

#### University Symphony Orchestra ASU Choral Union

Robert Hamilton, piano Thomas Landschoot, violoncello Timothy Russell, conductor

School of Music Herberger College of the Arts Arizona State University

Friday, October 26, 2007 7:30 p.m. ASU Gammage

# **MUSIC**



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Program

Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Prologue

Somewhere

Scherzo

Mambo

Cha-cha

Meeting Scene

Cool Fugue

Rumble

Finale

Played without pause

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Show's Opening on Broadway

Choral Fantasy, opus 80

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Robert Hamilton, piano

We would like to express our appreciation to Steinway of Phoenix for their generosity in providing the Steinway piano for this evening's performance.

#### Intermission

Concerto for Violoncello & Orchestra in B minor, opus 104

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Allegro

Adagio, ma non troppo Finale: Allegro moderato

Thomas Landschoot, violoncello

Out of respect for the performers and those audience members around you, please turn all pagers, cell phones, and watches to silent mode. Thank you.

#### Text and Translation

#### Beethoven, Choral Fantasy, opus 80

Schmeichelnd hold und lieblich klingen unsers Lebens Harmonien, und dem Schönheitsinn entschwingen Blumen sich, die ewig blüh'n.

Fried' und Freude gleiten freundlich wie der Wellen Wechselspiel; was sich drängte rauh und feindlich, ordnet sich zu Hochgefühl.

Wenn der Töne Zauber walten und des Wortes Weihe spricht, muss sich Herrliches gestalten, Nacht und Stürme werden Licht,

äuss're Ruhe, inn're Wonne herrschen für den Glücklichen. Doch der Künste Frühlingssonne lässt aus beiden Licht entstehn.

Grosses, das in's Herz gedrungen, blüht dann neu und schön empor, hat ein Geist sich aufgeschwungen, hall't ihm stets ein Geisterchor.

Nehmt denn hin, ihr schönen Seelen, froh die Gaben schöner Kunst. Wenn sich Lieb und Kraft vermählen, lohnt den Menschen Göttergunst.

-Christian Kuffner

Beguilingly pleasing and lovely is the sound of our life's harmonies, and from the sense of beauty blossoms arise that bloom forever.

Peace and joy flow hand in hand like ever-changing waves; whatever pushes forward, rough and hostile, gives way to exultation.

When music's enchantment reigns and the Consecrating Word speaks, everything must transform itself into magnificence; night and tempests become light;

Outer calm and inner bliss guide the prosperous onward. Yet the springtime sun of the arts draws from both their rejuvenating light.

Greatness that touches the heart blooms anew and fair on high; when the spirit soars upward, it ever resounds with the chorus of spirits.

Take gladly then, you beautiful souls, the gifts of fairest art. When love and might are joined, humanity is rewarded with divine grace.

-tr. David Schildkret

## Biographies

**Timothy Russell** is in his 15<sup>th</sup> year as a Professor of Music and Director of Orchestras at Arizona State University. In addition, he directs the School's graduate orchestral conducting program. Dr. Russell is also the co-founder and Music Director of the award-winning ProMusica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio. He was the recipient of the 2006 Ohioana Pegasus Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the arts and humanities.

Russell has been a frequent guest conductor with The Phoenix Symphony, including highly acclaimed full-length productions with Ballet Arizona. The conductor/producer of twenty-seven CDs, Russell has received two Grammy nominations. All of his recordings have been enthusiastically received by listeners and critics alike, as has his vital and imaginative orchestral leadership. Russell has conducted the world premiere performances of over ninety new compositions.

Internationally respected pianist and recording artist **Robert Hamilton** has had the unusual distinction of being enthusiastically reviewed by two chief music critics for The New York Times. Harold C. Schonberg (who also authored *The Great Pianists*) wrote: "He is a very fine artist. All of Hamilton's playing has color and sensitivity...one of the best of the million or so around." And Donald J. Henahan reported: "It was an enthralling listening experience. We must hear this major talent again, and soon!"

Mr. Hamilton's performance career beginnings were comparatively modest, but varied. Fluent as a high school student on three instruments – piano, clarinet and bassoon – he performed five standard concerti representing his three solo areas. He studied at Indiana University with the first winner of the coveted Levintritt award, Sidney Foster, and graduated summa cum laude. A move to New York City brought studies with Dora Zaslavsky of the Manhattan School, additional coaching from legendary pianist Vladimir Horowitz. Five prizes in major international competitions added more concerts and opportunities.

Hamilton has made many concert tours of four continents, appearing in the major halls of most music capitals. His orchestral engagements have included the Chicago Symphony, National Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Grant Park Symphony, Chautauqua Symphony and S.O.D.R.E. An appearance at the great hall of the Moscow Conservatory brought a ten-minute standing ovation, and he made an appearance in St. Petersburg that was televised across Russia. Mr. Hamilton has been heard over numerous radio networks including NPR, ABC, BBC London, Voice of America, Armed Forces Network, DRS Zurich and Radio Warsaw. He has recorded for Phillips, Orion and Summit Records. A recent 2004 Summit release brought this comment from Audiophile Audition: "Hamilton has a blazingly brilliant approach to this repertory, delivering very powerful and often breathtaking interpretations. Exposure to these performances will make any future hearing of the works seem pallid." The American Record Guide added this: "Hamilton's playing is full of integrity, rare brilliance and grandeur. This is a pianist I would like to have studied with."

## Biographies

Hamilton currently has an exciting class of international students at ASU, and has given master classes throughout the world. Featured in the book *The Most Wanted Piano Teachers in the USA*, Mr. Hamilton also served as Artistic Director of the London Piano Festival during the 1990s. Since the year 2000, he has joined with Vladimir Feltsman and a distinguished group of prominent international pianists each July for PianoSummer in New York. Robert Hamilton is an official Steinway Artist.

Thomas Landschoot joined the Herberger College School of Music faculty of Arizona State University after having taught at the University of Michigan. Born in Belgium, Landschoot began studying the cello at the age of six with his father, leading to a successful career as soloist and teacher.

He performs virtually the entire standard cello repertoire, as well as works by contemporary composers such as Witold Lutoslawski, Kristof Penderecki and Bernd Alois Zimmermann. Several composers have dedicated their works to him. Mr. Landschoot has played numerous recitals in Europe, the United States and Asia, both as a soloist and in chamber music settings. He is a founding member of the Chamber Ensemble Bloomington in Japan, the Taman Trio in Europe and the Trio du Soleil in the US.

Mr. Landschoot has been involved in an interdisciplinary public service project resulting in the building of an orphanage and hospital in Tamil Nadu, India. A documentary film of the cellist performing in India has been combined with photography, culinary, journalism and new compositions.

He recently performed with the National Orchestra of Belgium, the Frankfurt Chamber Orchestra, Prima la Musica, Tempe Symphony and the Orchestra of the United States Army Band. His interviews and performances have been broadcast on radio and television in Europe, Japan and the United States and recordings are available on Summit, Organic and Centaur Records.

Mr. Landschoot was awarded the Katherine K. Herberger College of the Arts Distinguished Tenure Track/Tenured Faculty Teaching Award in 2005.

Landschoot has given masterclasses at conservatories and universities throughout Asia, the U.S., Europe. He spends his summers performing and teaching at places like the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Killington Music Festival, Meadowmount School of Music, and the Texas Music Festival.

**David Schildkret**, conductor of the ASU Choral Union, is chair of the choral program at Arizona State University. He also leads the Chamber Singers, and he oversees the doctoral program in choral conducting. In addition to his work at ASU, he is the Director of Music at Scottsdale United Methodist Church and is conductor of the Mount Desert Summer Chorale in Bar Harbor, Maine. He is an officer in the Arizona chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and serves on the board for the National Collegiate Choral Organization. He is the founding editor of *The Choral Scholar*, the NCCO's online journal.

# Arizona State University Choral Union

David Schildkret, conductor

Soprano Ginny Andrews Karen R. Annis Amanda Arnett Lauren Bass Iris Blake Marie Burch Jeannie Chang Diane Cole Lila Deidiker Megan Drechsel Kristie Etling Karen Gerwig Barbara Gould Rachel Hastings Kim Headlee Krista Hetsler Carissa Howden Dellamae Jennison Ella Johnson Tori Keating Patricia Kenady Jee Hvun Kim Soo-Lin Lee Sister Joan Marie Madden Linda McCormick Randi Meador Elizabeth Morris Tiffany Mortensen Michaline Oliinyk Erin Parrott Tacy Pillow Amelia Poll Joanna Provencal Haylee Reynolds Julie Roman Janis Ryan Shari Samuelson-Wesely Kate Sessions Reinée Sheffield Havlee Smith Jenny Smolnik Jean J. Steele Alli Swain Natalie Taysom Kristen Thomasson Kellie Volant Eleanore Wardlaw Camille Waseta

Alto Mary Barta Mary Jo Becker Laura Boone Marilyn Brafford Lara Carlson Emmalyn Corman Barbara Daniel Diane DeLello Stefanie Duch Arlys Eaton Judy Ethington Beth Fioritto Susan L. Fuhrer Jennifer Garrett Gini Gregg Chelsea Jenkins Dorothy Johnsen Jan Kurdziel Jenni Lee Jane Little Liana MacNeill Alise Martin Jacquelyn Medina Biruta Melessa Sue Miles Madeline Moore Katherine Motil Marianne Murzyn Judith Pannell Irene Pappas Ann Piedra Colleen Porter Glenda Rauscher Nedda Reghabi Diane Renne **Emily Reynolds** Nancy Rosenthal Laura Safsten Lu Sanford Darci Shumway Patricia Stamper Christine Storey Talia Tsosie

Lee Van Camp

Margaret Webb

Julie Weinberg

Carol K. West

Heidi Whipple

Judy Waltz

Tenor John Adams Richard Fawley Michael Fillman Brent C. Gardner Daniel Gerwig Michael Gifford Melanie Herricks Mike Kaiser Daniel Kendall Benjamin T. Kulas Vincent Lane Michael Lottes Robert Moodie Nick Pullin Ron Raynes John F. Schiffer Bernard Van Emden Phil VanderMeer Dick Watt

Bass In Hwan Choi Ho Yan Chu Michael Diebert Elvin Dioquino David F. Doeller Christoph Gales Paul Gales Jr. Paul M. Gales David Hale Allen Holloway Serop Jaklian Norman Jenson Robert Johnsen Christopher M. Kelley Anthony Lacagnina Michael Lacagnina Richard Larsen Arnold Maltz Thor Mikesell Matthew Montana Charles C. Newton David Roman Robert Rosenthal Dan Ryan Dan Sagramoso **Bob Simington** Mark Sims Carric Smolnik Jeff Wilkinson

**Assistant Conductor** Jennifer Garrett

Rehearsal Accompanist Norman Jenson

# University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Russell, conductor

Violin I
Sarah Bowlin**
Angela Cassette
Xi Wang
Christian Simmelink
Laura Speck
Aleksandr Spiridonov
Victoria Gorbich
Cristinel Băcanu
Tamara Freida
Holly Roberts
Ricardo Elias-Rodriguez
Molly McCarthy
Alyssa Saint
Alisha Bean
Bonnie Teplik
Karla Loaiza-Yee

Violin II Eliza Hesse\* Gina Dyches Taylor Morris Terra Warger Kate Bivona Samuel Golden Chung Gum Kang Thalia Coombs Ansel Eklund Loren Stallcop Jessica Brooksby Tian Long Sun Vanessa R. Castillo

Viola Kim Teachout\* Allyson Wuenschel Louis Privitera Jr. Matthew W. Gordon Alexander Vittal Megan Leigh Smith Cicely DeSalle Padua Canty Lauren Mulligan Garrett McDaniel Whitney Smith

Cello Hope Shepherd ^ Nelly Rocha ^ Mark Schoellhammer Evan Henley Amy L. Huziak Willie Braun Jennifer McConaghie Molly Rife Adele E. Stein Sabina Ahmad-Post Vanessa Belknap Kelly McVey Ruth Wenger Kathleen Snyder

Bass Christopher Rose\* Daniel Stotz Rossine Parucci Juan J. Garcia Ovidiu L. Manolache T. J. Maliszewski William Brichetto Joe Tyksinski Patrick Cooper John Sims Flute

Nadine Luke Piccolo Kathryn Schaap Nadine Luke

Oboe Dane Philipsen ^ Katie Mordarski ^ Carly Aylworth

**English Horn** Carly Aylworth

Derek J. Wright ^ Felipe Vera + Jordan Robert Nathan Stark Dawnya Chavis ^ Guan-Lin Yeh Kathryn Schaap ^ Robbie Buss

Horn

Trumpet # Jason Johnson Brittany Hendricks Chad T. Daigle William Anonie Kent Foss

Trombone Josh Bledsoe\* Matthew Petterson

Bass Trombone Patrick Lawrence

Tuba Mark Kleine Edwin Brown Jennifer Kabbas Matthew Miracle Harp

Clarinet #

Kim Endel

Eb Clarinet

**Bass Clarinet** 

Jennifer Kabbas

Alto Saxophone

Julie Ann Link ^

Contra Bassoon

Hugo Doege^

Ashley Haney

Ashley Haney

Rachel Seay ^

Kevin Feeken

Bassoon

Kim Endel

Anne Keller Piano/Celesta

Brandon S. Matthews

Timpani/Percussion Elizabeth DeLamater\* Tyler Worley Tyler Stell Matt Watson Brad Stell

\*\* Concertmaster

\* Principal

^ Co-principals + Assistant

# For this concert this section is using a rotating seating plan.

**Orchestra** Assistants Jacob Harrison Brandon S. Matthews Jana Minov

Orchestra Librarian Jacob Harrison

Orchestra Manager Rossine Parucci

Orchestra Office Specialist Linda Bennett

Special thanks to Danwen Jiang Jonathan Swartz Nancy Buck Thomas Landschoot Catalin Rotaru Martin Schuring Sam Pilafian

## **Upcoming Events**

University Symphony Orchestra Friday, November 16, 2007 7:30 p.m. Pinnacle Presbyterian Church 25150 N. Pima Rd., North Scottsdale Danwen Jiang, violin soloist Brent Hylton, organ soloist Timothy Russell, conductor

Tickets: \$25 Adult & \$5 Student; call 480.585.9448

University Symphony Orchestra & Sinfonietta
Monday, November 19, 2007
7:30 p.m.
ASU Gammage
Danwen Jiang, violin soloist
Kimberly Marshall, organ soloist
Timothy Russell, Jacob Harrison, and Jana Minov, conductors

University Symphony Orchestra & ASU Choral Union Holiday Concert Sunday, December 2, 2007 2:30 p.m. ASU Gammage Timothy Russell and David Schildkret, conductors

Tickets: \$12.50 Adult & \$7.50 Student ASU Gammage Box Office: 480.965.3434 or asugammage.com

**EVENTS INFORMATION** 480.965.TUNE (480.965.8863) herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar