

### THE PIERRE MONTEUX SCHOOL

FOR CONDUCTORS AND ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

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#### **2008 CONCERT SEASON**

SYMPHONY CONCERTS on Sundays at 5:00pm June 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS on Wednesdays at 7:30pm June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23

CHILDREN'S CONCERT on Monday, July 14 at 10:00am

Sponsored by The Pierre Monteux Memorial Foundation, Inc., with the generous support of alumni, friends and local businesses

#### A DISTINGUISHED HISTORY

French-born conductor Pierre Monteux (1875-1964) premiered many masterworks of the last century, including Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé, Debussy's Jeux, and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring and Petrushka. He enjoyed a long life, spanning a remarkable period in history. Originally trained as a violist, he performed for both Edvard Grieg and Johannes Brahms as a member of the Quatuor Geloso. Over the course of his conducting career, he held directorships of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, the Metropolitan Opera, the Boston Symphony, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Orchestre Symphonique de Paris (which he formed). the San Francisco Symphony, and the London Symphony, among others. Monteux became an American citizen in 1942, and made his permanent residence in Hancock. Maine, the childhood home of his wife Doris Hodgkins Monteux (1894-1984). In 1943, Pierre and Doris Monteux founded a summer school for conductors and orchestra musicians in Hancock, inspired in part by Monteux's earlier conducting classes in France. Musicians came from all over the world to Hancock to study with their beloved "Maître." Monteux once said: Conducting is not enough. I must create something. I am not a composer, so I will create fine young musicians.

A few years after Pierre Monteux's death, Doris Monteux named Charles Bruck (1911-1995) the second music director of the school. Monteux's pupil in Paris, Bruck had enjoyed a close friendship with Monteux throughout the years and was uniquely qualified to carry on the traditions of the school. He served as the school's music director and master teacher for over a quarter century, becoming one of the great conducting teachers of his generation. In 1995, Charles Bruck's long-time student and associate Michael Jinbo was named the school's third music director. Jinbo's teaching, consistently praised by colleagues and students, continues the tradition established by Monteux and Bruck, and exemplifies the musical integrity and high standards of excellence of his distinguished predecessors.

#### MICHAEL JINBO, Music Director

Michael Jinbo has enjoyed an affiliation with The Pierre Monteux School since 1983, having previously served as the school's Associate Music Director. Jinbo is the third music director in the school's 65-year history, following his mentor Charles Bruck and the school's founder, Pierre Monteux. He is the Music Director of the Nittany Valley Symphony and for four seasons also served as the Assistant Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony, with whom he performed some 60-75 concerts each season, including classical, ballet, pops and educational programs. He has performed with a wide range of artists, including pianist Garrick Ohlsson, violinist Kyoko Takezawa, *prima ballerina assoluta* Galina Mezentseva and the St. Petersburg Ballet of Russia, and the late Cab Calloway.

Michael Jinbo received a B.A. in Music from The University of Chicago and an M.M. in Conducting from the Northwestern University School of Music. He received further conducting training at the Monteux School, the Herbert Blomstedt Institute, the Scotia Festival of Music, and at workshops of the American Symphony Orchestra League and Conductors Guild. Jinbo made his European debut in Switzerland and Germany with the Basel Symphony Orchestra, appeared as guest conductor with the Orquesta Sinfónica Carlos Chávez in Mexico City, and has performed with orchestras across the United States, including the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. He served for two years on the instrumental music panel of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and was an invited speaker at the Conductors Guild's 25th anniversary conference, in a session entitled "The Education of Conductors." Bom in Honolulu, Hawaii, Jinbo is also a violinist. He has appeared as soloist with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, among others.

THE PIERRE MONTEUX SCHOOL
Symphony Concert Programs
Summer 2008

## A Chance to Be Involved in Our Future

We want and need more participation in one of the most vital and exciting enterprises that supports classical music performance and the legacy of the Pierre Monteux School.

We are expanding our organization by adding an Associates Board and we will be looking for interested concert goers to join our team. Associates will work in behalf of the School through a variety of volunteer efforts.

This is a wonderful opportunity for people to get involved, get a closer look at what we do, become familiar with our trustees, staff and students and do something to influence the future of classical symphonic music.

If you are interested in helping and participating in the future of orchestra conductors and performing musicians, please see our receptionist at the Hall entrance during intermission. Or contact us by phone (207-442-3280) or email (admin@monteuxschool.org).

Please give serious thought to helping and working with us to keep the Pierre Monteux School a valued and meaningful experience for talented classical musicians for many years to come.

Thank you for supporting
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summer concert program.
We hope you have enjoyed your time with us
and will join us again in the future.

#### **Osher Scholars**

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation to support participation by one conductor and three instrumentalists in our 2008 season.

Congratulations to our 2008 Osher Scholars:

Robert Anemone (violin)
Simon Bilyk (violin)
Rosalie Gilbert (harp)
Blair Skinner (violin, conductor)

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#### H. M. Payson Company Scholar

We are grateful to H. M. Payson Company for providing a grant to support participation by an instrumentalist in our 2008 season.

Congratulations to our H. M. Payson Company Scholar:

Sarah Paradis (trombone)

# FREE CHILDREN'S CONCERT Peter and the Wolf

Monday, July 14, 10:00 am

Sunday, June 22, 2008

#### **PROGRAM**

Mephisto Waltz No. 1, S.110/2 (Dance in the Village Inn, after Lenau's Faust) Franz Liszt

(1811-1886)

Conductor: Christian Hørbov-Meier

Russian Easter Overture, Op. 36

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

Conductor: Michael Wittenburg

#### INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 6 in D major, Op. 60

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

- 1. Allegro non tanto
- 2. Adagio
- 3. Scherzo (Furiant) (Presto)
- 4. Finale (Allegro con spirito)

Conductors: Matthew Wardell (1). William Blair Skinner (2) and Wesley Schulz (3-4)

Sunday, June 29, 2008

#### **PROGRAM**

Symphony No. 1 in D major, Op. 25, Classical

Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)

- 1. Allegro
  2. Larghetto
  3. Gavotte (Non troppo allegro)
  4. Finale (Molto vivace)

  4. Aphon

Conductors: Ashley Scott (1-2) and Jeremy Starr (3-4)

Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

- Buckaroo Holiday
   Corral Nocturne
- Saturday Night Waltz
   Hoe-Down

Conductors: Anna Wittstruck (1-2) and Conner Gray Covington (3-4)

INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

- 1. Moderato
- 2. Allegretto
- 3. Largo
- 4. Allegro non troppo

Conductors: Jun Kim (1), Jesse Livingston (2), Lucas Darger (3) and Brandon Keith Brown (4)

#### COPLAND: Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo

Choreographer Agnes de Mille described the action of Rodeo as follows:

Throughout the American Southwest, the Saturday afternoon rodeo is a tradition. On the remote ranches, as well as in the trading centers and the towns, the 'hands' get together to show off their skill in roping, riding, branding and throwing. Often, on the more isolated ranches, the rodeo is done for an audience that consists only of a handful of fellow-workers, women-folk, and those nearest neighbors who can make the eighty or so mile run-over. The afternoon's exhibition is usually followed by a Saturday night dance at the Ranch House. The theme of the ballet is basic. It deals with the problem that has confronted all American women, from earliest pioneer times, and which has never ceased to occupy them throughout the history of the building of our country: how to get a suitable man.

**Buckaroo Holiday** A tomboy Cowgirl seeks the attention of the men at a Saturday afternoon rodeo, including the Head Wrangler who only has eyes for the Rancher's Daughter. The Cowgirl tries to impress the men with her cowboy skills, but only manages to get in their way and embarrass herself.

**Corral Nocturne** As the sun sets, the lonely Cowgirl is alone with her lovesick musings.

Saturday Night Waltz A dance in the ranch house that evening. The fiddlers tune their instruments and play a slow waltz.

**Hoe-Down** A square dance is interrupted by the entrance of the Cowgirl in a beautiful dress. All the men, including the Head Wrangler, clamor for her attention, but it is the Champion Roper who wins her affection.

Sunday, July 6, 2008

#### **PROGRAM**

Symphony No. 35 in D major, K.385, Haffner Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

- 1. Allegro con spirito
- 2. Andante
- 3. Menuetto Trio
- 4. Presto

Conductors: Yunle Feng (1-2) and James Rappaport (3-4)

Brigg Fair Frederick Delius (1862-1934)

Conductor: Michael Shane Wittenburg

#### INTERMISSION

Bright Blue Music Michael Torke (1962- )

Conductor: William Blair Skinner

Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 97, *Rhenish* Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

- 1. Lebhaft
- 2. Scherzo (Sehr mässig)
- 3. Nicht schnell
- 4. Feierlich
- 5. Lebhaft

Conductors: Timothy Verville (1-2) and Kyunghun Kim (3-5)

#### **BRIGG FAIR**

(English folk song)

It was on the fifth of August, The weather fine and lair, Unto Brigg Fair I did repair For Love I was inclined.

I rose up with the lark in the morning With my heart so full of glee, Of thinking there to meet my dear Long time I wished to see.

I looked over my left shoulder To see whom I could see, And there I spied my own true love Come tripping down to me.

I took hold of her Illy white hand And merrily was her heart, And now we're met together, I hope we ne'er shall part.

For it's meeting is a pleasure And parting is a grief, But an unconstant lover Is worse than a thief.

The green leaves they shall wither And the branches they shall die If ever I prove false to her, To the girl that loves me.

Sunday, July 13, 2008

#### **PROGRAM**

Overture to Rienzi

Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

Conductor: Anna Wittstruck

Symphonie Mathis der Maler

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

- Engelkonzert [Angel Concert]
   Grablegung [Entombment]
   Versuchung des heiligen Antonius [The Temptation of St. Anthony] Conductors: Jun Kim (1-2) and Matthew Wardell (3)

#### INTERMISSION

Overture to The School for Scandal

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Conductor: Wesley Schulz

Symphony No. 2 in B minor

Alexander Borodin (1833-1887)

[Revised and edited by N. Rimsky-Korsakov and A. Glazunov]

- 1. Allegro
- 2. Scherzo (Prestissimo)
- 3. Andante -
- 4. Finale (Allegro)

Conductors: Jeremy Starr (1-2) and Christian Hørbov-Meier (3-4)

PLEASE... Turn off watch alarms, pagers, cell phones, etc. Remain silent while the orchestra tunes. no applause between parts of a multi-section work.

Recording prohibited. Flash photography only allowed between pieces.

#### HINDEMITH: Symphonie Mathis der Maler

The acclaimed Isenheim altarplece by German Renaissance artist Mathias Grünewald (c.1475-1528) served as the Inspiration for Paul Hindemith's opera Mathis der Maler [Matthias the Painter] (1933-35). Hindemith saw parallels between the painter's life and his own, identifying with Grünewald's struggle to reconcile his role as an artist within society. Hindemith himself was the victim of increasing scrutiny and criticism by the Nazi party, which precipitated his exile to Switzerland and ultimately the United States, where he became an American

Before completing his opera, Hindemith composed a symphony based on some of the opera's music. The titles of the symphony's three movements are taken from subjects of some of the panels that make up the Isenheim altarplece. The first movement, *Engelkonzert* [Angel Concert], is music from the prelude to the opera and was inspired by a panel depicting a Nativity scene in which Madonna and Child are serenaded by angels. The second movement, *Grablegung* [Entombment], comes from an interlude in the last scene of the opera and was inspired by a panel depicting the entombment of Christ. The third movement, *Versuchung des heiligen Antonius* [The Temptation of St. Anthony], was inspired by two panels: one is a depiction of St. Anthony's torment and temptation; the other, St. Anthony's visit with St. Paul in the wilderness.

Sunday, July 20, 2008

#### **MEMORIAL CONCERT**

Pierre Monteux (1875-1964) Doris Hodgkins Monteux (1894-1984) Charles Bruck (1911-1995)

#### **PROGRAM**

Two Portraits, Op. 5 (Sz 37)

Béla Bartók (1881 - 1945)

- 1. Ideal (Andante)
- 2. Grotesque (Presto)

Violin Soloist: Simon Bilyk Conductor: Michael Shane Wittenburg

Valses nobles et sentimentales

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

Conductor: Ruth Ochs

#### INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

- Un poco sostenuto ~ Allegro Meno Allegro
   Andante sostenuto
- 3. Un poco Allegretto e grazioso
- 4. Adagio Più Andante Allegro non troppo, ma con brio Più Allegro Conductor: Michael Jinbo

Sunday, July 27, 2008

#### SYMPHONIC POPS CONCERT

#### **PROGRAM**

Procession of the Nobles from Mlada Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

Conductor: Conner Gray Covington

Petite Suite Claude Debussy (1862-1918) (Orch. Henri Büsser)

1. En Bateau [In a Boat]

Cortège
 Menuet

4. Ballet

Conductors: Lucas Darger (1-2) and James Rappaport (3-4)

Johann Strauss, Jr. Tales from the Vienna Woods, Op. 325 (1825-1899)

Conductor: Kyunghun Kim

Fête Polonaise from Le roi malgré lui **Emmanuel Chabrier** (1841-1894)

Conductor: Jesse Livingston

INTERMISSION

#### INTERMISSION

American Salute Morton Gould (1913-1996)

Conductor: Yunle Feng

Three Dance Episodes from On the Town Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

1. The Great Lover

2. Lonely Town (Pas de Deux)
3. Times Square: 1944

Conductor: Timothy Verville

Silent Movie Ralph Hermann (1914-1994)

Conductor: Matthew Wardell

Selections from South Pacific Richard Rodgers (1902-1979) Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960) (Arr. Robert Russell Bennett)

Conductor: Wesley Schulz

#### Thank you!

Thank you for attending our concerts and supporting the Pierre Monteux Memorial Foundation and its program of activities. Your new or continued support ensures that the high quality of training and performance you have witnessed can continue at The Pierre Monteux School for many years after our 65th season has ended!

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# Congratulations to our 2008 Bernard Osher & H. M. Payson Company Scholars

#### H. M. Payson Company Scholar

Sarah Paradis (1st year; trombone) holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Ithaca College, and a master's degree in trombone performance at Indiana University (IU). Sarah has studied trombone with M. Dee Stewart, chair of IU's brass department, and is currently continuing graduate study at IU in the studio of Peter Ellefson. Sarah has performed in her schools' Philharmonic & Opera Orchestras, New Music Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra. Her professional goal is to play and teach music.

#### **Osher Scholars**

Robert Anemone (1st year; violin) graduated this past spring from the Walnut Hill School, where he studied violin performance. He currently studies violin with Magdalena Richter, Chair of the Strings Department in New England Conservatory's (NEC) Preparatory Division. Robert has performed as concertmaster with the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra, Virginia Regional and All-State Orchestras, and the Eastern Music Festival Orchestra. He also continues to play in the NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Robert has also performed on NPR's "From the Top," once with the NEC Youth Philharmonic in Carnegie Hall, and again with the Walnut Hill String Quartet in Jordan Hall. More recently he had a solo appearance with Concord Symphony Orchestra performing Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1. Robert will be attending NEC this fall majoring in violin performance. His goal is to perform as a chamber or orchestral musician.

Simon Bilyk (1st year; violin), a native of Orono (ME), earned a B.M. in violin performance at Oberlin College and Conservatory, studying with Milan Vitek. His experiences playing violin in the Oberlin Orchestra include a performance at Carnegie Hall under the direction of

Robert Spano in 2007, and with Bridget Reichl, Oberlin's Director of Orchestras, in Shanghai and Beijing during the group's 2006 China tour. Simon's goal is to play as a chamber or orchestral musician.

Rosalie Gilbert (2<sup>nd</sup> year; harp) earned her B.M. in harp performance this past spring from the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM), studying with Yolanda Kondanassis. She has also studied harp with Jeanne Chalifoux, Paula Page, and Alice Chalifoux. Rosalie has had a wide range of orchestral experience, serving as principal of both the CIM Contemporary Music Ensemble and the National Festival Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, and as rotating principal in both the CIM Orchestra and Opera Orchestra. She has also received a number of awards including being named a 2003 Maryland Distinguished Scholar in the Arts and winning the Baltimore Harp Festival at the age of twelve. Rosalie has attended other festivals including the International Festival at Roundtop and the Salzedo Harp Colony. Rosalie's career goals include teaching and performance in chamber and orchestral ensembles.

William "Blair" Skinner (2<sup>nd</sup> year conductor; violin) recently completed a B.M. in violin performance from Wheaton College-Conservatory of Music, where he studied violin with Lee Joinor and Paul Zafer, chamber music with Sharon Polifrone, and conducting with Daniel Sommerville. At Wheaton, he served as the Honors Conductor of the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra and Wheaton College Opera Music Theatre Program. He was also a founding member and co-director of Canticum Novum, a chamber orchestra dedicated to historically informed performances of Baroque and pre-Classical music on modern instruments, performing in collaboration with the Wheaton College Concert Choir. As an orchestral musician, he has performed with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, Camerata Chicago, Southern Illinois Music Festival Orchestra, Skokie Valley (IL) Symphony Orchestra, and Paducah (KY) Symphony Orchestra. Blair has participated in conducting classes with John Nelson and Paul Vermel and will begin conducting studies this fall at Northwestern University with Victor Yampolsky.

# CONDUCTORS The Pierre Monteux School 2008

#### CONDUCTING ASSOCIATE

Ruth Ochs currently conducts the Princeton University Sinfonia and the Westminster Community Orchestra, both based in Princeton, NJ. She also serves as resident conductor for faculty performances at the Westminster Conservatory of Music, and in the fall will be teaching music history at Westminster Choir College. As a Fulbright Scholar, she studied and performed at Humboldt University in Berlin. Ruth holds degrees in music and conducting from Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin, and is currently writing a Ph.D. dissertation in musicology at Princeton University.

Brandon Keith Brown (1st year) began violin study at age 10 and joined the NC All-State Orchestra at age 11. At age 14, he began private study with Elaine Richey as a Special Student on full scholarship at the NC School of the Arts, graduating in 1999 with a concentration in violin as a student of Sarah Johnson. He was invited by violin teachers Roland and Almita Vamos to attend the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, following them two years later to Northwestern University, where he received a B.M. in Violin Performance. At Northwestern, he studied conducting with Victor Yampolsky, Mallory Thompson and Robert Hasty. Brandon has attended conducting workshops of the American Symphony Orchestra League, Conductors Guild, International Conductors Workshop and the Conductor's Institute at Bard, working with JoAnn Falleta, Jorge Mester, Carl Topilow, Leonid Korchmar, Oleg Proskurnya, Harold Farberman, Apo Hsu (Monteux School alumna), Raymond Harvey and Marin Alsop.

Conner Gray Covington (1st year) was born in Slidell, LA and grew up primarily in eastern Tennessee. He started violin at age 11 and moved to Houston, TX to finish his final two years of high school at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, where he conducted the orchestra in his senior year. Last summer, he attended the Conductors Institute at South Carolina. For the past two years, he has studied violin with Kyung Sun Lee at the Moores School of Music of the University of Houston. In the fall, Conner will be a junior at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he will study conducting with Dr. Clifton Evans (Monteux School alumnus) and violin with Dr. Martha Walvoord.

Lucas Darger (1st year) began his conducting career in 1998 as an assistant conductor of the All City Children's Orchestra, under the mentorship of Devon English Colby. In 2004, he was hired to conduct the Lincoln Youth Symphony, which he led for two years before leaving to begin graduate studies in Iowa. He has also appeared as guest conductor with the Lake Bonneville Community Symphony. He received a Bachelor's degree in Violin Performance in 2006 from the University of Utah, where he studied violin with David Park and conducting with Dr. Robert Baldwin. He has performed on orchestra tours internationally, including a month-long tour of the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany. Lucas recently completed an M.A. in Orchestral Conducting with Dr. William LaRue Jones at the University of Iowa.

Yunle Feng (1st year) was born in Guangzhou, China. At the age of 3, he began piano study with his father. He currently studies bassoon with George Sakakeeny and conducting with Bridget Reischl at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Recent conducting performances include Schönberg's *Pierrot Lunaire* and the opera *Transformation* by Conra Susa, a collaboration with the Oberlin Opera and Theatre Department. As a first-year Master's student at Oberlin, he will have opportunities to conduct the Oberlin Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra next season and serve as assistant conductor for operatic and choral-orchestral performances.

Christian Hørbov-Meier (2nd year) recently completed a Master of Music degree in Conducting with Professor Jan Wagner at Shenandoah University, where he is presently working towards an Artist Diploma. A native of Denmark, Christian gained conducting experience with three community orchestras before pursuing an education in the United States. In 2006, Christian participated in the finals of the Vakhtang Jordania International Conducting Competition in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Jun Kim (1st year) serves as Music Director of the Cedarville University Orchestra and Assistant Professor of Violin at Cedarville University (OH). He has conducted the State Symphony Orchestra of Russia, St. Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra and Moscow Symphony Orchestra, and in conducting master classes held by the Philharmonisches Kammerorchester of Berlin. He was selected as a master conductor at the 2006 Oregon Bach Festival and participated in the 2007 National Arts Center of Canada conducting program. He was selected for the 2008 Kurt Masur Conducting Seminar and participated in the Winnipeg Symphony Conducting Symposium. He has studied conducting with Jorma Panula, Mark Gorenstein, Kenneth Kiesler, Helmuth Rilling and Gustav Meier. He holds several degrees in violin performance—B.M. from Peabody Institute, M.M. from Indiana University, and an Artist Diploma from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM)—and is currently completing his DMA in violin performance and orchestral conducting at CCM.

Kyunghun Kim (1st year) was born in Seoul, South Korea. He started piano lessons at age 4 with his mother, a music teacher, and later attended Sunhwa Arts High School, where he studied violin, theory and composition. He continued his studies in the United States, graduating from the Boston Conservatory of Music and the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied orchestral conducting with Otto Werner Müller. He has served as assistant conductor of the Metro-West Symphony Orchestra (MA), Bucks County Symphony Orchestra (PA), and the Curtis Opera Department. Kyunghun has guest conducted the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, the Vidin Symphony Orchestra, and many college orchestras in the United States and South Korea.

Jesse Livingston (1st year) received a B.M. in Trumpet Performance and Dalcroze Eurhythmics from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He currently serves as Assistant Conductor of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Symphony Orchestra and studies conducting with Tonu Kalam and William Henry Curry. He has served as conductor for the UNC Opera Theater and as Assistant Conductor for Capitol Opera in Raleigh, NC. His former conducting teachers include Bridget Reischl and Douglas Droste (Monteux School alumnus).

James Rappaport (1st year) began his conducting studies in 2006 with Maryland Symphony's music director, Elizabeth Schulze. His other teachers include Sharon Lavery, Michael Powers and Larry Livingston. James will be a junior at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, working towards a B.A. in Music.

Wesley Schulz (2nd year) is in his third year as Music Director of the University of Texas University Orchestra and also serves as Assistant and Guest Conductor of the University of Texas Symphony Orchestra and conductor of the New Music Ensemble. In 2007, he founded the Texas Chamber Group, which presents chamber-sized orchestral works each semester to the Austin community. A native of Omaha, NE, Wes graduated magna cum laude from Ball State University in 2006 with a B.M. in Percussion Performance, a B.S. in Music Education, and a minor in cello performance. He earned his M.M. in Orchestral Conducting at the University of Texas-Austin, where he is currently pursuing a doctorate as a student of Gerhardt Zimmermann. Besides music, Wes enjoys running marathons as a member of the Austin-based running group Gilbert's Gazelles.

Ashley Scott (1st year) completed a Master's degree in orchestral conducting from Florida State University in 2007. An active teacher, she maintains a thriving studio of viola students and works with young string ensembles in school and summer festival settings. Ashley lives and works in Atlanta, GA with her husband, percussionist Dave Scott.

William Blair Skinner (2nd year) recently completed a B.M. in violin performance from Wheaton College-Conservatory of Music, where he studied violin with Lee Joinor and Paul Zafer, chamber music with Sharon Polifrone, and conducting with Daniel Sommerville. At Wheaton, he served as the Honors Conductor of the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra and Wheaton College Opera Music Theatre Program. He was also a founding member and co-director of Canticum Novum, a chamber orchestra dedicated to historically informed performances of Baroque and pre-Classical music on modern instruments, performing in collaboration with the Wheaton College Concert Choir. As an orchestral musician, he has performed with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, Camerata Chicago, Southern Illinois Music Festival Orchestra, Skokie Valley (IL) Symphony Orchestra, and Paducah (KY) Symphony Orchestra. Blair has participated in conducting classes with John Nelson and Paul Vermel and will begin conducting studies this fall at Northwestern University with Victor Yampolsky.

Jeremy Starr (1st year) received a B.M. degree from Brigham Young University, where he studied violin with Vesna and Igor Gruppman. While in Utah, he played with the Orchestra at Temple Square, a group associated with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. His orchestral experiences include serving as concertmaster of the Idyllwild Festival Orchestra as well as playing in the Wichita Symphony and the Dubuque Symphony. Since the fall of 2006, he has served as orchestra director at St. Ambrose University. Jeremy is currently pursuing a DMA in orchestral conducting with Dr. William LaRue Jones at The University of Iowa.

**Timothy Verville** (1st year) is a bassist and conductor. Originally from Oklahoma, he completed three years as conductor of the Pollard Theatre (Guthrie, OK), and previously held the position of cover conductor of the Oklahoma Youth Symphonies. Currently, Timothy is working towards a graduate degree in orchestral conducting at The Boston Conservatory with Bruce Hangen.

Matthew Wardell (2nd year) began his undergraduate work in percussion and composition at the University of Florida and received a B.M. cum laude from the University of North Florida, where he worked closely with Charlotte Mabrey, principal percussionist of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. While at UNF, he was principal percussionist and assistant conductor of the UNF Wind Ensemble, founded a contemporary music and percussion ensemble, and was awarded both the 20th-Century Music Scholarship and the Lazzara Family Scholarship. In 2008, Matthew was selected to work with Thomas Cockrell and Keith Lockhart (Boston Pops, Utah Symphony) at the College Orchestra Directors Association's National Conference in Provo, UT. Currently, he is pursuing graduate studies in conducting under Raymond Chobaz at the University of Florida, also serving as a Graduate Assistant and Associate Conductor of the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra.

Michael Shane Wittenburg (5th year) was recently appointed Assistant Music Director of the Orlando Opera. He served for six years as Assistant Professor of Music at Lee University, where he was the Music Director of the Chamber Orchestra and Opera Theatre. He was named a 2008 Mary Ragland Young Artist at the Nashville Opera, where he directed 66 performances, including the world premiere of the children's opera *The Ugly Duckling*. As a pianist, he made solo appearances with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, Chattanooga Symphony and Opera, World Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Eastman Wind Ensemble. He was also a violinist in the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera and the organist at Christ United Methodist Church of Chattanooga. A graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy, his training includes Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Piano Performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he held a fellowship in opera coaching and was awarded the prestigious Performer's Certificate. Michael holds a Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Anna Wittstruck (1st year) is currently pursuing a B.A. in Music at Princeton University, with certificates in conducting and creative writing. At Princeton, she is the Associate Conductor of the Sinfonia Orchestra and Assistant Conductor and principal cellist of the Princeton University Orchestra. As a cellist, she has appeared as soloist with the Charlotte and Hendersonville Symphonies and on the Public Radio International show From The Top. She played for four seasons as the youngest contracted member of the Asheville (NC) Symphony; participated in orchestra festivals at Round Top, the National Symphony Orchestra/Kennedy Center Institute and Tanglewood; and participated in the Viva Vivaldi! 2002 All-Girl Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. Anna is a graduate of the NC School of the Arts and now studies cello with Alan Stepansky and conducting with Michael Pratt.

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