

The University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Rachel Waddell, Music Director

Presents

LAMENTATIONS

with Grace Speller, violin
and Donovan Snyder, Assistant Conductor

Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 PM

Strong Auditorium

Free Admission, All Are Welcome!



University of Rochester
Symphony Orchestra

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Andromède

Augusta Holmès
(1847-1903)

Donovan Snyder, Conductor

Scottish Fantasy

Max Bruch
(1838-1920)

I. Introduction: Grave. Adagio cantabile

II. Scherzo: Allegro

III. Andante sostenuto

IV. Finale: Allegro Guerriero

Grace Speller, Violin

-- Intermission --

Symphony No. 5

Dmitri Shostakovich
(1906-1975)

I. Moderato

II. Allegretto

III. Largo

IV. Allegro non troppo

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Flute

Qike Jiang
Jessica Luo
Willow Veytsman
Valeria Viteri-Pflucker

Oboe

Mia Keller
Anna Kim, English Horn
Mary MacAdam
Amy Marron

Clarinet

Linnea Krall
Prital Prabhu
Evan Volkin, Eb Clarinet

Bassoon

Isabel Emmert-Nolte
Erin Nguyen
Isaac Ondo, Contrabassoon

Horn

Emily Gipson
Emily Hung
David Nichols
Lori Osgood
Elena Perez
Naomi Ruetz
Greg Savich
Kyra Yehle

Trumpet

Nathan Fricano
Jack Gerew
Millie Hawkins
Justin Lloyd

Trombone

Xingyu Chen, Bass
Darron King
Tyler Liao
Lou Osgood
Angel Paz, Bass
Zachary Sussman
Peter Thompson

Tuba

Mike Dorval
Jacob Rubakha

Piano

Jacob Rose, Principal
Yan Deng
Vikraanth Sinha

Percussion

Adam Joslyn, Principal
Noah Bader
Benjamin Kamenetsky
Katherine Ormsbee

Violin 1

Ashley Leung, Concertmaster
Luka Choi
Olivia Hawkes
Elissa Moy
Abby Wilson
Leah Noack
Cordelia March
Ryan Seo
Reuben Epstein
Lily Neugebauer
Lara Mengu
Rylie Hayes
Judy Loeb
Julia Moore

Violin 2

Suzanna Rainbolt, Principal
Vivian Si Chen
Sarah Fantuzzo
Leon Zong
Conall Spar
Natalie Opdahl
Theo Kaufman
Luiza Gruel Budet
Vanessa Perez Capcha
Joshua Li
Ryan Garber
Ellen Konar

Viola

Joshua Stead-Dorval, Principal
Ian Clingerman
Keiko Vann
Grace Widjaja
Needle Wang
Jason Richards
Amy Grove
Anna Spak
Donovan Snyder
Alex Oberyszyn

Cello

Erin O' Kane, Co-Principal on Bruch
Elizabeth Garijo-Garde, Co-Principal
on Shostakovich
Logan Madrid, Co-Principal on
Holmes
Sarah Smith
Justin Murante
Petra Rantanen
Génia Abbey
Anthony LaBarca

Bass

Molly Corr, Principal
Tom Seketa
Carter Mink

Librarians:

Donovan Snyder, Head Librarian
Molly Corr, Head Strings Librarian
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Donovan Snyder is an assistant conductor of the University of Rochester Orchestras and a Ph.D. student in the Math department, specializing in quantum groups and theoretical underpinnings of machine learning. In addition to his academic pursuits, Donovan is also a violist who learned under the guidance of Tom Karolyi, and performs regularly in the Chamber and Symphony orchestras, as well as in quartets and other chamber ensembles.

Donovan's first experience with conducting was in the River Campus class devoted to the subject, and conducted for the first time in the Orchestra's Virtual Gala in the spring of 2021. He subsequently made his live conducting debut the following year. Donovan is passionate about both his music, teaching, and research, and is committed to exploring intersections between math, physics, and computer science.



Grace Speller is a junior majoring in microbiology and French with a minor in Spanish. Violin has always been a part of her life, allowing her to travel across much of Canada. Her passion is chamber music, her favorite quartet being Quatuor Ébène. Her interests outside of academics include running, soccer, and hiking. She is also a proud dog and cat mom.



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.

Reflective Stages Project

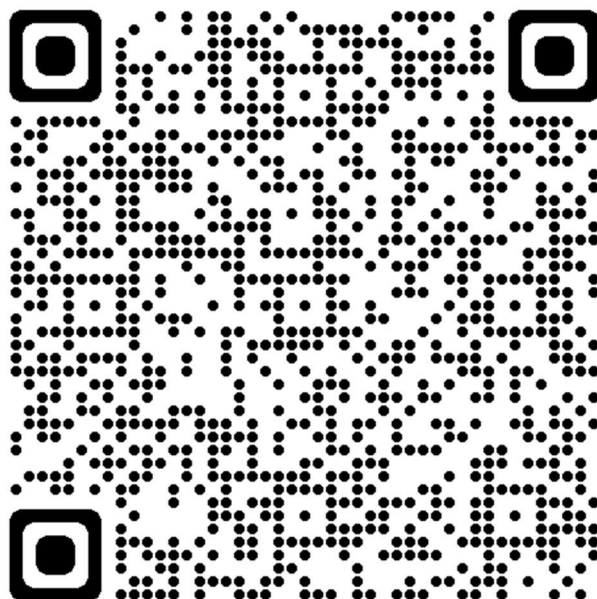
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The purpose of the Reflective Stages Project is to determine to what extent our orchestras are representative of the University of Rochester and greater Rochester communities. Over the course of four years, we will strive to gradually adjust our orchestra's 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.

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 wait-listed students.

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