Sinfonietta

East Meets West

Jacob Harrison, Brian St. John, and Catherine O'Shaughnessy, conductors

School of Music
Herberger College of the Arts
Arizona State University

Monday, October 6, 2008
7:30 p.m.
ASU Gammage
Program

Russian and Ludmilla Overture .................................................Mikhail Glinka
(1804-1857)
   Jacob Harrison, conductor

Overture on Three Russian Themes ...........................................Mily Balakirev
(1837-1910)
   Brian St. John, conductor

Finlandia, op. 26 ..............................................................Jean Sibelius
(1865-1957)
   Catherine O’Shaughnessy, conductor

Intermission

Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes ..................................................Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)
   Buckaroo Holiday
   Corral Nocturne
   Saturday Night Waltz
   Hoe Down
   Jacob Harrison, conductor

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.

Upcoming Events

University Symphony Orchestra & ASU Choral Union
A Tribute to America
Friday, October 24, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. ASU Gammage
Timothy Russell and David Schildkret, conductors

University Symphony Orchestra
Sinfonietta and Chamber Orchestra
Orchestra Showcase
Sunday, November 16, 2008 - 2:30 p.m. ASU Gammage
Timothy Russell, Jacob Harrison, Brian St. John, and Catherine O’Shaughnessy, conductors
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Violin I
Rafael F. Fontes**
James Hutchins
Ryan Rahn
Aram Akhavan
Jean Ahn
Jayson Coppo
Travis Clement
Amirah Ismail

Violin II
Emylida Kuac*
Hansa Y. Thompson
Paul Powell
Kimberly Marin
Heather McCoy
Sarah Henderson
Jacob Gomez
Kim Kieu
Helene Rhodes
Michael Veto
Ben Crawford

Viola
Nicole Steffensmeier*
Arya Akhavan
Lindsey Jean Curtis
Katlyn Witherspoon
Christine Kuo

Cello
Beatrice Velázquez*
Traci Owens
Melissa Ruben
Courtney Rieck
Katryn Boerner
Jennifer Ben
Amy Ledin
Cecilia Quimbaya
Carly Meek

Bass
Brady Putzke*
João Wesley
Brasil Silva
Nina Witt
Dawn Weaver

Flute/Piccolo#
Sherry Lowry*
Kevin Kolden
Peter Lora
Min-Hye Kim

Oboe
Laura Arganbright^
Laura Smith^

Clarinet#
Caitlin Poupard*
Vincent Dominguez
Or Sidi

Bassoon
Tyler Avnet^
Martin J.
VanKloppenberg^
Megan Wilcox

Contra Bassoon
Megan Wilcox

Horn
Michele Predmore*
Derek J. Wright
Rachel Seay
Andrea Barbrie

Trumpet
Steven Limpert^
Luca Giupponi^
Christopher Coughlin

Trombone
Charles Hopkins^*
Joshua Bledsoe^*

Bass Trombone
Nick Martin

Tuba
Kevin Bock

Harp
Jessica Grondel

Celesta/Piano
Catherine O’Shaughnessy

Timpani/Percussion
Josh Morin*
Brad Stell
Tyler Stell
Sheena Pockett

** Concertmaster
* Principal
^ Co-principals
# For this concert, this section is using a rotating seating plan.

Orchestra Assistants
Jacob Harrison
Catherine O’Shaughnessy
Brian St. John

Orchestra Librarian
Jacob Harrison

Orchestra Manager
Rossine Parucci

Orchestra Office Specialist
Linda Bennett
Biography

In demand as a conductor and an educator, Jacob Harrison is also a passionate supporter of composers and the arts of our time. He has premiered numerous new works for orchestras and chamber ensembles. After being appointed Music Director of the North Valley Chamber Orchestra in 2006, Jacob has increased the ensemble's visibility in the valley through the development of the ensemble's programming and by reaching out to the community of North Phoenix. In addition, Mr. Harrison has worked regularly with other orchestras throughout the Phoenix area such as the Phoenix Symphony Guild Youth Orchestra, the Scottsdale Community Orchestra, and the Arizona Repertory Orchestra.

Before moving to Arizona, Mr. Harrison lived in Chicago where he worked with groups such as the Peoria Youth Orchestra, the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, the University of Chicago Chamber Orchestra, and the Mason Youth Orchestra in Michigan. He has also worked with the Poston Junior High Orchestra Program in Mesa and the Highland High School Orchestra Program in Gilbert.

Brian St. John comes to Arizona after spending 1995-2008 in Boulder County, Colorado. During those thirteen seasons, Brian was Resident Conductor for the Longmont Symphony Orchestra, Music Director of the Longmont Youth Symphony, and Music Director for the Niwot Timberline Symphony. In addition to conducting hundreds of concerts in that span, St. John has written and premiered seven original ballets, a piano concerto, a concertino for String Bass and Orchestra and a double concerto for Mandolin, Mandola and Strings.

A native of San Jose, California, Catherine O'Shaughnessy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Theory from the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Bowling Green State University. While in Ann Arbor, she formed a chamber orchestra, the Young Artists Ensemble, and has music directed several shows for The Comic Opera Guild and MUSKET.

Jacob Harrison, Brian St. John, and Catherine O'Shaughnessy study orchestral conducting with Dr. Timothy Russell while pursuing their Doctorates in Orchestral Conducting at Arizona State University. They are directors of the ASU Sinfonietta and assistant conductors for the ASU Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.