UNCSA Symphony Orchestra with Thomas Wilkins: Mahler 5!

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

Part I
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 Kelley, *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 Đorović
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
Nicolas Williams
Austin Zhong
Yaruo Zhou

**Cello**
Johanna Di Norcia, *principal*
Sam Mihavetz, *assistant principal*
Noah Allemeyer
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*
Elíana Arnold
Lucas Caceres
Sean Darney
Gavin Hardy
Zane Holloom
Simon Vazquez-Carr
David Wintermute
Laurel Young

**Flute**
Jack King, *principal*
Sydney 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
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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.

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