

The University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra
Saturday, February 22, 2014 7 PM
Upper Strong Auditorium
Dr. David Harman, Conductor

Made in America

Joan Tower
1938-

Symphony No. 8, opus 93

Ludwig van Beethoven
1770-1827

- I. Allegro vivace e con brio
- II. Allegretto scherzando
- III. Tempo di Menuetto
- IV. Allegro vivace

Joan Tower

Joan Tower is widely regarded as one of the most important American composers living today. During a career spanning more than fifty years, she has made lasting contributions to musical life in the United States as composer, performer, conductor, and educator. Her works have been commissioned by major ensembles, soloists, and orchestras, including the Emerson, Tokyo, and Muir quartets; soloists Evelyn Glennie, Carol Wincenc, David Shifrin, and John Browning; and the orchestras of Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and Washington DC among others. Tower was the first composer chosen for a Ford Made in America consortium commission of sixty-five orchestras. Leonard Slatkin and the Nashville Symphony recorded **Made in America** in 2008 (along with **Tambor** and **Concerto for Orchestra**). The album collected three Grammy awards: Best Classical Contemporary Composition, Best Classical Album, and Best Orchestral Performance. In 1990 she became the first woman to win the prestigious Grawemeyer Award for **Silver Ladders**, a piece she wrote for the St. Louis Symphony where she was Composer-in-Residence from 1985-88. Other residencies with orchestras include a 10-year residency with the Orchestra of St. Luke's (1997-2007) and the Pittsburgh Symphony (2010-2011). She is in residence as the Albany Symphony's Mentor Composer partner in the 2013-14 season.

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Violin

Rebecca Bermann, co-concertmaster
Madeleine Laitz co-concertmaster
Xi Chen, principal second
Peggie Chien
Xi Chen
Darius Colson
Sol Kim
Yoon Bin Park
Luke Piscitelli
Keith Wiley
Bonnie Wong
Sara Xu

Viola

Reagan McNamee King*
Dan Hodd
J. Hassler Thurston
Alice Wynd

'Cello

Courtney Crowell
Jenna Glatzer
Katherine Harvey*
Sarah Smith

Bass

J. Sam Park

Flute

Casey Bishop
Katarina Schwarz (sub)

Oboe

Megan Chapman
Paul Gabrys
Sarah Elderkin*

Clarinet

Sean Esterkin
Ty-Lucas Kelley

Bassoon

William Hunt

Horn

Greg Savich
Guo Yuqing

Trumpet

Kevin Connell
Gavin Piester

Trombone

Christina Palis

Timpani/Percussion

Will Keefer

*on leave