

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

presents



Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:00 PM Upper Strong Auditorium



University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Rachel Waddell, Music Director and Conductor Donovan Snyder, Assistant Conductor Atsuo Chiu, Assistant Conductor Maia Ross, Assistant Conductor

Echoes of Ossian Overture

Niels Gade (1817-1890)

Symphony No. 1 in e minor

I. Andante ma non troppo - Allegro energico

II. Andante (ma non troppo lento)

III. Scherzo: Allegro

IV. Finale (Quasi una fantasia): Andante –

Allegro molto – Andante assai – Allegro

molto come prima – Andante (ma non troppo)

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Symphony Orchestra

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Flute Piano Jacob Rose Qike Jiang Emily Kay Jessica Luo **Percussion**

Adam Joslyn, Principal Laura Smoller Harvest Aquino Oboe Noah Bader Mia Keller

Benjamin Kamenetsky Mary MacAdam Katherine Ormsbee

Violin 1 Clarinet Linnea Krall Ashley Leung, Concertmaster Sean Park Luka Choi Olivia Hawkes **Anthony Prudent**

Cordelia March

Reuben Epstein

Evan Volkin Panzhen Wu Abby Wilson Leah Noack Bassoon Isabel Emmert-Nolte

Erin Nguyen Ryan Seo Rylie Hayes Lara Mengu Horn **Emily Hung** Judy Loeb

Elena Perez Antonia (Nia) Hrynio **David Nichols** Priscilla Peters Steven Landgren Julia Moore Lori Osgood Ruizeng Wang

Naomi Ruetz Greg Savich

Jacob Rubakha

Emma Dickerson, Principal **Trumpet** Nathan Fricano Vivian Si Chen

Violin 2

Suzanna Rainbolt Jack Gerew Millie Hawkins Sarah Fantuzzo Justin Lloyd Leon Zong Conall Spar Frankie Swanson Natalie Opdahl **Trombone** Theo Kaufman

Tyler Liao Yiyao Chen Lou Osgood Vanessa Perez Capcha Angel Paz Luiza Gruel Budet

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Viola Joshua Stead-Dorval, Principal

Ian Clingerman Keiko Vann Grace Widjaja Amy Grove

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Cello

Erin O' Kane, Co-Principal

Elizabeth Garijo-Garde, Co-Principal

Petra Rantanen Sarah Smith Justin Murante Dustin Paden Génia Abbey Anthony LaBarca

Bass

Molly Corr, Principal

Eli Seamans Tom Seketa Carter Mink

Librarians:

Donovan Snyder, Head Librarian Anthony Prudent, Head Woodwind

Librarian

Molly Corr, Head Strings Librarian Emma Dickerson, String Librarian Ashley Leung, String Librarian



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 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.

URSO is open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members 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 waitlisted students.

Want to be on stage at our next concert?

URSO has immediate openings for oboe, 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 are 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.



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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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