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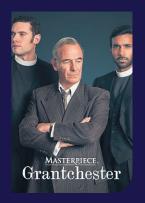


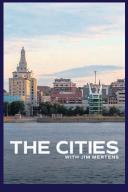




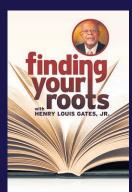


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# QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### FOUNDED IN 1915 AS THE TRI-CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra string section uses rotating seating. Players behind the named chairs change seats with each concert series and are listed alphabetically in the roster below.

#### **VIOLIN I**

Naha Greenholtz, Concertmaster Chair endowed by the George & Antoinette Von Maur Foundation

Emily Nash, Associate Concertmaster

Chair endowed in honor of William Henigbaum by the Phoenix and Pedigo families

Sam Battista

Dortha DeWit+

Marley Haller

Hillary Kingsley

Corina Lobont

Alex Norris

Susan Oliverius

Rachel Peters

Erik Rohde

Abigail Schneider

Naomi Schrank

Steven Wilke

#### **VIOLIN II**

Autumn Chodorowski, Principal\* Janis Sakai, Associate Principal\*+ Sabrina Tabby, Acting Principal+

Madeline Capistran, Acting Associate Principal+

Charles Abplanalp

Kim Busic+

Alexander Giger

Elizabeth Gosma

Renee Henley

Peter Miliczky

Samuel Rudy

Danielle Simandl

Carolyn Van De Velde

#### **VIOLA**

Position Vacant, Principal Nick Munagian, Associate Principal

**Bridget Andes** 

Timothy Hoorelbek

Benjamin Lorentzen

Barrett Stoll

Bruno Vaz da Silva\*

Jenwei Yu

#### **CELLO**

Hannah Holman, Principal

Chair endowed by Zeivel & Shirley Harris

Laura Shaw, Associate Principal

Yoo-Jung Chang

James Ellis

**Derek Handley** 

Claire Langenberg

Elisabeth Logan+

**Amy Phelps** 

Kevin Price-Brenner

Kate Vos

#### **DOUBLE BASS**

David Scholl, Principal

Chair endowed in honor of Van Mosher by the Hunt & Diane Harris Family Foundation

Kit Polen, Associate Principal

Joe Bauer

David Chapman-Orr\*

Julia Holst-Kanakares

**Brett Lewis** 

Victor Stahoviak

Michael Van Ryn

#### **FLUTE**

Jessica Warren, Principal

Chair endowed by James D. and

Carol H. Horstmann

Ellen Huntington

Jilene Haas

Andrew Parker, Principal

**Barrett Seals** 

#### **CLARINET**

Karrin Meffert-Nelson, Acting Principal Chair endowed in honor of Lance O. Willett

Christine Bellomy

#### **BASSOON**

Benjamin Coelho, Principal

Chair endowed by Ronald & Beverly Tyree

Matthew Kowalczyk+

Dana Ransom

#### **HORN**

Marc Zyla, Principal+ Steve Burian, Assistant Principal

Peter Kortenkamp

Joshua Johnson

Allison Tutton

#### **TRUMPET**

Matthew Baker, Principal\*

Chair endowed in memory of Francis Neiswanger by Walter E. Neiswanger, M.D.

Lindsey Frazier+

#### **TROMBONE**

Robert Parker, Principal Cole Davis, Acting Trombone II

#### **BASS TROMBONE**

Andrew Rózsa

#### **TUBA**

Ronald Morton

#### **TIMPANI**

Michael Geary, Principal

#### **PERCUSSION**

Aaron Williams, Principal

Chair endowed in memory of Mary Knoernschild by Walter E. Neiswanger, M.D.

Gary Ciccotelli

Tony Oliver+

#### **HARP**

Lillian Lau, Principal+

Chair endowed in honor of Sally Goodwin Vogel by Isador & Ruth Evelyn Katz

#### PIANO/CELESTA

Mary Neil

<sup>+</sup> denotes instructor in the QCSO Private Lesson Program \* denotes a musician who is on a leave of absence for the current season



# WELCOME

Hi QC Friends,

Welcome to the second half of our 110th season – *Echoes of Exploration*! We are delighted and excited that you have joined us. The QCSO understands that you have many choices on how to spend your time, and we are thrilled to offer you an emotionally stirring and uplifting experience. Music is a strong fabric of our Quad City community and the QCSO is proud to be part of the bedrock of our local music scene. Thanks for joining us as we journey together.

Our program theme *Echoes of Exploration* is set to capture you and move you musically in ways you had not imagined. We use music to connect you and friends through community engagements (concerts mostly) in a way that will entice you to spread the word about our incredible orchestra. The QCSO is *where access meets inspiration*, and we present uniquely diverse musical experiences to expand your cultural enjoyment and excite you through these offerings. As our musical team – led by Maestro Mark Russell Smith – performs a huge range of diverse musical works, we want you to feel the passion and energy that these HIGH caliber musicians bring to each performance.

 Masterworks IV – Omar's Journey, a concert opera adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning work by Rhiannon Giddens and Michaels Abels, shares the powerful story of a scholar, Omar Ibn Said from his freedom in West Africa to the challenges of enslavement.

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• Masterworks V – Echoes of Exploration, exploring musical landscapes inspired by travel! Journey from the vibrant culture of Spain to ancient China, then take in whimsical Italian streets and the beautiful Italian Riviera.

 Masterworks VI – Rhapsody in Blue, celebrating the centennial of Gershwin's piano and orchestra masterpiece, the premiere of Angel Lam's evocative new work, and Prokofiev's powerful Fifth Symphony.

• 3 Up Close Concerts – featuring many QCSO musicians performing for your enjoyment in intimate settings – you know "Up Close."

 Video Games in Concert – an immersive concert experience with the QCSO performing music from cherished video games with synchronized video projected on the big screen. Experience video games like never before!

On behalf of the entire QCSO organization we sincerely appreciate you for your attendance. Music is a piece of culture which binds us all together and we are excited to share this music with the entire Quad City community. We value your thoughts and applaud your participation, so feel free to let us know how we are doing to move you in ways unimaginable.

Thanks again and enjoy the performance!

#### **Darlene Steffen**

President, QCSO Board of Trustees



with community engagement, culminating in critically acclaimed performances of Britten's War Requiem in Europe and America, collaborating with German and American music students, professional musicians and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. In 2016. he spearheaded the St. Matthew Passion project, again joining German and American students with study and performances on both sides of the Atlantic. Recent projects include appearances with the Joffrey Ballet, conducting Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, as part of a larger exploration of that work, commemorating its 100th anniversary. Formerly Music Director of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, a position he held from 1999 to 2009, Smith was praised for his innovative and approachable programming and is widely credited with fostering the orchestra's unprecedented artistic growth. He returned to guest conduct the orchestra in 2019.

As a guest conductor, Smith enjoys a burgeoning international reputation that has already brought him engagements and re-engagements with prestigious American orchestras, including the St. Louis Symphony, the Houston Symphony and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. With the Minnesota Orchestra, he made his critically acclaimed Sommerfest debut in 2006 and made his subscription series debut in March of 2009, and returns regularly as a guest conductor. An active opera conductor, he has appeared with the Virginia Opera, leading Mozart's The Magic Flute to critical acclaim, among many others. Other recent appearances include

debut performances with the Orguesta Sinfonica de Costa Rica and the Spokane Symphony, and a return to Verizon Hall with the Curtis Orchestra in an all-Wagner program with Eric Owens and Heidi Melton. He regularly returns to his alma mater to lead the Symphony Orchestra of The Curtis Institute of Music, and led the orchestra on tour in China and Korea in the fall of 2011. Smith's debut at the Nomus Music Festival in Novi Sad, Serbia was met with critical and audience acclaim and led to immediate reengagement. Other recent and upcoming appearances include the Santa Barbara Symphony, Brazil's Orquestra Sinfôniea da USP, the Hartford Symphony, Orquesta Sinfonica de Xalapa, the Phoenix Symphony, the Colorado Symphony, the Eugene Symphony, the Curtis Opera Theatre, the Jacksonville Symphony, the Berkshire Choral Festival, the Eastern Music Festival, the Tulsa Philharmonic, Orchestra London (Ontario), and the European Center for Opera and Vocal Art in Ghent, Belgium.

A champion of the music of our time, Smith was the Director of New Music Projects for the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and developed that orchestra's Engine 408 series, working closely with living composers and adding his unique perspective to enhance that orchestra's great tradition of fostering new works. He again collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma and members of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota in Hún Qiáo (Bridge of Souls), a concert of remembrance and reconciliation featuring world premieres by Korean, Japanese, Chinese and

American composers. A firm believer in the use of technical innovation to reach world-wide audiences, he debuted in 2002 with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, conducting the final round of the first Minnesota International Piano-e-Competition, where he led six concerto performances that were streamed live over the Internet. He has led the Minnesota Orchestra in the Competition's final round since 2004 and returns each summer.

Smith grew up in a musical family in Phoenix, Arizona where he began the serious study of conducting while still in his teens. He is a graduate in cello performance of the Juilliard School, where he studied with Claus Adam, and of the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied conducting with Max Rudolf and Otto-Werner Mueller. While at Curtis, Smith was first prize winner in the National Repertory Orchestra Conductors Competition, and upon graduation, was named Assistant Conductor of the Opera Company of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Singers, From 1989 to 1994, Smith served as Associate Conductor of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and from 1992 through 1999 served as Music Director of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra. His dynamic personality, creative programming, and focus on outreach helped revitalize the Springfield (MA) Symphony, where he served as Music Director from 1995 through 2000.

Smith resides in Minneapolis, where his wife, Ellen Dinwiddie Smith, is a horn player with the Minnesota Orchestra. They have two sons, Alexander and Noah.

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# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Music Education is a key component to securing the future of our orchestra and our community. The QCSO offers many school and community programs that support the musical growth and vibrancy of students in our community.

#### **YOUTH ENSEMBLES**

The Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles (QCSYE) consists of four school-year orchestras for musicians of all ability levels, ages 8 to 18. The program provides a rigorous and inspiring learning environment founded on musical excellence for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. Students develop valuable musical, social, and leadership skills that set them up for success in school and beyond.

Financial aid is available so everyone can participate regardless of ability to pay.

#### **Highlights**

- Weekly rehearsals and thrilling performance opportunities
- Sectionals with the region's finest professional musicians
- Annual Concerto Competition
- Complimentary tickets to QCSO concerts
- College and Summer Camp scholarship opportunities
- Full & partial financial aid

Financial aid supported by Marsha Pedersen Endowed Fund Margaret Skinner Endowed Fund

**Know Someone Interested in Joining Youth Ensembles?** visit QCSO.org for audition information

#### PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra offers year-round, weekly private lessons to more than 250 students and adults in the region. There are instructors for all orchestra instruments (including saxophone, euphonium, voice, and piano)! Students can register at any time and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Financial aid is available. The QCSO awards more than \$50,000 in financial aid every year to make weekly private lessons possible.

#### Weekly Private Lessons available for:

· Violin · Clarinet · Viola

· Bassoon

· Harp · Saxophone

· Cello ·Horn

· Piano

· Bass

· Trumpet

· Percussion

· Flute

· Trombone

Voice

· Oboe

· Tuba/Euphonium

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#### GROUP LESSON PROGRAM

The QCSO collaborates with three community partners to provide after school violin and cello group lessons to area students with access to free instruments and quality instruction. The QCSO is proud to partner with Martin Luther King Jr. Center, Spring Forward Learning, and Second Baptist Church Outreach Music and Arts Academy serving more than 35 students in the Quad Cities.

Funding provided by West Music, Doris & Victor Day Foundation, Brissman Family Foundation, Prichard Family Trust, and USI Insurance.

#### **MUSICIANS IN THE SCHOOLS**

The QCSO maintains a deep connection with local school districts through school presentations and performances featuring QCSO musicians and guest soloists. For more than 50 years, professional musicians have been inspiring thousands of students through instrument demonstrations, ensemble sectionals, masterclasses. and solo and chamber ensemble performances.

Supported by the Moline Foundation, Rock Island Community Foundation, Brissman Family Foundation, Looser-Flake Foundation, and the Rauch Family Foundation.









#### **SYMPHONY DAY**

Every year on Symphony Day, over 6,500 fourth and fifth grade students from across the Quad Cities region travel to Davenport's Adler Theatre to experience a live orchestra performance. This event introduces students to the symphony orchestra and classical music through an engaging 45 minutes program performed by the Quad City Symphony Orchestra.

The program is carefully designed to enrich the elementary school general music experience and incorporates fourth and fifth-grade National Core Arts Standards. In advance of the Symphony Day performances, each partnering classroom music teacher is provided a Resource Guide to help familiarize their students with the music they will experience during the concert. This guide contains recordings of the repertoire, as well as information about the music, composers, orchestra, and experience. Additionally, it offers adaptable plans of classroom activities for use by general music teachers.

Sponsored by IMEG, US Bank, and the Brissman Family Foundation

#### **COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES**

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra collaborates with community partners to enrich the lives of Quad Citizens by creating programming that promotes lifelong learning for audiences of all ages and abilities. We offer free in-person musician visits to arts organizations, afterschool programs, community centers, healthcare facilities, and other nonprofits.

#### **STUDENTS @ SYMPHONY**

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra invites school music groups (orchestra, band, choir, and general music classes, etc.) to attend Masterworks performances free of charge. All schools who register will be offered an opportunity for a QCSO musician to visit their classroom and will receive a special Student Program Book with content by Rock Island Music Educator, Kimberly Gardner. Digital and in person concert opportunities available.

Supported by the Doris & Victor Day Foundation, IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union, and Modern Woodmen of America





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# 2023/24

Throughout the QCSO's 109th season, our musicians, educators, staff, and volunteers delivered impactful programming with Courage and Beauty. Our bold vision, "QCSO, Where Access Meets Inspiration," drives this profound impact that we have on our community.

We are unwavering in our commitment to accessibility, offering unprecedented need-based financial assistance to students seeking to participate in our education programs. Our concerts are designed for everyone, as evidenced by our diverse programming and numerous audience development initiatives, which provide complimentary tickets to many community members. Our leadership in orchestral concert programming is unparalleled in the region, highlighted by the successful Gala Concert featuring world-class pianist, Emanuel Ax.

The courageous support we receive from the Quad Cities community is vital to these achievements and enables tremendous beauty through our music performance and education programs for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Brian Baxter Executive Director

# **Impact Report**







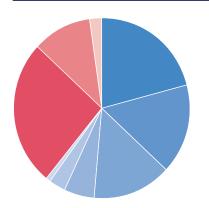
## Season Highlights

- Due to the overwhelming generosity of individuals in our community, we were able to exceed our Annual Fund Campaign goal by 6% to raise \$445,523, increasing the capacity of our concerts and programs to deliver more impact!
- We commissioned and presented the world-premiere of KV265's film accompanying Michael Abels' *Liquify*, also a QCSO commissioned work. Ticket sales for this Masterworks concert, and the following presentation of the Fauré Requiem exceeded ticket sales expectations by over 200%.
- Enrollment in the QCSO's Private Lesson Program grew 77%, from serving 181 students in 2022-23 season to 235 in the 2023-24 season.
- The QCSO received national recognition for its efforts to integrate community engagement with audience development when staff presented at the League of American Orchestras National Conference in Houston in June.
- Our Gala Concert featuring the world renowned concert pianist, Emanuel Ax, was a resounding success, well received by a full house audience, and a significant capstone on the season.
- Quad City Symphony concerts. Being part of the concert club has introduced me to my new favorite pieces, such as Mahler's Symphony No. 1 and helped me connect with other people who would willingly set aside their Saturday evening to listen to amazing classical music. I listen to classical music at home, but I love watching a live orchestra because it immerses me more fully into the music than a recording ever could and inspires me on my own musical journey.

Mady Beyer Member, QCSYE & Concert Club



## Financial Overview



## **INCOME** \$3,168,104

## CONTRIBUTED 61% | \$1,942,813

Grants | 16% Individual | 14.5% Special Events | 3% VfS | 1% Trust | 21% Sponsorships | 5.5% Scholarships & Designated | <1%

## EARNED 39% | \$1,225,291

Ticket Sales & Fees | 26% Education | 11% Other | 2%

#### **EXPENSES**

\$3,198,390



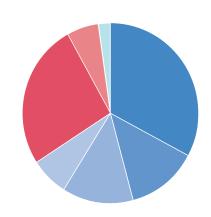
Artistic | 33% Ed/Comm. Engage. | 13% Production | 13% Youth Ensembles | 7%

ADMINISTRATIVE 32% | \$1,007,304

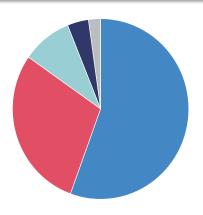
General & Administrative | 26% Promotion | 6%

FUNDRAISING 2% | \$68,653

\*unaudited financial results



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# CONCERT ACCESS PASS & PROMO PARTNERS 320 TICKET REVENUE

## TICKET REVENUE \$766,731

POPS & SPECIAL EVENTS 55% | \$424,919

MASTERWORKS 29% | \$222,671

GALA 9% | \$69,892

> YOUTH ENSEMBLES 5% | \$33,778

UP CLOSE 2% | \$15,471



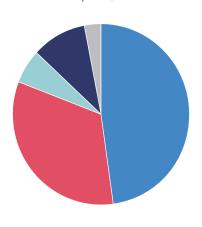
POPS & SPECIAL EVENTS 48% | 12,451

MASTERWORKS 33% |8,694

**GALA** 6% | 1,487

YOUTH ENSEMBLES 10% | 2,571

**UP CLOSE** 3% | 713



# Education & Engagement



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS 46,595



SYMPHONY DAY 6,461



STUDENTS @ SYMPHONY & CONCERT CLUB 1,024



YOUTH ENSEMBLES 251



PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM 235



GROUP LESSON PROGRAM 12



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#### **UP CLOSE** with

# **EMILY, BRUNO, & KIT**

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 | 11:00 am MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER | ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 | 7:30 pm FIGGE ART MUSEUM | DAVENPORT, IOWA

> EMILY NASH, violin BRUNO VAZ DA SILVA, viola KIT POLEN, bass MISTY DAIS, narrator

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**GIDEON KLEIN** 

(1919-1945)

String Trio [13']

I. Allegro II Lento

III. Molto vivace

**ASTOR PIAZZOLLA** 

(1921-1992)

Libertango [4']

**ASTOR PIAZZOLLA** 

(1921-1992)

Oblivion [4']

**LOUIS SAUTER** 

(b.1955)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

Les Noces de Chounette [4'] Las bodas de Helena, Tango

**CARLOS GARDEL** 

(1890-1935)

Por una cabeza [3']

INTERMISSION

**ROBERT DAVIDSON** 

(b.1946)

Trio for Strings [13'] Allegro Vivace

CÉSAR **CARMARGOMARIANO** 

(b. 1943)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

Cristal [3']

**ANTÔNIO CARLOS JOBIM** Águas de Março [4]

(b.1927-1994)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

CAETANO VELOSO

O Leaozinho [3']

(b.1942)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

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This concert will be rebroadcast on WVIK Classical 98.3 FM/90.3 HD2 on February 7 & 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm and will be available on the WVIK website and app for two weeks after the broadcast. Made possible by WVIK and American Federation of Musicians, Local 137.

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EMANUEL BAY & JASCHA HEIFETZ

(1891-1968) (1901-1987) Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

**CAMARGO GUARNIERI** 

(1907-1993)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

Dansa Negra [3.5']

Ao pe da fogueira [2']

**ANTÔNIO CARLOS** 

(1927-1994)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

Garota de Ipanema [3']

**WALDIR AZEVEDO** 

(1923-1980)

Arr. Bruno Vaz da Silva

Brasilerinho [3.5']

**ZEQUINHA DE ABREU** 

(1880-1935)

Tico-tico [2']

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# Emily Nash, violin



Violinist Emily Nash graduated with her MM in violin performance while studying with Almita and Roland Vamos at Northwestern University, graduating both early and with high honors. She received her BM in violin performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign while studying with Simin Ganatra. Nash has participated in master classes with the Silk Road Ensemble, the Turtle Island String Quartet, Wendy Sharp, Roland and Almita Vamos, John McGrosso, Kurt Baldwin, Rebecca Henry, and the Parker Quartet.

Growing up, Emily spent her summers attending Interlochen Arts Camp, California Summer Music, and Madeline Island. In 2005 she was a solo competition winner of the New Haven Youth Symphony Orchestra, first prize winner of the Greenwich Center for Chamber Music Competition, a guest soloist with the Choate Rosemary Hall's tour to Italy, and a finalist in the Greater Bridgeport Solo Competition.

She was awarded the Farwell Award from the Musicians Club of Women Scholarship Competition in 2011. Emily was the Civic Orchestra of Chicago's Concertmaster from 2012-2013. Yo-Yo Ma asked her to return in 2014 to be a mentor for the Artistic Challenge

Project. Emily has given solo recitals for the Orvieto Chamber Music Concert Series, the Musician Club of Women, the Fourth Presbyterian Church, and the Fran Randall Memorial Recital Series

This is Nash's ninth season with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, where she serves as Associate Concertmaster, and her second season with the Chicago Sinfonietta Orchestra. Emily is currently a substitute violinist for the Nashville Symphony, Chicago Philharmonic, and Elgin Symphony. She has subbed with the Milwaukee Symphony, Milwaukee Ballet, Hawaii Symphony, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Illinois Philharmonic, Lake Forest Symphony, and the Midwest Mozart Festival. Along with performing, Emily maintains a small private violin studio and was an adjunct faculty member of the Vandercook College of Music. Emily resides in a Chicago suburb with her six-year-old daughter Natalie and husband and violist, Bruno Vaz da Silva.

# Bruno Vaz da Silva, viola



Bruno Vaz da Silva began studying viola in 2004 in his native Brazil at the Escola de Musica de Brasilia. After one year, he placed in a solo competition and had the opportunity to perform with the Orquestra Sinfonica da Escola de Musica de Brasilia, performing the G Major Viola Concerto by Telemann. He graduated from the conservatory in two and a half years, a program which normally takes eight years, and then enrolled in the University of Brasilia.

Bruno has gained much experience as an orchestral and chamber musician. He has worked with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Chicago Philharmonic, Chicago Sinfonietta, Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, among others. With the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, he had the opportunity of working with Yo-Yo Ma. Bruno was a founding member of the YOURS (Youth

Orchestra Urban Rita Simon) Project Chicago, which is an El Sistema music program for unprivileged students, where he worked until 2012. Bruno completed his undergraduate in music performance at North Park University where he studied with Charles Pikler, Chicago Symphony's former principal viola and his MM at DePaul University, studying with Rami Solomonow, Lyric Opera of Chicago former viola principal. Besides being a performer, Bruno has arranged over 300 pieces for chamber groups. Some of his arrangements were featured at the Banff International String Quartet competition, Quad Cities Symphony Orchestra, and Candlelight concerts all around the world. Today, Bruno is a freelance musician in the Chicago area performing with ensembles such as the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Philharmonic, Chicago Sinfonietta, and several other local orchestras and chamber groups.

# Kit Polen, bass

Bassist Kit Polen performs regularly with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, including joining them on tours through Europe, Asia, and the US. Since 2015, he has been Principal Bass of Camerata Chicago as well as the Associate Principal Bass of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, in addition to performing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. As a chamber musician, he has performed with many artists including the Kontras Ouartet, Chai Collaborative Ensemble, and Leon Fleisher. Equally comfortable outside the traditional symphonic setting, Polen has collaborated with CSO's MusicNOW series, the Chicago Composer's Orchestra, and has also been a part of multiple Grammy

nominated R&B recordings.

Polen has been based in Chicago since 2011, when he joined the Civic Orchestra of Chicago as Assistant Principal Bass. Prior to moving to Chicago, he earned his Master of Music from Indiana University and his Bachelor of Music from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, near his hometown of Hickory, North Carolina. He has spent summers studying and performing at multiple festivals including Aspen Music Festival, Chautaugua Music Festival, and Brevard Music Festival. His most influential teachers and mentors include Bruce Bransby, Lawrence Hurst, Craig Brown, Andrew Raciti, and Alexander Hanna.



# Misty Dais, narrator

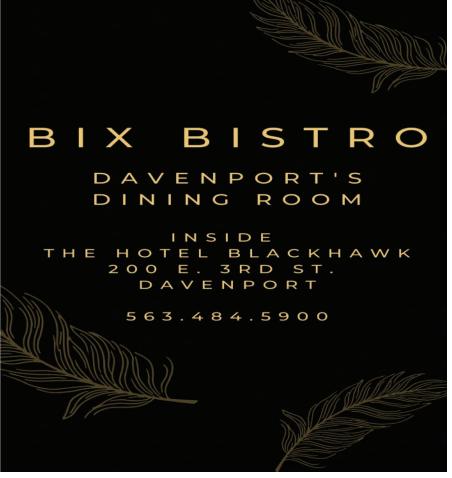


Misty Dais, after having spent countless hours annoying her siblings by singing Whitney Houston songs on family road trips, decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming the Ms. Frizzle of Music. Years were spent taking music lessons and playing every instrument she could get her hands on, ranging from piano to trumpet, handbells to organ, to flute, piccolo, and oboe. In high school, Misty met a college student pursuing a degree in music therapy, and learned about this unique career path that could combine her passion for music with her compassion for those around her.

A graduate of Western Illinois University, Misty began her music therapy career at Music Therapy Services of Waukesha County, LLC, in Wisconsin, where she treated children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both in a private clinical setting and in multiple school districts. After marrying an Air Force service member, Misty moved to Tacoma, WA, where she developed and implemented a music therapy program for United Cerebral Palsy of South Puget Sound. Since moving to Bettendorf and founding Quad Cities Music Therapy in 2018, she has focused her professional efforts on serving the community through customized music experiences designed to provide therapeutic benefit and meaning to participants.





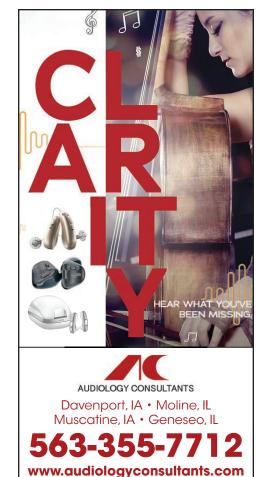








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TAYLOR RAVEN, Fatima
ISSACHAH SAVAGE, Omar
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NORMAN GARRETT, Abdul/Able
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Act I: Overture Overture based on

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Scene 1 Futa Toro, Senegal

Scene 2 Middle Passage

Scene 3 Charleston Slave Market

Scene 4 Johnson Plantation

Scene 5 Mother's Aria | Omar's Escape

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Act II: Scene 1 Fayetteville County Jail

Scene 2 Owen's Plantation

Scene 3 Owen's Study

Scene 4 Psalm 23

Scene 5 Finale

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# Jacqueline Echols, soprano



Lyric soprano Jacqueline Echols has been praised for her "dynamic range and vocal acrobatics" (Classical Voice) in theaters across the United States. Highlights of Ms. Echols' 2024/25 season include a reprisal of the role of Julie in Rhiannon Giddens *Omar's Journey* with the Quad City Symphony (a role she first sang with LA Opera) as well as the world premiere of *She Who Dared* at Chicago Opera Theater in the role of Rosa Parks. Other recent engagements include the role of Juliette in *Roméo et Juliette* with both Arizona Opera and Opera San Antonio and the role of Mary Dee in the *Liverpool Oratorio* with Cincinnati Opera.

Ms. Echols has been featured at the Metropolitan Opera as Clara in *Porgy and Bess*, Noémie in the family adaptation of Massenet's *Cendrillon*, Poussette in *Manon*, and Musetta in *La bohème*. She has also appeared as Clara with The Atlanta Opera and in her company debut with Des Moines

Metro Opera.

She has been seen at the Kennedy Center under the auspices of Washington National Opera as Violetta in La traviata, as Sister Helen in Heggie's Dead Man Walking, Micaëla in Carmen, Musetta in La bohème, and Woglinde/Forest Bird in Der Ring des Nibelungen. She has also sung Violetta with Palm Beach Opera and has performed the role of Pip in Heggie's Moby Dick with LA Opera, The Dallas Opera, and Pittsburgh Opera.

Ms. Echols' recent concert performances include her debut with the Cleveland Orchestra for their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert and a return to Cincinnati Opera for a special performance alongside Morris Robinson in Morris and Friends.





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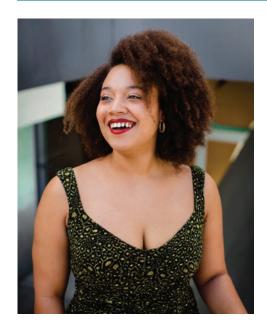
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# Taylor Raven, mezzo-soprano



Taylor Raven is a "vocal sensation" (Washington Classical Review) and quickly establishing herself in opera, concert, and recital. In the 24/25 season, Taylor debuts with The Metropolitan Opera in the company premiere of Adam's Antony and Cleopatra (Charmian) and with Pacific Opera Victoria for La clemenza di Tito (Sesto). On the concert stage she debuts with the Minnesota Orchestra for Mozart's Requiem, Duisburger Philharmoniker for Julia Perry's Stabat Mater, The United States Navel Academy for Messiah, Buffalo Philharmonic for Sanctuary Road, and Quad City Symphony Orchestra for Giddens' Omar's Journey (Fatima). In recital, Taylor debuts with the Northwest Sinfonietta performing Jessie Montgomery's Five Freedom Songs and makes her New York City solo recital debut with the Kaufmann Music Center. Additional appearances include a return to North Carolina Opera for their *Opera in the Park* series.

Taylor began last season with a return

to the San Francisco Opera for a role debut as Fatima in Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels' *Omar*. Other season highlights included returns to Seattle Opera for *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Rosina) and the Los Angeles Philharmonic for a fully staged production of *Das Rheingold* (Flosshilde) with scenic design by Frank Gehry and conducted by Gustavo Dudamel. On the concert stage she debuted with the Colorado Symphony for Beethoven *Symphony No. 9* conducted by Marin Alsop and the Memphis Symphony for *Messiah*.

In 22/23, Ms. Raven made her debut at the San Francisco Opera for a trio of operas including the world premiere of John Adams' new opera Antony and Cleopatra (Charmian), Dialogues des Carmélites (Sister Mathilde) and La traviata (Flora). Other highlights included debuts with Kentucky Opera for La Cenerentola (Angelina) and Chicago Opera Theater for The Life and Death(s) of Alan Turing (Joan Clarke) and returns to Des Moines Metro Opera for the title role in Carmen. On the concert stage, she made her debut with The Cleveland Orchestra for La fanciulla del West (Wowkle) conducted by Franz Welser-Möst.

Recent engagements include debuts with Houston Grand Opera for *Die Zauberflöte* (Dritte Dame), Washington Concert Opera for *Lakmé* (Mallika), and North Carolina Opera for Moravec's *Sanctuary Road*. On the concert stage she made debuts with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Iowa, and returned to the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Additional engagements included the world premiere of a

song cycle commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with Urban Arias and a return to the roster of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Other career highlights include debuts with Des Moines Metro Opera in Pique Dame (Pauline), Finger Lakes Opera in Il barbiere di Siviglia (Rosina), and Handel & Haydn Society for Beethoven Symphony No. 9 conducted by Marin Alsop. A recent graduate of the Young Artist Program at LA Opera where she was seen in La clemenza di Tito (Annio), Don Carlo (Tebaldo), the Kosky production of Die Zauberflöte (Zweite Dame) conducted by James Colon, and Hansel and Gretel (Sandman). As a Filene Artist at Wolf Trap Opera she performed in Il barbiere di Siviglia (Rosina) and L'heure espagnole (Concepción). On the concert stage she made her Alice Tully Hall debut appearing with the American Symphony Orchestra for a concert of Bach arias conducted by Leon Botstein.

Taylor made her Los Angeles
Philharmonic debut as a soloist in
the Hollywood Bowl performance
of Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* with
Bramwell Tovey and made her
debut with Seattle Opera in *As One*(Hannah After). She appeared with the
New West Symphony in Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky* under Mikhail Agrest
and made her Cincinnati Symphony
Orchestra debut as a soloist in *Mahler's Das Klagende Lied* with James
Conlon as a part of their May Festival.

Taylor holds degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Colorado-Boulder.

# Issachah Savage, tenor



Dramatic tenor Issachah Savage has appeared with many of the world's leading orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, The Cleveland Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Houston Symphony, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Orguestra

Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo, and the Melbourne Symphony and worked with some of the today's foremost conductors including Yannick Nézet-Seguin, Gustavo Dudamel, Riccardo Muti, Fabio Luisi, James Conlon, Gianandrea Noseda, Marin Alsop, Jaap van Zweden, Robert Spano, and Susanna Mälkki.

Operatic highlights include appearances with The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Houston Grand Opera, LA Opera, Seattle Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Opéra National de Bordeaux, Théâtre du Capitole de Toulouse, and the Salzburg Festival. He has sung much of the great dramatic tenor repertoire including the title roles in *Tannhäuser*, *Otello*, and *Rienzi*, Siegmund in *Die Walküre*, Radamès in *Aida*, Bacchus in *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Manrico in *Il trovatore*, and Narraboth in *Salome*.

This season, Issachah will debut at Dutch National Opera as the title role in *Peter Grimes* in a new production directed by Barbora Horáková and conducted by Lorenzo Viotti. He will also return to roster of The Metropolitan Opera for *Die Frau ohne* 

Schatten. On the concert stage, he makes returns to The Philadelphia Orchestra for Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Cathedral Choral Society for Ethel Smyth's Mass in D, and Quad City Symphony Orchestra for Omar's Journey (Omar) and will debut with Rochester Philharmonic for Mozart's Requiem and New Jersey Symphony for Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

Issachah is the winner of the Seattle International Wagner Competition earning the main prize, audience favorite prize, orchestra favorite prize, and a special honor by Speight Jenkins. He has also received several prestigious awards, recognition, and career grants from institutions such as Wagner Societies of New York, Washington, D. C., and Northern California, Licia Albanese International Puccini Foundation, Olga Forrai Foundation, Gerda Lissner Foundation, Jensen Vocal Competition, Opera Index, and Giulio Gari Foundation.

He possesses a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from Morgan State University and a master's degree in Opera Voice Performance from The Catholic University of America.

# Andy Papas, baritone



Praised for his "vocal power and finesse" & "irresistible hijinks," baritone Andy Papas is sought after for his impeccable musicianship and mastery of comic repertoire. Mr. Papas was excited to begin his 2024-2025 season as the title role in Verdi's Falstaff with Pacific Northwest Opera, a role he has also covered for Opera Saratoga. In March, he sings Mustafa (L'Italiana in Algieri) in Houston for Opera in the Heights, and again in April for Anchorage Opera in Alaska. He returns to the Pacific Northwest next fall as

Pandolfe in Cendrillon with Vashon Opera. Last season Mr. Papas joined the roster of Boston Lyric Opera as Magnifico (cover) for La Cenerentola, and as cover in Matthew Aucoin's Eurydice. He also returned to Opera Co. of Middlebury as Hortensius in La Fille du Regiment, as Stage Director for Rossini's La Scala di Seta, and reprised his acclaimed Major General Stanley in The Pirates of Penzance for Raylynmor Opera. Mr. Papas has also sung the Major General for Opera Naples and Anchorage Opera, the title role in Don Pasquale for Union Avenue Opera and Opera Saratoga, Dr. Bartolo (Il Barbiere di Siviglia) for Anchorage Opera, Painted Sky Opera, and Opera Theater of Connecticut, and Don Magnifico (La Cenerentola) for Fargo-Moorhead Opera, among others. His committed, musically sophisticated performances have consistently earned him praise for "creating a character both sinister and silly," and for his "rich voiced portrayals... of considerable aplomb."

Mr. Papas made his debut in 2023 with The Ojai Music Festival alongside Rhiannon Giddens & Michael Abels, performing Owen/Johnson in *Omar's Journey*, roles which he also covered in the Boston Lyric Opera production

of *Omar*. Other noteworthy recent engagements for him include the Music Master in *Ariadne auf Naxos* with Vashon Opera, Baron Zeta in *The Merry Widow* with Opera Saratoga, Pandolfe in *Cendrillon* with Opera Company of Middlebury; and the title role in *Falstaff* and Tonio in *Pagliacci* with Raylynmor Opera.

Mr. Papas can be heard on Bridge Records as Bugs/Gent in *The Cradle Will Rock*, which he also performed with Opera Saratoga, on New World Records as part of White Snake Projects recording of *The Ouroboros Trilogy: Naga*, and on Albany Records as Stephano in the world premiere of composer Joseph Summer's The Tempest.

Mr. Papas completed his Master of Music at the University of Houston, and his Bachelor of Music at the University of Michigan. This winter he is the onsnow content producer for Bromley Mountain Ski Resort in Southern Vermont. He also teaches students around the globe in opera courses such as *The British Operas are Coming* and *Strauss in the Haus*. Andy owes everything to his family and husband Christopher. andypapas.com

# Norman Garrett, baritone



American baritone Norman Garrett, who has been called "scene-stealing" by the New York Times, is enjoying a varied and exciting career. In the 2024/25 season, Mr. Garrett will return to Washington National Opera as Crown in Porgy and Bess, The Reverend in Blue with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, a role debut as Macbeth with Opera Orlando, and Abdul in *Omar's Journey* with Quad City Symphony. Additional concert appearances include the Duruflé Requiem with Matthew Halls and the Dallas Symphony, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Phoenix Symphony.

In the 2023/24 season, Norman Garrett made a house debut at San Francisco Opera singing Abdul and Abe in *Omar*, returned to LA Opera as Bob in William Grant Still's *Highway 1, USA*, Masetto in *Don Giovanni* with Houston Grand Opera, Jochanaan in *Salome* with Des Moines Metro Opera and a residency with Cedar Rapids Opera, where he debuted the role of

Scarpia in *Tosca*, and later returned for *Carmina Burana*. In concert, he performed *Carmina Burana* with Orchestra of St. Luke's at Carnegie Hall.

In recent seasons, Norman Garrett has performed Conte in Le nozze di Figaro with Seattle Opera, Garby in the world premiere of The Factotum and Dr. T in the world-premiere of *Proximity*, both at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, LA Opera as Abdul in *Omar*, with Houston Grand Opera as Ríolobo in Daniel Catán's Florencia en el Amazonas, Escamillo in Carmen with Austin Opera, Opera Orlando, Opera Columbus, and Lubbock Symphony, the title role in Chausson's Le roi Arthus with Bard SummerScape, the Metropolitan Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago as the Foreman/Adult James in Fire Shut Up in My Bones, the title role in Don Giovanni and Jochanaan in Salome, both with Dayton Opera, the title role in Delius' Koanga with the Wexford Festival in Ireland, Larkens in La fanciulla del West with the Bayerische Staatsoper as well as Ned in a new edition of Treemonisha with Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

In Porgy and Bess, Norman Garrett has sung Crown with Theater an der Wien, Glimmerglass Festival, University of Michigan and Fort Worth Opera, Jake with Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Elbphilharmonie Orchestra on tour at the Lucerne Festival and the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival with Alan Gilbert, and Jim with the Metropolitan Opera.

As a former Cafritz Young Artist at Washington National Opera, Norman Garrett has appeared as Ríolobo in Florencia en el Amazonas, Lieutenant Gordon in Silent Night, Papageno in The Magic Flute, Masetto in Don Giovanni, the Father in Hansel and Gretel, a Steersman in Tristan und Isolde, Captain Gardiner in Jake Heggie's Moby Dick, and the world premiere of Jeanine Tesori's The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me.

Norman Garrett has made many important symphonic appearances, including Carmina Burana with Bramwell Tovey with the LA Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl and with Donald Runnicles and the Toronto Symphony, a Gershwin program conducted by Cristian Măcelaru and the Philadelphia Orchestra, a concert of American music with The Cleveland Orchestra, National Philharmonic for Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Vaughan-Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carol's with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Messiah with the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa, and Belshezzar's Feast with Phoenix Symphony.

Mr. Garrett is a former winner of the George London Foundation Competition, and has received top prizes in more than a dozen international vocal competitions, including the Gerda Lissner Foundation, the William Matheus Sullivan Foundation, the Jensen Foundation, the Giulio Gari Foundation, Fort Worth Opera's McCammon Competition, and the Licia Albanese-Puccini Competition. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Texas Tech University and the Academy of Vocal Arts, where he was a resident artist.

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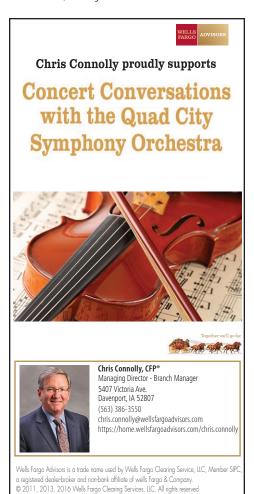
## Roberto Díaz, viola



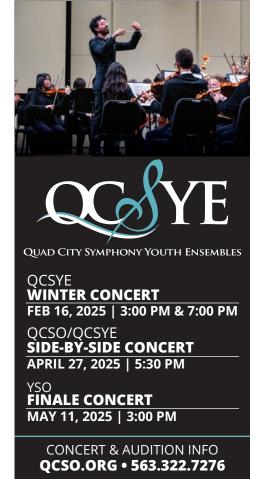
A violist of international reputation, Roberto Díaz is president and CEO of the Curtis Institute of Music, following in the footsteps of renowned soloist/ directors, such as Rudolf Serkin, Efrem Zimbalist, and Josef Hofmann. As a teacher of viola at Curtis and former principal viola of the Philadelphia Orchestra, he has already had a significant impact on American musical life, and continues to do so in his dual roles as performer and educator.

An active soloist, Mr. Díaz collaborates regularly with leading conductors of our time on stages around the world. He also works directly with important 20th- and 21st-century composers, including Krzysztof Penderecki, Edison Denisov, and Ricardo Lorenz, and has had concertos written for him by Bright Sheng, Jennifer Higdon, and Roberto Sierra. His recording of Higdon's Viola Concerto won the Grammy for Best Contemporary Classical Composition in 2018. A frequent recitalist and chamber musician, Mr. Díaz has performed with major string quartets and pianists in chamber music series and festivals worldwide. He has also toured Europe, Asia, and the Americas as a member of the Díaz Trio with violinist Andrés Cárdenes and cellist Andrés Díaz.

Prior to his decade-long tenure as principal viola of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Roberto Díaz served as principal viola of the National Symphony under Mstislav Rostropovich, was a member of the Boston Symphony under Seiji Ozawa, and a member of the Minnesota Orchestra under Sir Neville Marriner. He holds a bachelor's degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music. Among Mr. Díaz's numerous recordings are the complete works for viola and piano by Henri Vieuxtemps, a Grammy-nominated disc of viola transcriptions by William Primrose, and the Brahms sonatas with Jeremy Denk. all on the Naxos label. Roberto Diaz plays the ex-Primrose Amati viola.







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# Marian Lee, piano



Marian Lee, Chair of the Music department at St. Ambrose University and Head of the Keyboard Area, made her New York City debut at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as winner of the Artists International Award and has appeared as soloist and with orchestra internationally in Chile, Austria, Belgium, Italy, France, Norway, Russia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Poland, Brazil, Byelorussia, Estonia, Hong Kong, Thailand, as well as in Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Seattle's Benaroya Hall, Moscow's Tchaikovsky Hall and Rachmaninoff Hall, and the Hermitage Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia. In liaison with the U.S. State Department, Lee also received numerous grants in support of performances abroad and is a former Fulbright and International Research and Exchange (IREX) scholar.

Locally, recent professional activities include performing the Bach F minor Concerto and Mozart Concerto No. 21 with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Beethoven Concerto #3 with Clinton Symphony and

Tchaikovsky Concerto #1 with Muscatine Symphony Orchestra. Marian has performed regularly with QCSO concertmaster Naha Greenholtz on QCSO/WVIK's Up Close series (formerly known as the Signature series), and has performed with Philadelphia Orchestra concertmaster David Kim, and former concertmaster of Milwaukee Symphony, Frank Almond. She has held master classes in Chile, Hong Kong, Delaware, Louisiana, Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and performs regularly at the ASOTA Festival at University of Mobile. Dr. Lee just returned from performing at the 1st Festival de Piano Rosita Renard in Santiago, Chile where she also served as chair of the jury of the 1st Concurso de Piano Flora Inostroza.

Dr. Lee has the distinct honor of being the first female solo pianist to perform on lowa Public Radio's Steinway Café, which is available to watch on YouTube. In addition, Marian's piano tutorial on YouTube, "The Five Basic Motions of Piano Technique," (made possible by the Baecke grant) has reached over 600,000 views and is still climbing. In May 2025, she will be traveling to Novi Sad, Serbia to perform, teach and lecture at the World Piano Conference.

Marian made her initial concert debut in high school performing with Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and Flint Symphony Orchestra in Michigan. She entered The Juilliard School as a scholarship student receiving a Bachelor of Music under the guidance of Gyorgy Sandor, whose own piano professor was Bela Bartok at the Liszt Academy in Hungary and is the author "On Piano Playing: Motion, Sound, and Expression," a staple

in the piano pedagogy literature. She continued on at Juilliard to receive a Master of Music degree in piano performance with Seymour Lipkin, winner of the prestigious Rachmaninoff Competition and artistic director of Kneisel Hall Chamber Festival. Subsequently, she was awarded the coveted Fulbright Grant to study with Naum Shtarkman, a Tchaikovsky competition laureate, at the Moscow Conservatory in what was then the Soviet Union. During her three-year stay, Dr. Lee witnessed the fall of the Soviet Union and toured extensively within the former USSR. Upon her return to the United States, Dr. Lee completed her doctoral degree at the Peabody Conservatory of Music at The Johns Hopkins University with Distinguished Professor, Russian pianist Boris Slutsky.

Marian Lee is currently a full professor in piano at St. Ambrose University and in 2017, founded and has served as the Director of St. Ambrose University's popular Summer Piano Camp, attracting 8th-12th grade pianists from all over Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Dr. Lee previously taught at the University of Delaware before moving to the Quad Cities 12 years ago and also taught at the University of Iowa as a sabbatical replacement for Dr. Ksenia Nosikova. As an active teacher and frequent adjudicator, Dr. Lee is a proud member of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), National Federation of Music Teachers (FMTA). the Iowa Music Teachers Association (IMTA), Quad City Music Teachers Association (QCMTA), and served as past president of the Delaware Music Teachers Association (DSMTA).

# RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 7:30 pm ADLER THEATRE | DAVENPORT, IOWA

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 2:00 pm CENTENNIAL HALL | ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

MARK RUSSELL SMITH, conductor LORRAINE MIN, piano

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(b.1978)

Please let there be a paradise... [10']

**GEORGE GERSHWIN** 

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Rhapsody in Blue [17']

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(1891-1953)

Symphony No. 5, Op. 100 in B-flat Major [45']

I. Andante

II. Allegro marcato

III. Adagio

IV. Allegro giocoso

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\*Out of respect for those fallen in service of our country, we ask that you do not applaud after the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Please see page 44 for information on the QCSO's performance of the National Anthem.



# Lorraine Min, piano

Steinway Artist and critically acclaimed Canadian-born pianist, Lorraine Min has dazzled audiences internationally with her poetic artistry and brilliant virtuosity. Cited by the New York Times for her "impeccable phrase-shaping (and) crystalline sound," and by the Washington Post for her "admirable playing," Min has performed extensively throughout Canada and USA, in Germany, France, the UK, Italy, Switzerland, Australia, India, Mexico, and in South America. She has appeared as concerto soloist and in recital on some of the world's most important concert stages including New York's David Geffen (formerly Avery Fisher) Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Town Hall, Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall, Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre, and the Chan Centre, and Teatro Politeamo in Palermo, Sicily, among others. A dynamic chamber musician, Min has performed in prestigious North American venues including

at the Ravinia and Tanglewood Festivals, Sitka Music Festival, in Canada's Eine Kleine Summer Music, Victoria Summer Music, PRISMA in Powell River, Fredericton and Orford Festivals, Vancouver's Music in the Morning Series, in Europe, Asia, and Australia, notably in Perth's Western Australia Symphony Orchestra's Amberley Mozart Day concerts where she was a featured guest artist. She can regularly be heard on CBC and ABC (Australian) radio. Min's success in prestigious international competitions include top prizes and special awards of distinction in the Washington International, D'Angelo, Frina Awerbuch, and the William Kapell Competitions. She was the top ranking Canadian pianist at nineteen years old in the Harveys Leeds and Busoni International Competitions, and laureate in the Van Cliburn Competition. Min's discography includes her solo CD of Schubert and Liszt and a CD featuring chamber

music of Beethoven and Brahms for Canada's esteemed Eine Kleine Music Festival. Min has released her subsequent solo CD, "In Recital" which features works by Chopin, Liszt, and Bartok, as well as a CD of Violin and Piano Sonatas by Franck, Debussy, and Prokofiev. She has also recorded Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, Saint-Saens' Fourth Piano Concerto, and the complete Chopin Piano Concerti.

Born in Victoria and raised in Vancouver, Canada, Min studied on full scholarship at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University and earned her Bachelor degree, Pi Kappa Lambda. On generous scholarships and numerous grants from the Canada Council for the Arts, Min received her Masters and Doctoral degrees from the Juilliard School. She has been an Artistic Director of Eine Kleine Summer Music in Canada since 2015.

### Angel Lam, composer



Angel Lam is a Grammy-nominated composer with a passion for deeply felt songs, sounds, the beauty of instruments, and vivid memories. She likes to tell intimate stories about life and death, growing up, inspirations and relationships. Her compositions are praised as "Timeless" (by Carnegie Hall), "Precious, soaring lyrical lines," (Metropolitan Opera, Opera News), "an otherworldly poetic short story... fanciful music, rich singing tone and sense of drama" (New York Times), and "both poignant and important" (Yo-Yo Ma).

Previously she was honored to receive three Carnegie Hall commissions before the age of 29, including a cello concerto dedicated to Yo-Yo Ma and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. She also wrote a classical crossover piece for Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, who toured her work worldwide for many years. This year she received a new commission to write for pipa virtuoso Wu Man 吴 蛮 to be premiered at Yale University Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and curate a concert program at Carnegie Hall supported by the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, where solo violinist Stefan Jackiw will premiere her work.

Currently she is the composer-inresidence of Concert on the Slope at St. John's Episcopal Church in Park Slope, NYC, and a recipient of Opera America's Discovery Grant Award to write her new musical opera with developments and showcases in New York.

Between 2017-2021, her works have been performed and recorded in forty different cities worldwide by multiple ensembles and groups, including Music at Copland House Ensemble (U.S. tour), Guitar Foundation of

America (worldwide recordings and performances), Hub New Music Ensemble (U.S. tour), Asia America New Music Institute (Japan tour), Sulzbach-Rosenberg International Music Festival at the Konzertsaal des Rathauses, Bavaria, Germany, New Music for Strings Iceland Festival, in Reykjavik, Iceland, Radio Television Hong Kong, Music at Mānoa at Mae Zenke Orvis Auditorium, Hawaii, Little Universe Theatre in Shandong, China, and Hong Kong West Kowloon Cultural District Mixtape Volume 2 album.

Her music had also been performed by Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Yale Philharmonia, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, New York Greenwich Village Orchestra, New York University Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Northwest Symphony, Oak Park and River Forest Symphony Orchestra in Chicago, University of California Irvine Symphony Orchestra, among others.

Lam received her doctorate in composition from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, her bachelor's degree from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and an artist diploma from Yale University.



# **QCSO PERCUSSION**

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7:30 pm FIGGE ART MUSEUM | DAVENPORT, IOWA

> AARON WILLIAMS MICHAEL GEARY GARY CICCOTELLI TONY OLIVER MARY NEIL, piano

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# Aaron Williams, percussion



Aaron Williams (he/him/his) serves as Principal Percussionist with the Des Moines Symphony and the Quad City Symphony. He has also held the positions of Principal Percussionist with the Mansfield Symphony (Mansfield, OH) and Section Percussionist with the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony.

Concurrently, Aaron is also an active freelance percussionist. He has performed with the Kansas City Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Omaha Symphony, Wichita Symphony, Orchestra Iowa (Cedar Rapids,

IA), Buffalo Philharmonic, Toledo Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic, West Virginia Symphony, and the New World Symphony, among others.

Additional orchestral engagements have lead Aaron to performances on three other continents. He performed with the Rome Festival Orchestra in Rome, Italy. He toured China with the Oberlin Orchestra, giving concerts in Beijing and Shanghai, among other cities. He also performed with the Orquestra de Professores at the Festival de Música de Santa Catarina in Jaraguá do Sul, Brazil.

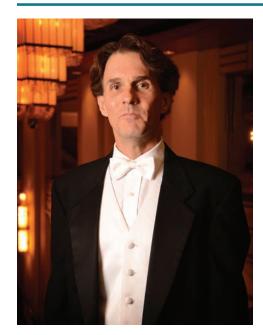
As a soloist, Aaron has performed David Gillingham's Marimba Concerto No. 2 with the Des Moines Symphony, Antonio Vivaldi's Mandolin Concerto in C Major (marimba) with the Fort Dodge Area Symphony (Fort Dodge, IA), Áskell Másson's Konzertstück for Snare Drum and Orchestra with the Firelands Symphony (Sandusky, OH), and Paul Creston's Concertino for Marimba and Orchestra with the Quincy Symphony (Quincy, IL). During the summer, Aaron performs on the steps of the Iowa State Capitol with the Des Moines Metro Concert Band and has been featured as a soloist with the band.

Having great enthusiasm for contemporary chamber music,
Aaron served as Artistic Director and percussionist for "Rhythm Unleashed:
The Music of Marc Mellits", a concert on the Quad City Symphony's
Signature Series. In Des Moines, he collaborated with organist Tin-Shi Tam to give the U.S. premieres of two duets for organ and percussion: Phaikon 493 by Leander Kaiser and The Shining City by JacobTV. He has performed on Chamber Music at Salisbury House (Des Moines, IA) and the Des Moines Symphony's Spotlight at the Temple.

Aaron resides in Des Moines, IA where he maintains a private teaching studio and is on the faculty of the Des Moines Symphony Academy. He is also the Director of Operations for the Des Moines Symphony. He has a Master of Music degree from Cleveland State University and a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He received his high school diploma from the Interlochen Arts Academy. His former teachers include Tom Freer, Michael Rosen, John Alfieri, Keith Aleo, and Dr. Donna Bohn.

Aaron is a Performing Artist for the Pearl Corporation and Adams Musical Instruments.

# Michael Geary, timpani



Michael Geary (he/him/his) is the Principal Timpani for the Des Moines Symphony. He is a native of Mason City and became an extra percussionist with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra (QCSO, Tri City at the time) as a college freshman and was appointed Timpanist three years later. The same year he became Resident Percussionist with the University of Iowa Center for New Music, beginning a 14-year association with that ensemble and ultimately developing a reputation as a skilled

interpreter of challenging 20th-century repertoire. He has premiered numerous solo and collaborative works often working directly with composers and performing from coast to coast and Alaska at conferences and universities. While at the University of Iowa, Geary was a member instructor and composer for the Hawkeye Marching Band over the course of ten seasons.

Geary is also a Percussionist with the Cedar Rapids Symphony as well as the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre. He has performed often in Hancher Auditorium and other area venues. He champions Australian composers, whom include Carl Vine, presenting the premiere of the orchestrated version of his Percussion Concerto in Des Moines and the North American Premiere of the Percussion Symphony with colleagues from the QCSO.

In 1992, he joined the orchestra of the Spoleto Festival, performing during ten seasons in Italy and Charleston, South Carolina. He took part in such projects as Prokofiev's War & Peace, Berg's Wozzeck, Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier and Elektra, Shostakovich's The Nose and diverse works of festival founder Gian Carlo Menotti. He was

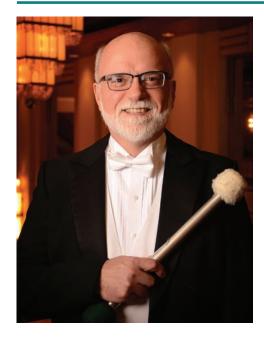
also featured in Milhaud's Creation du Mondeo Crumb's Madrigals and the American Premiere of Mauricio Kagel's Oral Treason. He performed there with renowned artists including Luciano Pavarotti, Renee Fleming, Placido Domingo, Renata Scotto, lean-Yves Thibaudet, and conductors Richard Hickox, James Conlon, Steven Mercurio, Christopher Keane and Spiros Argiris. Geary's contemporary projects include performances and recordings with David Gompper, Lewis Nielson, John D. White and cellist Craig Hultgren (former QCSO member and a Davenport native). He is heard on numerous Spoleto Festival recordings on the Chandos label as well as CRI, Music & Arts, aca, and Innova.

Geary holds degrees from the University of Iowa and has also taught at Iowa State University. He studied with Thomas L. Davis at the UI, Steven Schick (his predecessor at the CNM) and Cloyd Duff, the Iong-time Timpanist of the Cleveland Orchestra.

Geary has served on the faculties of The University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and Luther College.

Geary has been a member of the Des Moines Symphony since 1987.

# Gary Ciccotelli, percussion



Gary Ciccotelli has been a member of the percussion section of the Quad City Symphony since 1989. He resides in Bettendorf, Iowa and retired from public school teaching in 2012 having worked in multiple school districts since 1975. His music education career began as the High School Band Director for Northeast Hamilton HS in Blairsburg, Iowa, and concluded in Davenport, lowa after working for the Davenport Schools for 28 years as an Elementary/Jr. High Band Director. From the 1980's until the early 2000's he also taught some percussion and drum set at Augustana College in addition to performing with the Augustana Faculty Jazz Quartet. Upon his retirement from the Davenport Schools, he was asked to return to Augustana to be their Drum Set Instructor where he continues to teach on a Part-Time basis today.

During his teaching career Gary has been a private lesson instructor, an adjudicator at Solo, Large Group, and Jazz Band Festivals, directed Honor Bands, and given clinics on percussion and jazz performance in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. He has also worked as a freelance percussionist in both the classical, rock, and jazz worlds since 1973. His freelance work has provided him the opportunity to perform in many QC area musical productions and with a wide array of celebrities and jazz artists that have included: Bob Hope, Don Rickles,

Red Skelton, Pete Barbutti, Marvin Hamlisch, Johnny Mathis, Roberta Flack, Al Vizzutti, Buddy DeFranco, Ray Charles, Weird Al Yankovic, Laurence Hobgood and many others. He was the drummer for 20 years when the Ebony Fashion Fair was held in Davenport, was a founding member of the Quad City Jazz Ensemble, and currently performs with the Manny Lopez Big Band. He has also performed with the Quad City Wind Ensemble, the Quad City Brass Quintet, and Orchestra lowa.

Gary's wife, Robin, was also a musician/band teacher. They performed for two years together in the Pit Band for the Miss Illinois Pageant, and during the time that the QC Jazz Ensemble was active. Robin also taught Elementary and Jr High Band for the Davenport Schools, and they had two children who were both very active in music through college. Jaime, resides with her children in Marion, lowa, and Anthony, with his in Eldridge, lowa. So far, two of the grandkids are old enough to participate in music at their schools!

# Tony Oliver, percussion

Tony Oliver is a percussionist and music educator based in the Quad Cities region of Iowa and Illinois. He is a member of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and recently completed his twenty-fifth summer as solo percussionist and timpanist for the Lake Placid Sinfonietta, a professional chamber orchestra in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. He coordinates all things percussive at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, teaching courses in classical and contemporary percussion studies and courses for

music educators. He also directs the Augustana Percussion Ensemble and the Augustana Concert Band, which is the college's second, all-campus wind ensemble. Apart from performing and teaching, he is a member of ASCAP as a composer and as a publisher, with his imprint, Curving Walkway Publications, distributing works for percussion near and far. Tony is an artist with Pearl/ Adams percussion and holds degrees from the University of Iowa (BM, MA) and the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University (DMA), where he was a graduate fellow.



# Mary Neil, piano



Dr. Mary Neil is a Professor Emerita at Augustana College. During her time at Augustana, her performances as both soloist and chamber musician earned acclaim in both the United States and in Europe. Before joining the QCSO in 1987, she served on the faculty of the Preucil School of music, performed with the University of Iowa Symphony, and was the pianist for the Center for New Music. In retirement, she maintains an active performing life, as well as acting as a docent at the Figge Museum and pursuing a love for painting and printmaking.



# THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

While several compositions have the honor of appearing multiple times on more than 100 years of playbills, one piece has the distinction of being performed more often than any other, The Star-Spangled Banner. General Manager Elsie Von Maur instituted the custom of placing it at the beginning of every program immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, which coincided with a Sunday performance date. Those in attendance rose to sing the lyrics in patriotic fervor. It immediately became a fixture at all future concerts, accompanied by audience participation with every crisp rendition.

The custom remains today, but it endured a memorable community controversy. It was removed from one

concert in November, 1990. Vocal and written objections from some patrons and members of the public were swift and stinging. The negative reaction was enough to outweigh considerations that the national anthem was distracting to the music and uncomfortable for senior patrons due to the standing factor. While opinions were judged to be about 50-50 on the issue, the intensity of the voices to return to tradition ruled the day. The Star-Spangled Banner resumed its place on the program for the December concert, where it continues to wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Concertgoers are invited to enjoy informal pre-concert

conversations prior to each Masterworks Series concert. Concert Conversations are hosted by Kai Swanson in the concert hall an hour before each Masterworks performance. A digital version of this program is also available on QCSO social media platforms prior to the concert.

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Restrooms at the Adler Theatre are located on the mezzanine, in the lower lobby, and in the RiverCenter near the elevators. Restrooms in Centennial Hall are located in the lower lobby. A wheelchair-accessible restroom is also located at the east end of the upper lobby.

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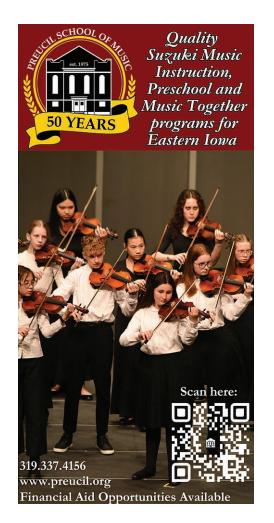
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Saturday, February 1, 2025 | 7:30 pm | Adler Theatre Sunday, February 2, 2025 | 2:00 pm | Centennial Hall

Mark Russell Smith, conductor, Jacqueline Echols, Julie, Taylor Raven, Fatima, Issachah Savage, Omar, Andy Papas, Owen/Johnson, & Norman Garrett, Abdul/Abe

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Sunday, February 16, 2025 | 3:00 pm | Adler Theatre

Hisham Bravoo Groover, conductor, Michele Ottesen, conductor & Elizabeth Lundine, conductor

### **MASTERWORKS V: ECHOES OF EXPLORATION**

Saturday, March 1, 2025 | 7:30 pm | Adler Theatre Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 2:00 pm | Centennial Hall

Mark Russell Smith, conductor & Roberto Díaz, viola

#### **UP CLOSE WITH MARIAN LEE**

Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 7:03 pm | Figge Art Museum

Marian Lee, piano

#### MASTERWORKS VI: RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 7:30 pm | Adler Theatre Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 2:00 pm | Centennial Hall

Mark Russell Smith, conductor & Lorraine Min, piano

### **UP CLOSE WITH QCSO PERCUSSION**

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7:30 pm | Figge Art Museum

Aaron Williams, Michael Geary, Gary Ciccotelli, Tony Oliver, & Mary Neil

#### **VIDEO GAMES IN CONCERT**

Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 7:30 pm | Adler Theatre

Hisham Bravo Groover, conductor

### QCSO/QCSYE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 3:00 pm | Adler Theatre

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Hosted at the Figge Art Museum, QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith served as the evening's auctioneer, and guest were treated to an elegant Italian dinner with QCSO musicians performing music from Vivaldi, Paganini, and Monti along with popular favorites like Mambo Italiano and the Theme from *The Godfather*.



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