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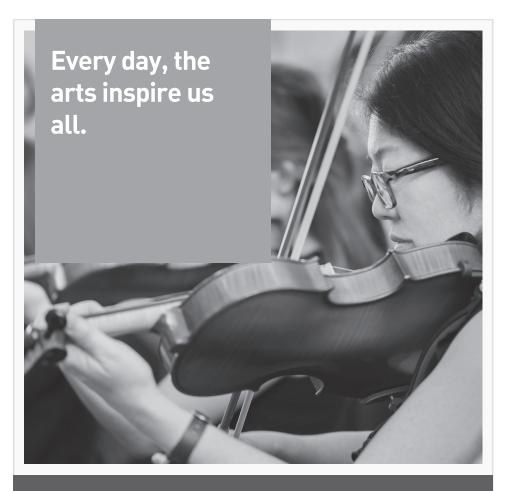
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Philip Glass (b. 1937)

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Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Symphony No. 7, Op. 92

(40 minutes)

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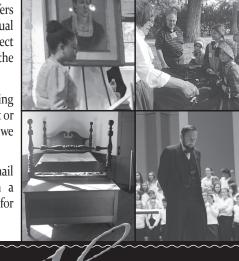




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The Central Ohio Symphony Today's Guest Artists

Angel Victoria Tyler, soprano, is a graduate from SUNY Oswego where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance under the training of Dr. Mihoko Tsutsumi. While at Oswego, she was an active member of multiple vocal ensembles including State Singers and Festival Chorus and served as the President and Treasurer of each ensemble respectively. She frequently participated in many of Oswego Opera Theater's productions including The Mikado, Die Fledermaus, Don Giovanni, Noye's Fludde (Ham's



Wife), and La Serva Padrona (Serpina). She has notable concert and oratorio experience including performing as the soprano soloist for Saint-Saëns' Oratorio del Noel and Faure's Requiem with Oswego's Festival Chorus and College-Community Orchestra and "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" for the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America in Cleveland, Ohio last summer.

In addition to her performing experience, she has significant experience in music directing, choral conducting, and music education. While at Oswego, she was the Assistant Music Director for the musical "The Fantasticks" and was a teaching assistant for several music courses within the music department. She also served as the Soprano section leader at her home church, Original Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, prior to relocating to work as a Residential Life Coordinator at Ohio Wesleyan University. Angel is extremely grateful for the opportunity to, once again, perform with the Central Ohio Symphony and would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support. And as always, she thanks all the lovely music educators in her life for their wisdom and care, particularly, Dr. Mihoko Tsutsumi.

John Kilkenny is a percussionist, conductor, and artistic leader who is rewriting the rules of a classical music career. John is the Artistic and Executive Director of the Sewanee Music Center, a position he has held since 2018. During this tenure, the festival has seen a 30% increase in enrollment, a 147% increase in annual giving, three new endowment gifts, and a vast expansion of artistic and educational programs. As part of this expansion, in January 2021, the Sewanee Music Festival launched its first-ever WinterFest. Offered digitally, this groundbreaking new program



Today's Guest Artists, continued

focused on career development, community engagement, performance practice, and in-depth study of orchestral and symphonic literature. In 2023 Sewanee Summer Music Festival became the Sewanee Music Center, overseeing the Summer Festival and the University Performing Arts Series. The Music Center will reach thousands of participants and patrons annually through in-person and online programming. Artistically, SSMF has shone brightly during John's tenure. In recent seasons, the festival has commissioned or premiered new works by Avner Dorman, Alejandro Vinao, Jorge Variego, Adolphus Hailstork, and Timothy K. Adams, Jr. The 2024 festival will premiere a new work for voice and chamber ensemble by acclaimed composer Shawn Okpebholo. In 2019 the festival added a two-week string academy, and in 2021 launched OperaFest Sewanee. Guest conductors have included Robert Moody, JoAnn Falletta, Gemma New, Kalena Bovell, Jacomo Bairos, Jeffery Grogan, Andrew Crust, and Janna Hymes.

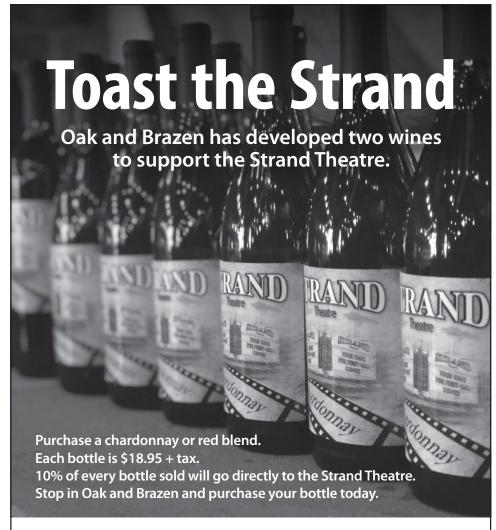
A committed and inclusive leader, John has worked with his colleagues at the festival to build deep and meaningful relationships with several Musical Pathways programs, resulting in one of the most diverse student populations of any summer program.

Hailed as a "particularly fine timpanist" by the Washington Post, John maintains a dynamic career as a soloist, orchestral, and chamber musician. Recent concerto performances include the Philip Glass Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists, Michael Daugherty's Raise the Roof, UFO percussion concerto, and Viet Cuong's Re(NEW)al concerto for quartet and orchestra. His orchestral work includes regular engagements with virtually every symphony and opera company in the DC region.

For 15 years, John was Director of Percussion Studies and Associate Professor at George Mason University. The Mason percussion group, which John founded, has performed all over the world, including tours of Costa Rica, scheduled tours of China, and clinic performances at the Virginia Music Educators, New York State Music Educators Western International Band Conference, The College Music Society mid-Atlantic, and National Convention, and twice at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention.

Recognized internationally as an engaging and thoughtful clinician, John has enjoyed the unique opportunity to work with gifted young musicians at a wide range of institutions, including the Eastman School of Music, the Shepherd School at Rice University, The University of Michigan, The Juilliard Pre-College, Interlochen School for the Arts, University of Tennessee, University of North Carolina, The National Institute of Music in San Jose Costa Rica, The University of Costa Rica, and the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He has presented regular workshops for percussion students at New York University for several years.

John studied conducting with Anthony Maiello and began early percussion training with Jonathan Haas and William Richards. He received his bachelor's degree at the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Greg Zuber and Daniel Druckman.



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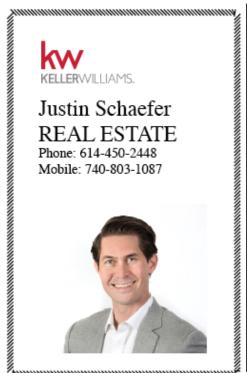
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He completed a Master's Degree at Temple University, where he studied with legendary percussionist Alan Abel. Additional studies include management and leadership training at the Devos Institute at the Kennedy Center, The Fundraising Standard, and The Harvard Business School online. Starting in March 2021, John assumed the role of Executive Director of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera alongside his continued work at Sewanee.

Warren W. Hyer has been a percussionist since age twelve. And he just doesn't play percussion; he has collected hundreds of percussion items. He also makes the instruments, including restoring, retuning, and rebuilding custom percussion instruments for customers nationwide.

Warren is the Executive Director of the Central Ohio Symphony. He has been with the organization since its inception in 1978: as a trustee, personnel manager, and Executive Director. He has also played in the orchestra since it began in 1978 and is now the last remaining musician with it since it first took the stage.



Warren has a percussion degree from Ohio State. He has lived in Delaware his entire life, giving him a feel for this community far beyond the concert hall.

Along with Conductor Jaime Morales-Matos and previous Conductor Emeritus Chris Weait, Warren has been the driving force in growing the orchestra from a homespun community group to the professional orchestra it is today. More than merely growing the group, he has looked beyond the stage to reach out into the community—city, county, and farther—to engage everyone in music. That includes the Link Up project with the county's school districts, the innovative Reconnecting therapeutic drumming program, and the Play It Again program of new music. Because of the innovative programs Warren has developed over the years, he has presented at conferences for the League of American Orchestras, the Percussive Arts Society, statewide mental health conferences, and the Ohio Supreme Court's Specialized Docket's training. He authored a chapter in the book, *Not Far from Me: Stories of Opioids and Ohio*.

A prolific grant writer, warren has enabled the Symphony to receive numerous local, state, regional and national grants to support the organization's programming.

There are those in the music field who recognize that percussionists make good leaders because percussionists spend much of their time coordinating equipment, organizing a section, a lot of listening and observing during rehearsals and concerts. A percussionist must always be aware of what is going on at any moment in the work and always look ahead to see what is coming up. And the percussion session, with its rhythm, is what drives the group.

In support of that theory, Warren notes that the two percussion soloists today are also executive directors of orchestras!



Conductor Jaime Morales-Matos

Whether he is holding a trombone or a baton, Music Director Jaime Morales-Matos is at home on stage here or around the world.

Jaime was appointed Music Director of the Central Ohio Symphony in June 2002 and is starting his 20th season with the orchestra. He has enjoyed great success in a broad range of programming and has been instrumental in making the orchestra a recognized artistic leader

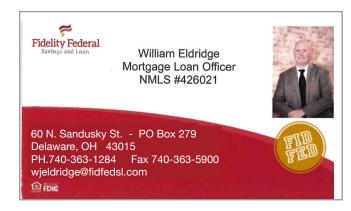
both in the local community and throughout the central Ohio region.

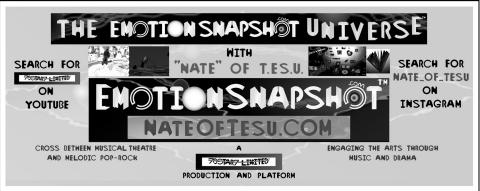
Born in Puerto Rico, Jaime spent his university years in the United States. He graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Music degree and an Artist Diploma in Trombone, the first such diploma granted to a brass player. He furthered his studies at Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he received his Master of Music degree in 1995.

Jaime has studied conducting with a number of world-renown maestros, including Hans Graf in Vienna, where he received a Diploma in Conducting. After attending the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen in 2000, he made his conducting debut in 2003 with members of the New York Philharmonic at the prestigious Casals Festival; that concert was recorded and broadcast on public television. In 2007, Jaime was selected by the American Symphony Orchestra League as one of the most promising young conductors while participating in the Bruno Walter Conductor Preview held with the Jacksonville Symphony in Florida.

Jaime has been conducting in the United States, South America, the Caribbean, and Europe for almost two decades, as well as in his native Puerto Rico. As a trombonist, he has performed extensively in Ohio and elsewhere, including with the New World Symphony and the Asturias, Granada, and Galicia Symphony Orchestras in Spain. He is very active in chamber music with the Gabrieli Brass Quintet, Top Brass, and the Upbeat Brass. He has premiered various concertos and other works written primarily for him.

Jaime is a composer and arranger of popular music, including music for "Puerto Rico," an Omni vision film presented at the World Expo '92.









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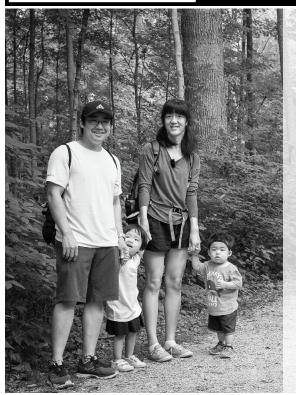
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Nightsongs: H. Leslie Adams (b. 1932)

Ohio composer H. Leslie Adams' cycle "Nightsongs." also referred to as "Six Afro-American Songs", premiered on December 1st, 1961. It is set to the text of poems by Black poets. Since its premiere in 1961, the cycle has been arranged in various keys and arranged for chamber orchestra and string quartet. On Adam's website the following information is shared regarding the cycle: "While residing in New York City during the early 1960s, Adams met the writer and poet Langston Hughes (1902-67). Adams expressed his great response to the work of the poet, as well as a desire to set some of the author's poetry to music. Following a brief period of written correspondence, Hughes granted Adams formal permission to set a number of the texts to music. Among these were 'Prayer' and 'Fantasy in Purple,' the latter being renamed 'Drums of Tragedy.' After setting the above texts, the Composer set other texts from a poetry anthology to music: 'Night Song,' text by Clarissa Scott Delaney (1901-1927); 'The Heart of a Woman,' text by Georgia Douglas Johnson (1886-1966); 'Sence You Went Away,' text by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938); and 'Creole Girl,' text by Leslie Morgan Collins (1915-2014)... According to Darryl Taylor, 'The thematic commonality of the songs suggests night moods and subjects involving nocturnal activities.'

Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists and OrchestraPhilip Glass (b. 1937)

For the first time, Philip Glass' Timpani Concerto will be performed by two symphonic Executive Directors, the Chattanooga Symphony's John Kilkenny and the Central Ohio Symphony's Warren Hyer.

Contemporary composer Philip Glass is known for his "minimalistic" sound and has collaborated with multi-media artists, Allen Ginsberg, Leonard Cohen, and David Bowie. Beyond the concert hall, Glass has written music for experimental theater and for Academy Award-winning motion pictures such as "The Hours" and Martin Scorsese's "Kundun."

The Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists and Orchestra which premiered November 19, 2000, in Avery Fisher Hall (now David Geffen Hall) Lincoln Center in New York City. was commissioned for Jonathan Haas, it featured Svetoslav Stoyanovby with the American Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Leon Botstein.

The composer provided the following notes on the piece: "Jonathan Haas approached me almost ten years ago with an invitation to write a Timpani Concerto for him. It seemed we were in agreement to begin our project when a series of operas and symphonic commissions led to a series of postponements.

Now, years later, the work is finally completed, a three movement concerto with cadenza. It has also grown into a "double" concerto requiring two timpanists playing a total of nine timpani between them." -Philip Glass

Symphony No. 7 in A major, Opus 92Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Symphony No. 7 is one of the most energetic and boisterous symphonies composed by Beethoven. Between 1811 and 1812, Beethoven wrote the work while trying to improve his deteriorating health in a Bohemian spa town. Despite the buoyant and beautiful characteristics of his seventh symphony, Beethoven was suffering both physically and emotionally. His hearing and health were continuing to worsen and his heart was suffering from a recent and abrupt end of a love affair.

Dedicated to Count Moritz von Fries and Russian Empress Elisabeth Aleksiev, Beethoven's Seventh Symphony premiered at the University of Vienna on December 8, 1813, and the composer enthusiastically conducted the piece himself, even jumping into the air at one point. The concert was a benefit for Austrian and Bavarian soldiers wounded at the Battle of Hanau. The program for the premiere also included "Wellington's Victory," or "The Battle of Vitoria," in celebration of the British victory against Napoleon, as Beethoven and others were tiring of Napoleon's violent agendas. The symphony's premier met with such success that it was repeated again later that month in January 1814 and once again in February.

The first movement was the largest symphonic entrance ever heard within the construct of a symphony up until this point. Although the music begins somewhat slowly in A major and then C major by the oboe, the strings make way for the vivace entrance of the flute. The flute plays the folk-like first theme but then Beethoven expands it into one of the largest palatial aural harmonic spaces ever composed, still to this day.

The memorable second movement is marked by a distinctive rhythm and two melodies, one driving and the other lighter, played by the strings. The third movement mixes a joyful scherzo and an Austrian hymn. The final movement, Allegro con brio, is again vigorous and bright, written in sonata form. Beethoven uses sudden dynamic changes, orchestral punctuation, key changes, and rhythm to contrast and delineate, for there are truly no slow movements in this symphony.

Beethoven considered Opus 92 one his best works. Although his audience was more eager to hear and celebrate "Wellington's Victory" than to attend the premiere of his Seventh Symphony, they loved the second movement "Allegretto" so much, they demanded an immediate encore. To this day, the "Allegretto" remains popular and is often performed separately.

Glass and Beethoven program notes by Hillary Fowler



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The Symphony's programming features traditional orchestral classics as well as new music, recognizing that this orchestra is more than a classical music museum. Over the past 44 seasons, it has presented over 75 premieres, from new arrangements of Saint-Saëns to 21st century compositions by Pulitzer Prize winning composers.

Looking to the future, the Symphony is committed to presenting composers, musicians, and other artists who represent a wide diversity of talents, backgrounds, approaches, ethnicities, and identifications. An important component of its programming has been its Ohio Artists and Composers projects to bring regional talent to the audience.

Over the years, the Symphony has broadened its community engagement beyond the concert hall. From "Reconnecting," its groundbreaking therapeutic drumming program in the Juvenile Court, to its summer music festival bringing live music throughout Delaware County, the Symphony is continually looking for innovative ways to make music accessible to all. As the only small budget orchestra to receive touring support from the Ohio Arts Council, the group has played throughout Ohio.

The Symphony partners with area school districts in bringing Link Up, a Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute program, to 4th graders throughout the county, moving music education from merely attending a concert to a year-long educational curriculum in class culminating with a participatory concert in which the students play and sing along with the orchestra. The experience of attending a Link Up concert with 900+ 4th graders performing in Gray Chapel with the Symphony is unforgettable!

In 2022, the Symphony widened its musical offerings and opportunities to reach more diversed audience through its "Play It Again" series. "Play It Again" presents new works which have been previously premiered but have not had additional performances. Curated by composer and board member Jennifer Jolley, the repertoire for this program is by traditionally underrepresented composers performed not only in the concert hall but at other more accessible venues in the Delaware community.

Since its beginning, the Symphony has made its home for 44 seasons in the acoustically remarkable Gray Chapel in partnership with host Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Central Ohio Symphony, as it looks forward, is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to "Engage the Community through Music.TM"

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The Poetry of Nightsongs

"Prayer" (by Langston Hughes)

I ask you this:

Which way to go?

I ask you this:

Which sin to bear?

Which crown to put

Upon my hair?

I do not know,

Lord God.

I do not know.

"Drums of Tragedy" (by Langston Hughes)

(originally "Fantasy in Purple")

Beat the drums of tragedy for me.

Beat the drums of tragedy and death.

And let the choir sing a stormy song

To drown out the rattle of my dying breath.

Beat the drums of tragedy for me.

And let the white violins whir thin and slow,

But blow one blaring trumpet note of sun

To go with me to the darkness where I go.

"The Heart of a Woman" (by Georgia Douglas Johnson)

The heart of a woman goes forth with the dawn,

As a lone bird, soft winging, so restlessly on,

Afar o'er life's turrets and vales does it roam

In the wake of those echoes the heart calls home.

The heart of a woman falls back with the night,

And enters some alien cage in its plight,

And tries to forget it has dreamed of the stars

While it breaks, breaks on the sheltering bars.

"Night Song" (by Clarissa Scott Delany)

The night was made for rest and sleep, For winds that softly sigh; It was not made for grief and tears; So then why do I cry? The wind that blows through leafy trees is soft and warm and sweet; For me the night is a gracious cloak to hide my soul's defeat. Just one dark hour of shaken depths, of bitter black despair-Another day will find me brave, and not afraid to dare.

"Sence You Went Away" (by James Weldon Johnson)

Seems lak to me de stars don't shine so bright,

Seems lak to me de sun done loss his light,

Seems lak to me der's nothin' goin' right,

Sence you went away.

Seems lak to me de sky ain't half so blue,

Seems lak to me dat eve'ything wants you,

Seems lak to me I don't know what to do,

Sence you went away.

Seems lak to me dat eve'ything is wrong,

Seems lak to me de day's jes twice ez long,

Seems lak to me de bird's forgot his song,

Sence you went away.

Seems lak to me I jes can't he'p but sigh,

Seems lak to me ma th'oat keeps gittin' dry,

Seems lak to me a tear stays in ma eye,

Sence you went away.

"Creole Girl" (by Leslie Morgan Collins)

When you dance, do you think of Spain,

Purple skirts and clipping castanets,

Creole Girl?

When you laugh, do you think of France,

Golden wine and mincing minuets,

Creole Girl?

When you sing, do you think of young America,

Grey guns and battling bayonets?

When you cry, do you think of Africa,

Blue nights and casual canzonets?

When you dance, do you think of Spain,

Purple skirts and clipping castanets,



"Play It Again" is a project designed to give composers a chance for a second or third performance of their composition after the debut. Composer Jennifer Jolley worked closely with Jaime Morales-Matos and Warren Hyer in selecting the composers, the works,

and the guest artists. An additional performance of a composition is an opportunity to further a composer's career and to share with our audience up and coming composers in the symphonic world. "Play it Again" is an ongoing part of our concerts.