# UNCSA Symphony Orchestra with Thomas Wilkins: Mahler 5!

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Symphony No. 5 (1901-902)......Gustav Mahler Part I (1860 - 1911)

Trauermarsch (Funeral march). In gemessenem Schritt. Streng.
Wie ein Kondukt (At a measured pace. Strict. Like a
funeral procession.) C-sharp minor

Stürmisch bewegt, mit größter Vehemenz (Moving stormily, with the greatest vehemence) A minor

Part II

Scherzo. Kräftig, nicht zu schnell (Strong and not too fast) D major

Logan Fischer, corno obligato

Part III

Adagietto. Sehr langsam (Very slow) F major Rondo—Finale. Allegro—Allegro giocoso. Frisch (Fresh) D major

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

THOMAS WILKINS is principal conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, artistic advisor for education and community engagement for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and principal guest conductor of the Virginia Symphony. Wilkins is also the Henry A. Upper Chair of Orchestral Conducting at Indiana University, a position established by the late Barbara and David Jacobs as a part of that university's "Matching the Promise Campaign."

Wilkins completed his long and successful tenure as music director of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra at the close of the 2020/2021 season. Other past positions have included resident conductor of the Detroit Symphony and Florida Orchestra (Tampa Bay) and associate conductor of the Richmond (VA) Symphony. He also has served on the music faculties of North Park University (Chicago), the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

During his conducting career, he has led orchestras throughout the United States, including the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony and the National Symphony. Additionally, he has guest conducted the Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras, the symphonies of Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Baltimore, San Diego and Utah and the Buffalo and Rochester philharmonics, as well as at the Grant Park Music Festival in Chicago.

A native of Norfolk, VA, Wilkins is a graduate of the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music. He and his wife, Sheri-Lee, are the proud parents of twin daughters, Erica and Nicole.

## **UNCSA Symphony Orchestra**

Thomas Wilkins. Guest Conductor and Artist-in-Residence

#### Violin

Roni Shitrit. concertmaster Ruth Kellev. associate concertmaster José Olea Vico. assistant concertmaster Bella Ward. principal second Raphael Papo assistant principal second Ashley Abraham Sophie Anderson Heather Blake Christina Demetropoulos Ellie Dixon Marta Điorović Kennedy Graves Luca Kevorkian Finnian Long Rosemarie Nelson Zachary Olsen Christine Park Isabella Parker Addy Quinn Keely Reitman Zandra Sain Matthias Semrau Austen Speare Nate Thomeer Carlos Torres Ada Walker Clara Weigele

#### Viola

Nicolas Williams

Austin Zhona

Yaruo Zhou

Dawson Yow

Laurence Brooke, principal Julian Smart, assistant principal Joshua Forbes Amanda Harrell Jui-Fan Lin Xue Mei Ella Paschal Yujie Wang Cydney Williams

Johanna Di Norcia, principal Sam Mihavetz, assistant principal Noah Allemeier Jake Anderson Andrew Cho Sophie Lyman Davin Shim Emma Smith Carlene Soderberg Sam Tripp Evan Vorhis Elijah White

#### **Double Bass**

Payton Baysinger, principal Emery Wegh, assistant principal Eliana Arnold Lucas Caceres Sean Darney Gavin Hardy Zane Hollomon Simon Vazquez-Carr **David Wintermute** Laurel Young

#### Flute

Jack King, principal Svdnev Horner Jaron Deming (piccolo 1) Isabel Aviles (piccolo 2)

#### Oboe

Evan LaVack, principal Robbie Burleson Kaylin McClafferty (english horn)

#### Clarinet

Clara Ruiz Medina, principal Trenton Smart Catherine Keen-Hock (E-flat & bass)

#### Bassoon

Tristen Craven, principal Brianna Cantwell Emily Mastenbrook (contra)

#### Horn

Logan Fischer, *principal*Benjamin Weber,
 assistant principal
Cameron Pollard
Elijah Barclift
Myles Moore
Gabrielle Figueroa-Diaz
Melanie Watson

#### **Trumpet**

Johammee Romero, *principal* Sam Natvig Zichao Liu Emily Mudra

#### **Trombone**

Thomas Holladay-Muñoz, principal Elijah Van Camp-Goh Darien Baldwin (bass)

#### Tuba

Nelson Pardo, principal

#### Harp

Connor May Kelly, principal

#### Timpani

Danté Thomas

#### Percussion

Ben Burson Michael Cornwell Sebastiaan De Waart

#### Production/Operations Graduate Assistants

Tristen Craven Emily Mastenbrook Sam Natvig José Olea Vico

#### Ensemble Library Graduate Assistants

Kayleigh Bagley Kayla Bull

#### **Ensemble Faculty/Staff**

Mark A. Norman, *Director of Instrumental Ensembles*Karen Ní Bhroin, *Associate Conductor*Ken Wilmot, *Director of Artistic Operations* 

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#### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

#### A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute: Opera Scenes

Sunday, November 21, 2021 • 2 p.m.
Hanesbrands Theatre
James Allbritten, music director
Steven LaCrosse, stage director
Angela Vanstory Ward, vocal preparation

Fellows from the A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute will perform scenes from the repertoire.

#### The Reynolda Quartet: Farewells and Swan Songs

Sunday, November 21, 2021 • 7:30 p.m. Watson Chamber Music Hall

Ancient Greek mythology claims that the swan sings a single song of exquisite beauty just before its death. Schubert finished his transcendent C major String Quintet in his final weeks of life, and many consider it his greatest instrumental work. Every movement is a masterpiece in itself, and Schubert's unusual choice of a second cello as the quintet's fifth voice adds an other-worldly richness and depth to the string quartet sound. The North Carolina Symphony's principal cellist Bonnie Thron will join the Reynolda Quartet for a rousing performance of this singular work. The program also includes Dvořák's deeply personal D minor String Quartet, written with particular poignancy in a year of tragic losses for Dvořák's family.

Founded in 2019 to illustrate a progressive partnership between two of Winston-Salem's premier cultural organizations, Reynolda Quartet features renowned faculty-artists Ida Bieler and Janet Orenstein, violins; Ulrich Eichenauer, viola; and Brooks Whitehouse, cello.

# UNCSA Percussion Ensemble with Members of the Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 • 7:30 p.m. Watson Chamber Music Hall

The UNCSA Percussion Ensemble joins members of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps for an exciting concert.

