teachers becomes more difficult with each passing day. It is with great respect and honor that PYSO continues to present this concert as a small token of our appreciation for the dedication and time our educators commit to each and every student.

This for me, begins with our conducting staff here at PYSO, who have and continue to dedicate themselves, doing whatever is necessary, to have in-person rehearsals in a safe and supportive environment to enrich our student's lives through music. So, a heartfelt thank you to our own Dr. Temme, Ms. Cross, Mr. Maurer and Mr. Betz for dedicating yourselves to the young musicians of PYSO each and every season.

I hope you enjoy this concert and that is encourages you to thank a teacher.

#### **Matthew Kasper**

Artistic and General Director Symphony Orchestra Conductor



# Program

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Matthew Kasper | CONDUCTOR

La forza del Destino GIUSEPPE VERDI

Firebird igor stravinsky

## Conductors



Matthew Kasper Artistic & General Director Conductor Symphony Orchestra

- Currently serves as the Symphony Orchestras Conductor, Artistic & General Director and Resident Conductor of The Phoenix Symphony.
- Past posts include Music Director and Assistant Conductor of the Queens Symphony Orchestra, Founding Music Director of the Chicago Composers Orchestra and faculty member of the Aaron Copland School of Music.
- Winner of a 2020 Solti Foundation US Career Assistance Award.
- European debut with the Orchestre Symphonique et Lyrique de Nancy in 2014 and also served as an assistant conductor for the Opera National de Lorraine.
- Trained as a violinist, he holds degrees in violin performance from Queens College and the Chicago College of Performing Arts.
- An accomplished administrator, Matthew served as artistic intern for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Artistic Operations Manager of the Grant Park Music Festival.
- Received a degree in Orchestral Conducting from Queens College with additional training at the prestigious Pierre Monteux School for Conductors.
- Originally from Madison Wisconsin, Matthew resides in Phoenix with his wife Rebecca, son Theodore, daughters Fiona and Magnolia.



Sunny Xuecong Xia Assistant Conductor Symphony Orchestra

- World premiere of Rodney Roger's Violin Concerto with MusicaNova Orchestra and soloist Chistiano Rodrigues.
- Assistant Conductor, Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra.
- · Assistant Conductor, National Music Festival 2021.
- · Assistant Conductor, Pierre Monteux Music Festival 2021.
- · Assistant Conductor, Arizona State University Symphony Orchestra.
- · Guest Conductor, Cleveland Women's Orchestra.
- · Assistant Conductor, Cleveland Opera Theater (NOW) Fest 2020.
- Apprentice Conductor, North American New Opera Workshop 2019.
- Kurt & Torj Wray Conducting Scholar, Pierre Monteux Music Festival 2019.
- · Conducting Fellow, Cortona Sessions for New Music 2020.
- Semifinalist, National Radio Television of Albania Conducting Competition 2019.
- · Conducting Fellow, Marin Alsop Peabody Conducting Workshop 2019.
- Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting and Violin Performance, Cleveland Institute of Music.



**Dr. Walter Temme**Conductor
Philharmonic Orchestra

- Philharmonic Orchestra Conductor since 1988.
- Received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Arizona State University.
- Previously on the faculty of Humboldt State University (Ca.) and Wartburg College (IA).
- Known for violin performance but also performed as a violist at Kansas State and was Principal Violist of the Topeka Symphony.
- Credited with revitalizing the orchestral programs in the Scottsdale Schools.
- · Currently Director of Orchestras at Mountain View High School in Mesa.
- Twice cited in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Named 2011 Arizona Music Educator of the Year and 2013 Public School String Teacher of the Year by the Arizona chapter of ASTA. In 2003 named one of the 50 Directors Who Make a Difference by Band and Orchestra Magazine.
- · Has conducted Region and Honor Orchestras throughout Arizona.



Bethaney Cross Conductor String Orchestra

- Presently Assistant Director of Orchestras at Mountain View High School in Mesa, AZ
- Performance and teaching career in Phoenix metro area began in 2011.
- Principal Violist in the Chandler Symphony in the 2015 season.
- Taught at Mountainside Middle School in Scottsdale where her ensembles performed at fall / spring ABODA festivals receiving Superior with Distinction ratings.
- In 2017, Bethaney guest conducted the 6th Grade Scottsdale Unified Honor Orchestra festival and was the past lead orchestra director in Scottsdale for the elementary and middle school orchestra programs.
- Bachelor of Arts degree in Viola Performance from Northern Arizona University.
- Former musician of Phoenix Youth Symphony and was part of the 2004 tour to China and 2006 tour to Austria.
- A native of Arizona, and currently resides in Mesa with her husband and two boys
   Landen and Walter. When not teaching, she is with her family camping and hiking.



Brian Maurer Conductor Prelude Strings

- · Arizona native, who began playing the violin at the age of eight.
- $\,{}_{\circ}\,$  Bachelors of Music Education from Arizona State University where he studied violin.
- Currently is the Orchestra Director at Fremont Junior High School.
- Performance career includes North Valley Chamber Orchestra, Mesa Community College Symphony Orchestra, several church organizations and has also been a part of the Phoenix indie rock scene.
- Founder of the No Fret String Project, a classical ensemble for junior high and high schoolers that perform in Ahwatukee, AZ.
- Phoenix Youth Symphony alumni playing for five years.



- Past Adjunct professor of percussion at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.
- · Has been instructing marching percussion since 1995.
- Currently Principal Percussionist with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra.
- Member of the Florida West Coast Symphony (Sarasota Orchestra) from 1991 to 2007.
- Performed with Broadway national tours throughout Florida such as The Producers, Spamalot, 42nd Street, Some Like it Hot, Young Frankenstein, Legally Blonde and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.



Todd Betz Conductor Percussion Ensemble





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# Symphony Orchestra

#### VIOLIN I

Seungchan Min<sup>+</sup>
Jonathan Okseniuk
Hiyun Lee Joshua
Lee Connie Kang
Isabelle Colvig
Michelle Kim
Audrey Kurtz
Margaret Wang
Yoonji Lee
Shea Lee
Echo Reed
Marco Opena
Thilina Balasooriya
Daniel Kang
Bill Chung

#### VIOLIN II

Brian Yong<sup>^</sup>
Michael Meng Aya
Barnett Jayden
Yoneyama Aiden
Bowers Alicia Bai
Theodore Tungol
Avi Calloway
Evelyn Jo
Jade Lee
Jinoo Park
Dawn Shim

#### VIOLA

Boyoung Min \*
Lillie Harper
Alex Gong
Avinash Murlikrishnan
Esther Cho
Jungin Choi
Emma Jahn
Alexander Drace
Timothy Lin

#### CELLO

Vincent Claes<sup>^</sup> Fevi Adebekun Sean Waite Reagan Drewett Daniel Kwak Sydney Gibson Tristan Deters Prem Jain Aanand Mehta Abraham Kim Jasmine Zehn Ellena Jeon Charles Pabst Minseong Kim Evan Yoon Nicholas Raclaw

#### DOUBLE BASS

Rakshak Shah<sup>^</sup> Simon Missen Ian Nussdorferc

#### FLUTE

Daniel Walker<sup>^</sup> Candice Liu Felix Shen Maya Shah

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Chase Klein<sup>\*</sup> Suhani Patel Sierra Rockey

#### CLARINET

Kaelan James<sup>\*</sup> Jaehyung *James* Lee Daniel Jeon Joseph Kim

#### BASSOON

Sonya Viquesney<sup>^</sup> Cooper Taylor

#### FRENCH HORN

Ethan Times<sup>\*</sup>
Tyler<sup>\*</sup> White
Cade Araza
Lucy Alwin

#### TRUMPET

Joel Uliassi ^ Christopher Scrivens Baker Rosas

#### TROMBONE

Adam Uliassi ^ Kristian Allan Bailes

#### PERCUSSION

Jackson Aoyama Carson Cole Landon Frank Ben Landon Jonna Neldberg Annaliesa Shepherd

#### HARP

Megan Williams

#### **Dr. Walter Temme** Conductor

Concertmaster \*
Principal \*

# Philharmonic Orchestra

VIOLINI

Sumedh Seetharam\*
Ashley Faye Xiao
Kayla Ha-Eun Lee
Esther Kim
Abigail Yunesuh Lee
Colin Boecker-Grieme
Katie Park
Hana Konicanin
Veronica Yang
Yaduo (Eda) Hong
Ranuak Deb
Amina Behmen
Dae-Kyung Kim
Natalie Good

#### VIOLIN II

Allison Yuan<sup>^</sup>
Catherine George
Christopher Yoo
Kaiya Murphy
Ellisah Taylor Catten
John Muphy
Yongjun (Jun) Cho
Sriya Sridhar
Avery Ruth Johnson
Eloise Rank
Stephanie Janet
Primrose
Yoonseo Lee
Emily Knitter

Megan Scheller

#### VIOLA I

Jena Lee<sup>\*</sup>
Paige Kaufman
Kimberly Lundquist
Allyson Li
Kanishk Dravid Anmala
Christiana Rivera
Li-Heng Chen

#### CELLO

Justin Kang<sup>\*</sup>
Henry Ponce
Ryan Grosso
Braydon Kim
Faith Lopez
Israel Kim
Samantha Cottam
Noah Ha-Jin Lee
Ridge Halen Hall
Brianna Zhu Morgan
Luke Murray
Jackson Dahl
Aaron Barrett
Magnus Tucker

#### BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Elijah Valdivia<sup>^</sup>

#### BASSOON

Emma Lines<sup>^</sup>

#### CLARINET

Evelyn Chin<sup>\*</sup> Melody Berlin Savannah Larsen Natania Arun Ethan H. Wu

#### FLUTE

Elizabeth Ovelil<sup>^</sup>
Kali Kaiser
Norbu Shastri
Noah Burton
Sofia Garcia
Roiz Taraskina
Aadi Istvan Shrikant

#### ОВОЕ

Adelaide Martinez<sup>^</sup> Noah JohnKarl Thompson

#### HORN

Michelle Ross<sup>\*</sup> Josephine Raia

#### TRUMPET

Louis Dix<sup>\*</sup>
Marcus Adrian Fiandaca
David Torres II
Sean Kobayashi

#### TROMBONE

Jacob Weiss<sup>^</sup>

Isabel DuPuis

#### TUBA

Anthony Jacobs<sup>^</sup>

#### PERCUSSION

Carson Cole Caden J. Morales Grant Reddington

#### Bethaney Cross

Conductor

Concertmaster \*
Principal \*

# String Orchestra

# VIOLIN A Michael Erickson\* Erin Chiu Sarah Qiu Evan Hernandez Liam Whelan Aimi Siejak Vincent Laba Elizabeth Murray

Rachel McClurg Kentarou Siejak Emily Large

Connor Jung Nina Rawal Juan Rojas Sarah Pineda

#### VIOLIN B

Noah Peng<sup>°</sup>
Laura Llames
Grace Llames
Clare Lueken
Kyle Hwang
Ethan Hetherington
Madeline Chiu
Kaiwen Xu
Emmalyn Fourt
Eden Lindsay
Ella Southworth
William George
Aiden Kai

Olivia Morgan

#### VIOLA

Mallory Olson<sup>\*</sup> Jae-heyok Moon Elsa Nunley

#### CELLO

Madeleine Wang<sup>\*</sup> Ruizhe Wang Jun-heyok Moon Safia Behmen Julia Miller-Chang Leonard Rosivach

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Principal \*

Jinyao Audrey Zhou<sup>^</sup>

# Prelude Strings

#### VIOLIN A

Aishawarya Ganapathy\* Aashni Sahai Alexander Oberle Yahan Zhang Hans Kugler

#### VIOLA

VIOLIN C

Jeenseo Lee<sup>^</sup>

Johana Pifer

Isabella Garcia

Roiz Taraskina

#### VIOLIN B

Noah Yu^

Charlotte de Claremont

Sean Belcheff Lillian Badenoch

#### CELLO

Madeline Mitchell<sup>^</sup> Ganapathy Aditi

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# Percussion Ensemble

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Thank you,

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# A Brief History

In 1947, an imaginative and resourceful group formed the Phoenix Symphony Guild with the dual purpose of creating the Phoenix Symphony and to raise funds in support of it. In 1952, this same group created a Youth Orchestra with the intent to train young musicians for The Phoenix Symphony. In 1955, due to increasing demand, the Guild formed the Symphonette Orchestra, and Eleven years later, the Junior Strings were added, giving beginning string players an opportunity to learn basic orchestral skills.

In 1992, the PYS(O)'s top ensembles had both evolved into full symphonic orchestras with 80-100 members each. In order to provide more advanced training, the Junior Strings evolved into the String Orchestra and no longer admitted beginners. In addition, the Symphonic Winds was added to further woodwind and brass orchestral training. A Percussion Ensemble was added in 2004, and in 2018 the organization added the Prelude Strings answering the ever-growing demand for beginning strings instruction.

In May of 2020, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the visionary board of PYS decided to overhaul the organization's image. They voted to change the name to Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras in order to encompass all of our ensembles under that banner. The top three ensembles were re-named to Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra and Wind Orchestra respectfully. In addition, the board voted to create a new logo and website with the goal of furthering the mission of the organization to expand horizons through music and to develop the next generation of artists, patrons and leaders.

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