

MELIORA WEEKEND

2022



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CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Saturday, October 1, 2022

7:30 PM

Strong Auditorium

ARTHUR SATZ
DEPARTMENT OF
MUSIC

Welcome to Meliora Weekend!

The College Music Department is pleased to welcome parents, family, alumni, and friends of the University to our exciting series of concerts this Meliora Weekend. Our goal as a department is to provide a wide range of performing opportunities to as many students as possible. Undergraduate and graduate musicians can choose from two orchestras, four choirs, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos, Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Ensembles, Brass Choir, Rock Repertory Ensemble, the Hopeman Memorial Carillon, and West African Drumming. Whether a student is a biologist or an engineer, a poet or an economist, a music major or a philosopher, our ensembles welcome all who are passionate about music. We hope that you enjoy the fruits of their work this weekend, and we encourage you to join us throughout the year as the talent of these remarkable students resounds across campus.

Matthew BaileyShea
Chair and Professor of Music,
College Music Department

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 2
Jazz Ensemble & Wind Symphony
Upper Strong, 1 PM

For a full listing of Music Department concerts and events, please visit:

<http://www.sas.rochester.edu/mur/concerts/>

University of Rochester
Chamber Orchestra

Dr. Rachel Waddell, Music Director and Conductor

Donovan Snyder, Assistant Conductor

Maia Ross, Assistant Conductor

Toast of the Town Overture

Quinn Mason

b. 1996

Capriccio espagnol

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

(1844-1908)

I. *Alborada*

II. *Variazioni*

III. *Alborada*

IV. *Scena e canto gitano*

V. *Fandango asturiano*

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Atsuo Chiu, Assistant Conductor

Maia Ross, Assistant Conductor

Bolero

Maurice Ravel

(1875-1937)

Red Cape Tango

Michael Daugherty

(b.1954)

Trisch Trasch Polka, Triqui Traqui

Johann Strauss II

(1825-1899)

arr. Paul Desenne

(b.1959)

Chamber Orchestra

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Maia Ross, Assistant Conductor

Flute

Lindsey Brayer

Willow Veytsman

Oboe

Maya Daniello

Katie O' Leary, English horn

Clarinet

Alex Evert

Joshua Nova-Yingst

Bohan Zhu

Bassoon

Isaac Ondo

Angel Paz

Horn

Bethany Adams

Eleanor Harrison

Emily Krasinski

Enyi Shi

Charlotte Spaulding

Trumpet

Jackson Gerew

Millicent Hawkins

Sameer Jain

Joseph Meltzer

Trombone

Darron King

Peter Thompson

Xingyu Chen, Bass

Tuba

Jacob Rubakha

Percussion

Alexa Pishtey, Principal

Adam Joslyn

Maia Ross

Xin Zheng

Harp

Kaili Ebert

Piano/Organ

Vikraanth Sinha

Violin 1

Sarah Koehler, Co-Concertmaster

Grace Speller, Co-Concertmaster

Victor Gu, Co-Concertmaster

Aashay Mardikar

Luka Nadine Choi

Florence Schaumann

Isaac Mathias

Jonathan Wang

David Xie

Violin 2

Victor Gu, Principal

Emma Maconaughey, Acting Principal

Catherine Xie

Allison Love

Kamdyn Smith

Malia Dickinson

Hannah Klein

Yiyao Chen

Viola

Donovan Snyder, Principal

Alex Oberyszyn

Jakob Riches

Ella Siepel

Brooke Stanley

Cello

Claire Choi

Alexander Yang

Zhengyang Zhu

William Bothe

Jake Scinta

Bass

Carter Mink

Librarians:

Donovan Snyder, Head Librarian

Lindsey Brayer, Head Woodwind Librarian

Claire Choi, Head Strings Librarian

Jonathan Wang, String Librarian

Ashley Leung, String Librarian

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Maia Ross, Assistant Conductor

Flute

Qike Jiang, Piccolo
Emily Kay, Piccolo
Jessica Luo, Piccolo

Oboe

Mia Keller

Clarinet

Sean Park
Anthony Prudent
Evan Volkin

Saxophone

A.J. LaBarca, Soprano
Bill Tiberio, Tenor

Bassoon

Isabel Emmert-Nolte
Erin Nguyen

Horn

Emily Hung
Lori Osgood
Elena Perez
Naomi Ruetz
Greg Savich

Trumpet

Nathan Fricano
Jack Gerew
Millie Hawkins
Justin Lloyd
Frankie Swanson

Trombone

Tyler Liao
Lou Osgood
Zachary Sussman
Angel Paz, Bass

Tuba

Mike Dorval

Piano

Jacob Rose

Percussion

Adam Joslyn, Principal
Harvest Aquino
Noah Bader
Benjamin Kamenetsky
Katherine Ormsbee

Violin 1

Ashley Leung, Concertmaster
Luka Choi
Olivia Hawkes
Panzhen Wu
Abby Wilson
Leah Noack
Cordelia March
Ryan Seo
Reuben Epstein
Lily Neugebauer
Rylie Hayes
Lara Mengu
Judy Loeb
Antonia (Nia) Hrynio
Priscilla Peters
Julia Moore

Violin 2

Emma Dickerson, Principal
Allison Love
Suzanna Rainbolt
Vivian Si Chen
Leon Zong
Sarah Fantuzzo
Natalie Opdahl
Conall Spar
Yiyao Chen
Theo Kaufman
Luiza Gruel Budet
Vanessa Perez Capcha
Harry Liuson
Ryan Garber
Yekai Pan
Joshua Li
Hilarie Ring Lawlor
Ellen Konar

Viola

Joshua Stead-Dorval, Principal
Ian Clingerman
Keiko Vann
Grace Widjaja
Amy Grove
Aidan Bachmann
Jason Richards
Needle Wang
Celia Soto
Anna Spak

Cello

Erin O' Kane, Principal
Justin Murante
Sarah Smith
Elizabeth Garijo-Garde
Dustin Paden
Génia Abbey
Anthony LaBarca

Bass

Molly Corr, Principal
Eli Seamans
Tom Seketa
Carter Mink

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American conductor **Rachel Waddell** is in the business of shared experiences. She loves the process of music creation and collaboration and wants to enable others to share their own stories through music. She believes 21st century orchestras have an opportunity to mirror the rich diversity of the world through their programs, orchestra personnel, and audiences. She prides herself in her ability to grow orchestras and their

resources, innovative programming, and building meaningful connections with community.

Rachel serves as the Director of Orchestral Activities and Assistant Professor, with the Satz Department of Music at the University of Rochester in New York. Lauded as, “a conductor of creativity and courage,” she won both second place (2019) and third place (2020) in the American Prize’s Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award in Orchestral Programming. Her 2021 digital collaboration with Oberlin Conservatory and conductor Tiffany Chang won Best Instrumental Performance of 2021 in the LIT Talent Awards. She has conducted orchestras across the country including the Rochester, Las Vegas, and Fort Wayne Philharmonics, the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra (where she was a Music Director Finalist), and Cleveland’s Suburban Symphony. She recently made her Vienna debut conducting *Così fan tutte* as part of the Vienna Opera Academy. Previously she served as the Associate Conductor of the Canton Symphony Orchestra and the Cover Conductor and Rehearsal Assistant for the Las Vegas Philharmonic.

Rachel’s interest in the constantly evolving role and responsibility of orchestras within their communities led her to co-found Conductors for Change, Inc. She is a student of Ennio Nicotra, and has attended numerous conducting workshops, seminars, and institutes including the Dallas Opera’s prestigious Hart Institute for Women Conductors, and Mark Shapiro’s Conducting Intensive at Juilliard.

Rachel holds a DMA in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a certificate in Music Industry Essentials from the prestigious Clive Davis of Recorded Music at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts.

About URCO

Our student-focused orchestra has between 40-70 members per semester. We perform a variety of music including large-scale orchestral works, and chamber orchestra, chamber ensemble, and string repertoire. The backbone of our ensemble is collaboration through educational and community initiatives. We have toured both internationally and domestically, including annual performances beyond the University of Rochester Campus through our “Around the Town Concert Series” which pairs musical programs with Rochester-area organizations and institutions.

URCO is open to all students, and to faculty, staff, and community members (with permission of/at the request of the Music Director) by audition. Auditions take place in late August prior to the start of each academic year. Afterwards, auditions are accepted on a rolling basis with priority given to wait-listed students.

About URSO

Our ensemble serves as a community orchestra through the University of Rochester River Campus. Generally numbering between 100 and 120 members, we are a large orchestra focused on performing large scale orchestral works, including some popular and cross-genre repertoire. The core of our ensemble is community and many of our members have long-standing ties to our orchestra and consider us a second family.

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Want to be on stage at our next concert?

URSO has immediate openings for oboe, cello, and bass. URCO has immediate openings for flute/piccolo, viola, cello, and bass. Please email Prof. Rachel Waddell (rwaddell@ur.rochester.edu) for more information or if you are interested!

Reflective Stages Project

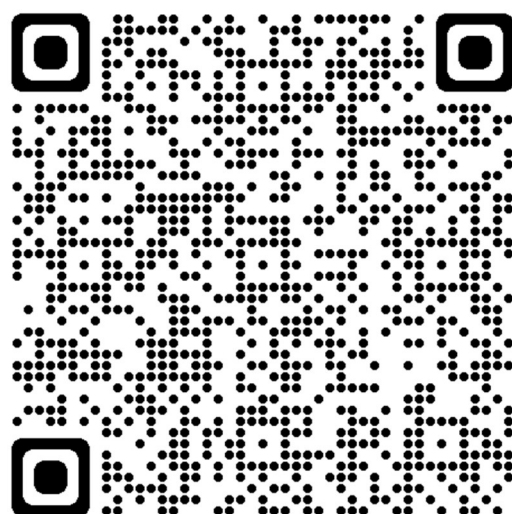
We appreciate you making the time to fill out our Reflective Stages questionnaire at each and every concert that you attend. Simply scan the QR code with your phone (open your camera app and hold it up to the QR code) or fill out a hard copy in the lobby. See an usher for more information or if you have any questions about how to complete this form.

The purpose of the Reflective Stages Project is to determine to what extent our orchestras are representative of the University of Rochester and greater Rochester communities. Over the course of four years, we will strive to gradually adjust our orchestra's recruitment and repertoire, so we align with these demographics. Starting with the 2021-22 academic year, we will collect data to determine how members of our orchestras and audience identify themselves among different demographic populations. We will then actively seek to recruit from and connect with populations that we are under-serving. In doing so, we hope to not only build orchestras and programs that are more representative of our populations, but to build meaningful connections and collaborations with students and community members in populations that have been under-served by our orchestras.

Why are we doing this? (A Word from Our Music Director)

There's a myth in music, and maybe a lot of art, that we start young, as if musicians and artists are born, not made. I fundamentally disagree with this on many levels, not least of which is how comparatively late I started my own music career. Although I always loved music, I didn't know how to make a career out of it because I was not interested in teaching or performing. As a high schooler, I assumed that the only career I could have in music was teaching or performing because I had only ever seen women teach or perform. It never occurred to me that women could also be composers, administrators, and especially conductors because I had never seen a woman do any of those things. The purpose of this little anecdote is to highlight how much representation matters. Most people have a hard time relating and participating in activities and careers they cannot see themselves in. To me, representation is more than a stage of diverse faces, or a program of diverse composers and experiences. We will know that our musical world is truly representative when no one in our audience wonders whether they can do something because they will see themselves doing it.

Orchestras across our country have a responsibility to serve our communities, but how can we truly do so without making a concerted effort to become more representative of the communities that we serve? In the process we gain a better understanding of how what we do, or do not do, alienates or invites. Without doing so, we miss out in a world that is richer both in perspective and artistry.



Donations & Giving

We thank our donors from our Winter 2020 Virtual Gala, Fundraiser, and Concert. Additional donors wished to remain anonymous or not be recognized, and we thank them for their support, even though their names will not appear below.

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Your tax-deductible contributions in any amount can be arranged by contacting **Dr. Rachel Waddell** at (585)-275-2827 or **Jimmy Warlick** at (585)-273-5157 and will be greatly appreciated.

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