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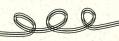
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UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Presents in Concert

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Alexander Kordzaia
Music Director and Conductor

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 7:30 p.m. Camp Concert Hall Booker Hall of Music



PROGRAM

Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K.622

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Michael J. Maccaferri, clarinet

~ Intermission ~

Capriccio Italien, Op.45

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Selections of Colombian music

Sextet from Cartagena, Colombia, featuring student performers

Juan Camilo González, clarinet Adrian Pineda Arroyo, flute Jorge Nordmann, cello Camilo Villarraga Morales, violin Nelson Ballestas Gómez, violin Ronnie Ortiz Padilla, viola





THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

1st VIOLINS:

Kikki Tso, Concertmaster

Leslie Kinnas, Assistant Concertmaster

Cristina Meehan Margaret Moor Rebecca Robinson

Stella Han Daraa Rathi James Noel David Han

Jonathan Lingerfelt

Randy Allen

2nd VIOLINS:

Maggie Burch, Principal

Michael Marino, Assistant Principal

Jessica Weaver Grace Lang Brighton Payne Sandy Shelton Eileen Downey Ariel Brown Megan Campbell Lauren Campbell

VIOLA:

Bobby Kania, Principal

Hayley Gray Audrey Reisner Vance Pilkington

CELLO:

Kevin Westergaard, Principal Molly Collins, Assistant Principal

Andrew Jordan Douglas Kellner Francis Church Marilyn Kern Sidney Whitlock

BASS:

Emily Marsch, Principal

George Werner, Assistant Principal

Michael Stumph

FLUTE:

Marie Fernandez, Principal

Gail Cargenbright, Assistant Principal

Angie Hilliker

OBOE:

Lauren Oddo, Principal

Erin Vidlak, Assistant Principal, English horn

Emily Gove, English horn

CLARINET:

Michael Goldberg, Principal

Nicholas Yeutter, Assistant Principal

William Moncure

BASSOON:

Arnold Wexler, Principal

Conor Lemmon, Assistant Principal

Tomas Baise, contrabassoon

FRENCH HORN:

Andrew Pericak, Principal Ryan Smout, Assistant Principal

Gretchen Georgas

Jen Myers

TRUMPET:

Thomas McCarty, Principal

Randy Abernathy, Assistant Principal

Jeff Erway Alisa Erway TROMBONE:

TROMBONE:

Alexander Teofanos, Principal

Ross Wright Russ Wolz TUBA:

Robby Schranze

HARP:

Audrey Kindsfather

TIMPANI:
John Hubbard
PERCUSSION:
Alexander Ginsberg
Sun Jung Yoon

LIBRARIAN & ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR:

Kevin Westergaard



FUNDACIÓN TOCANDO PUERTAS PARA ABRIR FUTUROS (Knocking on Doors to Open Futures Foundation)

The Chamber Music Group from the Fundación Tocando Puertas Para Abrir Futuros (Knocking on Doors to Open Futures Foundation) was founded in 2012 by Evelia González Porto, President of the Foundation, and Juan Camilo González, clarinetist and scholarship recipient of the Foundation. Since it was founded, the chamber group has been responsible for effecting social change through music throughout the city of Cartagena, Colombia, at various locations including the women's prison and children's hospitals. Additionally, the group has represented the Foundation at cultural venues such as the Adolfo Mejía Theater in Cartagena, accompanying the Japanese pianist Ayako Fujiki.



The group's members include Juan Camilo González (Clarinetist and Director), Adrian Pineda Arroyo (Flutist), Jorge Nordmann (Cellist, Arranger and Composer), Camilo Villarraga Morales (Violinist, Arranger and Composer), Nelson Ballestas Gómez (Violinist), and Ronnie Ortiz Padilla (Violist).

This opportunity for the group to travel to the United States was made possible by the Fundación Tocando Puertas, the University of Richmond Department of Music, Dr. Joanne Kong, Maestro Alexander Kordzaia, and each of the students who traveled to Cartagena in October 2013 to participate in the International Festival of Orchestras organized by the Foundation, of which Maestro Kordzaia is the Artistic Director.

CONDUCTOR



ALEXANDER KORDZAIA accepted the position of Music Director of the University of Richmond Symphony Orchestra in 2007. In 2012, he was appointed to two positions in Cartagena, Colombia: Principal Guest Conductor of the Filarmónica Cartagena and Artistic Director of the Festival of Orchestras.

A conductor and pianist, Maestro Kordzaia is a native of Tbilisi, the Republic of Georgia. Born into a musical family, he demonstrated great musical

ability at an early age. At the age of seven, he began serious study of the piano and composition in Georgia's premiere music school. By the age of 12, he was performing as a soloist with orchestras and was considered a child prodigy as a composer. Soon it was evident to his teachers that he also had talent and a desire for conducting. By the time Kordzaia graduated from the Tbilisi Conservatory of Music, he was appointed as the Music Director and Conductor of the Georgia State Cappella and assistant conductor at the Tbilisi Opera House, the two most prestigious musical ensembles in the nation. Kordzaia led both of these groups on triumphant tours of the former U.S.S.R.

He came to the United States in 1991 to further his studies in New York at the Mannes College of Music and the Juilliard School of Music. Since his arrival in the United States, Kordzaia has conducted orchestras to critical acclaim. Recent engagements have included the 2012 and 2013 Cartagena Festival of the Orchestras in Columbia; an Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center performance in 2013; a Carnegie Hall performance in 2012; a White House performance in 2013, with the American Youth Harp Ensemble; performances with Cincinnati Symphony musicians for the American Harp Society National Conference; the Cincinnati Symphonietta; the Okanogan Symphony in Spokane, Washington; a European tour with the American Youth Harp Ensemble; the Charlotte Civic Orchestra, North Carolina; the University of Richmond Symphony Orchestra; the Central Regional Orchestra of Virginia (2009 and 2012); South Central Virginia continued...

Senior Regional Orchestra; and the 2012 All-State Virginia Orchestra. He appeared as an opera conductor with CPCC Opera Company in Charlotte, North Carolina; served as Assistant Conductor of the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra from 1999-2001; as Music Director of the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra from 2001-2003; as Music Director of the Charlotte Civic Orchestra from 2003-2006; and as Conductor Emeritus of the Charlotte Civic Orchestra from 2006-2007.

Kordzaia has organized numerous international tours with the American Youth Harp Ensemble, as both co-director and guest conductor. The critically acclaimed ensemble has travelled to the Netherlands, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and the Czech Republic.

An active chamber musician, his own recent concerts have been in Washington, D.C., Maryland, New York, Vienna, Austria and Cartagena, Colombia. Kordzaia is an active teacher/educator and classical music advocate throughout the Mid-Atlantic United States, and is frequently invited as an adjudicator, VBODA 2013 District II Orchestra Assessments-Guest Adjudicator, music coach and master class clinician in schools and with youth music organizations throughout the country. He also continues to be a frequent guest conductor and pianist in the United States, France, Austria, Eastern Europe, South America, Georgia and Russia.

Clarinetist and bass clarinetist MICHAEL I. MACCAFERRI is a current member of the Grammy Award-winning new music ensemble eighth blackbird. A native of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Michael studied at the Walnut Hill School, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Northwestern University. His teachers have included Lawrence MacDonald, Ronald Aufmann and I. Lawrie Bloom. While at Oberlin, Michael co-founded eighth blackbird, one of the leading commissioners and performers of new music today. Since 1996, when the group won the Fischoff Chamber Music Competition, eighth blackbird has been widely regarded as one of the foremost proponents and commissioners of contemporary music, collaborating with luminaries such as Steve Reich, Frederic Rzewski, Bruno Mantovani, Aaron Kernis, Stephen Hartke, Jennifer Higdon, Steve Mackey and George Perle. The group's work has been recognized with numerous awards and prizes including the Naumburg Chamber Music Award, ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming, and the American Music Center Trailblazer

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Award. As an educator Maccaferri has participated in long and short term residencies at universities and conservatories around the world, including the University of Chicago, Oberlin Conservatory, Queensland Conservatorium, Southern Methodist University, Colburn School, and Curtis Institute of Music, and is currently on faculty at the University of Richmond. With eighth blackbird Michael has performed as soloist with leading orchestras such as the Cleveland Orchestra, Toronto Symphony and the Atlanta Symphony, and at major venues around the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Barbican, Sydney Opera House and the Kennedy Center. Michael has also performed with the Hong Kong Philharmonic and the Green Bay Symphony and serves as bass clarinetist with the Cabrillo Festival Orchestra.

In Appreciation

The visit of the Cartagena Sextet has been made possible by the Fundación Tocando Puertas Para Abrir Futuros, Evelia González Porto, Richard Hoskins, Maria Del Rosario, the University of Richmond Music Department, and a UR student-initiated fundraising drive. The following donors graciously contributed to that fundraising effort, and to them we extend our thanks.

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Welcome Our Special Guests!

In October 2013, nine students from the University of Richmond Symphony Orchestra traveled to Cartagena, Colombia to participate in an orchestra festival sponsored by the Fundación Tocando Puertas para Abrir Futuros (Knocking on Doors to Open Futures Foundation), whose aim is to unite people through music and provide opportunities to underprivileged students. In Cartagena the students from the University of Richmond taught master classes, donated instruments, performed concerts, and most importantly, forged genuine friendships with the local musicians through the unifying power of music.

Upon returning to Richmond, the UR students united with a common cause to raise funds in order to bring six of their new Colombian friends to the United States to reciprocate the musical and cultural exchange. This sextet, they hoped, would be able to share Colombian music with the Richmond community while experiencing U.S. culture. Last semester the UR students invited their friends, families, professors and the greater Richmond community to join in this fundraising effort. Thanks to many amazing donors, this dream has become a reality. Each individual donation formed part of a collective effort to bring these musicians to the U.S. The UR students would like to thank you for your help and support in making this possible! Please join them in welcoming the talented sextet from Cartagena to this campus, this city and this country.





