

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA **CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT CHOIR**

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Sunday, March 20, 2022 5:00 PM

Kodak Hall, Eastman Theater



University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra

Rachel Waddell, Music Director and Conductor

Donovan Snyder, Assistant Conductor Atsuo Chiu, Assistant Conductor

Tragic Overture

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

INTERMISSION

University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra Chamber Singers Concert Choir

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Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"Gustav MahlerV. Im Tempo des Scherzos(1860-1911)Alexandra Rose Hotz, SopranoKyrsten Chambers Jones, Mezzo-Soprano

Fifth Movement: Aufersteh'n (Resurrection)

Original German:	English Translation:
Aufersteh'n, ja aufersteh'n wirst du, Mein Staub, nach kurzer Ruh! Unsterblich Leben Wird der dich rief dir geben. Wieder aufzublüh'n wirst du gesät! Der Herr der Ernte geht Und sammelt Garben Uns ein, die starben. —FRIEDRICH KLOPSTOCK O glaube, mein Herz, o glaube: Es geht dir nichts verloren!	Arise, yes, you will arise from the dead, My dust, after a short rest! Eternal life! Will be given you by Him who called you. To bloom again are you sown. The lord of the harvest goes And gathers the sheaves, Us who have died. —FRIEDRICH KLOPSTOCK O believe, my heart, oh believe, Nothing will be lost to you!
Dein ist, was du gesehnt! Dein, was du geliebt, Was du gestritten! O glaube: Du wardst nicht umsonst geboren! Hast nicht umsonst gelebt, gelitten!	Everything is yours that you have desired, Yours, what you have loved, what you have struggled for. O believe, You were not born in vain, Have not lived in vain, suffered in vain!
Was entstanden ist, das muß vergehen! Was vergangen, auferstehen! Hör' auf zu beben! Bereite dich zu leben!	What was created must perish, What has perished must rise again. Tremble no more! Prepare yourself to live!
O Schmerz! Du Alldurchdringer! Dir bin ich entrungen! O Tod! Du Allbezwinger! Nun bist du bezwungen! Mit Flügeln, die ich mir errungen, In heißem Liebesstreben, Werd' ich entschweben Zum Licht, zu dem kein Aug'	O Sorrow, all-penetrating! I have been wrested away from you! O Death, all-conquering! Now you are conquered! With wings that I won In the passionate strivings of love I shall mount To the light to which no sight has penetrated. I shall die, so as to live!

gedrungen! Sterben werd' ich, um zu leben!

Aufersteh'n, ja aufersteh'n wirst du,

Mein Herz, in einem Nu! Was du geschlagen, Zu Gott wird es dich tragen! —GUSTAV MAHLER I shall die, so as to live!

Arise, yes, you will arise from the dead, My heart, in an instant! What you have conquered Will bear you to God. —GUSTAV MAHLER

Chamber Orchestra

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Flute

Lindsey Brayer Alexandra Kaplan, piccolo Emily Loose

Oboe

Meg Curtis Mia Keller

Clarinet

Alex Evert Joshua Nova-Yingst Katie O' Leary

Bassoon

Jenna Diamico Isaac Ondo Angel Paz

Horn

Bethany Adams Max Hughes Emily Krasinski Charlotte Spaulding

Trumpet

Sameer Jain Rebecca Reagan Hai Xi

Trombone

Xingyu Chen, Bass Darron King **Daniel** Noone

Violin 1

Khang Huynh, Co-Concertmaster Tessa Shlonsky, Co-Concertmaster Grace Speller Sarah Koehler Jonathan Wang Anna Kim Liz Reikine **Priscilla Peters** Nora Culver

Violin 2

Victor Gu, Principal Yujia Jiang Xiang Li Catherine Xie Jane Cho **Emily Bonanno** Hannah Klein

Viola

Donovan Snyder, Principal Josh Stead-Dorval Nick Cannone Matthew Iceland Jakob Riches Ella Siepel Nadia Todd

Cello

Jack Mandell, Principal Alexander Yang Max Fernandez Claire Choi Victoria Usachev Jake Scinta

Tuba Mike Dorval

Percussion Noah Bader, Cymbals Ben Blaesing, Bass Drum Adam Joslyn, Timpani

Harp Sunshine Quan

William Bothe Ruthanna Trinchini

Bass

Sarah Grabowski, Principal Carter Mink

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Qike Jiang Emily Kay Emily Loose* Kaelyn McFarlane-Connely Laura Smoller

Oboe

Meg Curtis, English Horn* Madison Gelfand Anna Kim, English Horn Davor Pavicic

Clarinet

Alex Evert* Eugenia Kim Sean Park Anthony Prudent

Bassoon Jenna Diamico, Contrabassoon Barbara Gross Erin Nguyen

Horn

Emily Hung (Off-Stage) Steven Landgren David Nichols Lori Osgood (Off-Stage) Naomi Ruetz Greg Savich (Off-Stage) Kyra Yehle James Young

Trumpet

Lexi Cucchiaro (Off-Stage) Nathan Fricano Millie Hawkins (Off-Stage) Sameer Jain (Off-Stage)* Justin Lloyd (Off-Stage) **Tuba** Mike Dorval Logan Wadely

Harp Kaili Ebert Maria Makula Jacob Rose

Organ Jacob Rose

Percussion

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Bass

Molly Corr, Principal Carter Mink* Eli Seamans Tom Seketa

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Trombone

Xingyu Chen, Bass* Darron King* Daniel Noone* Lou Osgood Angel Paz, Bass Zachary Sussman Theo Thompson Victor Gu* Lindsey Simonson Suzanna Rainbolt Lily Katz Leon Zong Sarah Fantuzzo Julia Moore Luiza Gruel Budet Vanessa Perez Capcha Hilarie Lawlor Michele Bello Abigail Wilson Ellen Konar

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Hailed for her "soft strength" (OperaWire) and "vivacious, sensual" singing with "soaring phrases" and "vibrant high notes" (Seen and Heard International), mezzo-soprano **Kyrsten Chambers Jones** is a highly sought after artist and teacher. She is currently finishing her doctorate in Voice Performance and Literature at the Eastman School of Music, studying with Professor Katherine Ciesinski. She recently made her Carnegie Hall debut in January 2022 with SongStudio, a program dedicated to art song performance under the leadership of renowned soprano Renee Fleming. Kyrsten made her professional debut in December 2019 with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra when she performed the alto solos

from Handel's *Messiah*, filling in for an ill soloist on twenty-four hours' notice. She has also performed "Lamentation," the third movement of Bernstein's *Symphony no. 1*, under the baton of Dr. Rayvon T.J. Moore with the Eastman School Symphony Orchestra; "Von den Stricken" from Bach's *St. John Passion* and "Laudamus Te" from Bach's *B Minor Mass*, both with *Voices*, a private chamber choir conducted by Dr. William Weinert in Rochester; and Debussy's *Trois Chansons de Bilitis* in Kilbourn Hall with the Eastman School Symphony Orchestra. She also earned her master's degree at Eastman, during which she won the Concerto Competition for voice in 2018.

Kyrsten is also a passionate researcher and performer of underrepresented composers and songs. Her current research centers on the songs of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a British composer with many connections to African-American writers and musicians during the early 20th century and whose father hailed from Sierra Leone. In December 2021, Kyrsten traveled to London on a grant provided by the Presser Foundation to study Coleridge-Taylor's song manuscripts and unknown published songs at the British Library and the Royal College of Music. This spring, she will record an album of selected songs rediscovered during her research trip.

Kyrsten loves to perform art songs, especially Lieder. In September 2021, she won an encouragement award at the Gerda Lissner Foundation's prestigious Lieder Competition. In May 2021, she won second prize in the Kneisel Lieder Competition at the Eastman School of Music, adjudicated by Martin Katz.

Kyrsten's recent opera credits include the title role in Kevin Puts' *Elizabeth Cree* in April 2021, the title role of *Orfeo* in Gluck's masterpiece in January 2019, and Hansel in *Hansel und Gretel* in May 2018, all with Eastman Opera Theatre.

She lives in Rochester, New York, with her husband and their rescue dog, Schubert.



Toledo, OH native **Alexandra Rose Hotz** (MM '20) is a second year doctoral student at Eastman, where she also received her Masters under the tutelage of Anthony Dean Griffey. She completed her undergraduate studies in Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre at Miami University in Oxford, OH. During her time at Eastman, she has performed as Mademoiselle Silberklang in Mozart's *Der Schauspieldirektor* and was to play Johanna in Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, prior to its cancellation due to Covid-19. With Miami's Opera Theatre, she performed as Monica in Menotti's *The Medium*, Anne Egerman in Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*, and Rose in Weill's *Street Scene*.

Alexandra has a passion for American music written by contemporary composers. Most recently, she was seen in *Here be Sirens (Suite)* by American composer, Kate Soper. During this performance, Alexandra played prepared piano and utilized extended vocal techniques. She also worked with Stephen Hartke on a performance of his piece, *Iglesia Abandonada* for soprano and violin, with Ben Moore on selections from his song cycle, *So Free Am I*, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, Anthony Davis on an aria from his opera *Tania*.

As a concert soloist, she has performed in Haydn's *The Creation*, Bach's BWV 105 cantata, and Handel's *Messiah*. She will perform Bach's BWV 51 cantata, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* this season in Kilbourn Hall.

This year, Alexandra was a finalist in the Friends of Eastman Opera Competition and received an Encouragement Award at this year's Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition at the Buffalo/Toronto District.



JULIE COVACH holds a master's degree in keyboard performance from the University of Michigan, and bachelor's degrees in choral music education and psychology. Julie taught public school music for many years and now directs the Chamber Singers and Concert Choir at the University of Rochester Department of Music. She also teaches in the Musical Theatre Program of Nazareth College, and is well known as a pianist, vocal director, and conductor in the Rochester musical theatre community.

Reflective Stages Project: 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 be collecting 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 underserved by our orchestras. The survey can be filled out and left in the box at the front of the auditorium or filled out electronically utilizing the QR code. Thank you!



American conductor **RACHEL WADDELL** is in the business of shared experiences. She became a conductor because of her own love of the process of music creation, and she wants to enable as many as possible to share their own stories through music. She believes 21st century orchestras have an opportunity to mirror the American people through diverse programs, orchestras, and audiences, and she is passionately committed to bringing that vision to fruition. As a conductor she prides herself in her ability to grow orchestras and their

resources, on her innovative programming, and her ability to build meaningful connections with her community.

Rachel serves as the Director of Orchestral Activities and Assistant Professor, with the Arthur 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 for her work with the UR Orchestras. Her seasons balance traditional masterworks with new and underplayed music, and interdisciplinary and multimedia presentations. Rachel marries her commitment to conducting and education by maintaining a busy profile in the professional and academic worlds. Currently she is a Music Director Candidate for the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. She has conducted orchestras across the country including the Rochester, Las Vegas, and Fort Wayne Philharmonics, and Cleveland's Suburban Symphony. While serving as the Associate Conductor of the Canton Symphony Orchestra in Ohio, Waddell conducted over 80 performances of classical, pops, and education concerts.

In addition to Waddell's active professional career, she places immense value on continuing to develop her own craft and to inspire and educate others. She is a student of Ennio Nicotra, Italian conductor and famed Musin Technique pedagogue. She has attended numerous conducting workshops, seminars, and institutes including the Dallas Opera's prestigious Hart Institute for Women Conductors, and Mark Shapiro's Intermediate Conducting Intensive at Juilliard.

Rachel's interest in the constantly evolving role and responsibility of orchestras within their communities led her to co-found Conductors for Change, LLC, a New York-based non-profit organization. From 2020-21, she led new initiatives with her orchestras at the University of Rochester in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This included a Virtual Postcard Series in partnership with Eastman Performing Arts Medicine and the University of Rochester Medical Center, a Composer Spotlight Series, over five hours of virtual concert productions, a massive digital collaboration with conductor Tiffany Chang and Oberlin Conservatory, fundraisers, and masterclass opportunities for the orchestra musicians. During this time Rachel also earned a certificate in Music Industry Essentials from the prestigious Clive Davis of Record Music at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

Originally from Connecticut, Waddell has lived throughout the country including the Southwest, Midwest, and east coast. She pulls inspiration from all facets of her life and travels. Originally trained as a vocalist, she turned to instrumental music after her time in her local Fife and Drum Corps. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Composition from the Hartt School of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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