MICHAEL MORGAN, Music Director & Conductor
Conductor Michael Morgan is currently music director of the Oakland Symphony in California. While a student at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, he spent a summer at the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood, studying with Gunther Schuller and Seiji Ozawa. In 1986, Sir Georg Solti chose him to become the assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a position he held for seven years under both Solti and Daniel Barenboim. In 1986 he was invited by Leonard Bernstein to make his debut with the New York Philharmonic. He has appeared with most major orchestras in the United States. In 2014 he gave a TEDx Talk and was featured by Musical America as one of their “Profiles in Courage.”

STEWART GOODYEAR, Piano
Proclaimed “a phenomenon” by the Los Angeles Times and “one of the best pianists of his generation” by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Stewart Goodyear is an accomplished concerto soloist, chamber musician, recitalist and composer. He has performed with major orchestras of the world, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Frankfurt Radio Symphony, MDR Symphony Orchestra (Leipzig), Montreal Symphony, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, and NHK Symphony Orchestra.

He began his training at The Royal Conservatory in Toronto, received his bachelor's degree from Curtis Institute of Music, and completed his master's at Juilliard. Known as an improviser and composer, he has been commissioned by orchestras and chamber music organizations, and performs his own solo works. Last year, he premiered his suite for piano and orchestra, Callaloo, with Kristjan Jarvi and MDR Symphony Orchestra in Leipzig, and last summer, the Clarosa Quartet premiered his Piano Quartet commissioned by the Kingston Chamber Music Festival.

His discography includes Beethoven's Complete Piano Sonatas (which received a Juno nomination for Best Classical Solo Recording in 2014) and Diabelli Variations for the Marquis Classics label, Tchaikovsky First Piano Concerto and Grieg's Piano Concerto, and Rachmaninov's Piano Concertos No. 2 and 3, both released to critical acclaim on the Steinway and Sons label. Also for Steinway and Sons is the recording of his own transcription of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker (Complete Ballet), which was released October 2015 and was chosen by the New York Times as one of the best classical music recordings of 2015. His new recording of Ravel piano works was released on Orchid Classics in May 2017.

TERRANCE MCKNIGHT, Master of Ceremonies
Terrance McKnight is the WQXR (NYC) weekday and Saturday evening host. His musical experiences—from glee club soloist and accomplished pianist, to professor at Morehouse College, and finally as producer and host of several music programs for public radio—have consistently juxtaposed the European Classical tradition alongside American classic traditions—jazz, gospel, African-American spirituals and other musical genres. Prior to WQXR, McKnight was creator, producer and host of Studio GPB, a program that introduced a wide array of musical artists through interviews, live studio sessions and commercial recordings at Georgia Public Broadcasting.
**PAUL BURGETT, Lecturer**

Paul Joseph Burgett earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. His Ph.D. dissertation treated the aesthetics of the music of Black Americans, a subject that continues to occupy him as a teacher and scholar. He currently serves as Vice President and General Secretary and Senior Advisor to the President at the University of Rochester. As a faculty member in the College music department, he teaches courses in the History of Jazz and the Music of Black Americans. He is an undergraduate faculty advisor and continues to advise several student organizations.

**JOSEPH BOLOGNE, CHEVALIER DE SAINT-GEORGES (1745-1799)**

Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges (December 25, 1745 - June 10, 1799) was a champion fencer, virtuoso violinist, and conductor of the leading symphony orchestra in Paris. Born in Guadeloupe, he was the son of George Bologne de Saint-Georges, a wealthy planter, and Nanon, an enslaved African owned by him. During the French Revolution, Saint-Georges was colonel of the Légion St.-Georges, the first all-black regiment in Europe, fighting on the side of the Republic. Today the Chevalier de Saint-Georges is best remembered as the first classical composer of African ancestry.

**ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK (1941)**

Composer and college professor Adolphus Cunningham Hailstork, born April 17, 1941 in Rochester, New York, began his musical studies with piano lessons as a child. He studied at Howard University (B.Mus., 1963) and Manhattan School of Music (B.Mus. in Composition, 1965; M.Mus. in Composition, 1966). He spent the summer of 1963 with Nadia Boulanger at the American Institute at Fontainebleau, France. After service in the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany (1966-1968), he returned to the United States and pursued his doctorate degree at Michigan State University in Lansing (Ph.D., 1971). Dr. Hailstork has had many performances by major orchestras including Philadelphia, Chicago and New York and his works have been conducted by leading conductors such as Lorin Maazel, Daniel Barenboim and Kurt Masur.

**JESSIE MONTGOMERY (1981)**

Native New Yorker, Jessie Montgomery is a violinist, composer and music educator. Her work as an emerging composer has been recognized by the American Composers Orchestra, the Sphinx Organization, the Joyce Foundation and the Sorel Organization through generous grants and fellowships that support and promote her works.

In the 2015-16 season, Jessie was the composer-educator for the Albany Symphony, leading youth education initiatives and performances of recent works. Her music has been featured on national radio by Q2 Music and National Public Radio and is performed regularly by PUBLiQuartet, Catalyst Quartet and Sphinx Virtuosi.

Since 1999 she has been affiliated with The Sphinx Organization, which supports the accomplishments of young African-American and Latino string players. Since 2012, she has held a post as composer-in-residence with the Sphinx Virtuosi, a conductor-less string orchestra; has been a two-time laureate in the annual Sphinx Competition; and was awarded a generous MPower grant to assist in the development of her debut album, *Strum: Music for Strings* (October, 2015, Azica Records).

Her degrees include a Bachelor’s from The Juilliard School in violin performance and a Master’s in composition and film scoring from New York University. Her primary violin teachers have been Sally Thomas and Ann Setzer, and her composition teachers and mentors include Ira Newborn, Joan Tower, Derek Bermel and Laura Kaminsky.
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Jan Angus, Eastman Community Music School-Pathways
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Rev. Dr. Betty Marion Anderson (September 11, 2015)

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Bishop Gregory Parris (February 28, 2016)

We honor these Gateways Music Festival supporters who have transitioned as esteemed ancestors since August 2015. We are extremely grateful for the critical roles they played that kept the Festival on a steady course. Their work was constant. Whether as individuals or working with others, they recruited volunteers from churches, workplaces, social clubs and fraternal groups to help feed, house and transport the musicians; started the first in-home chamber music concert series as a major fundraiser; leveraged their names and reputations to pull in other professional classical musicians of African descent; performed in the orchestra, and provided a large chamber concert venue.

The Gateways Music Festival continues to build on their invaluable legacy.
Ifetayo Ali, 14, is the 2017 Junior winner of the Sphinx Competition. She began her musical studies on violin when she was able to stand. At age 3, she decided that she preferred the mellow sounds of the cello and begged her mother to switch. She was allowed to switch at age 4. Her teachers and coaches have been Lucinda Ali Landing, Megan Lauterbach, Martine Benmann at the Hyde Park Suzuki Institute, Tahirah Whittington, Oleksa Mycyk, and Hans Jørgen Jensen. She has also studied with teachers at summer music camps at Suzuki-Deerfield, Illinois Wesleyan, Sphinx Performance Academy, and Meadowmount.

Lucinda E. Ali-Landing, violinist and founder of the Hyde Park Suzuki Institute, began her studies at age six, with her father, James Holland, a violinist/violist. She began with Suzuki studies, which was still relatively new in North America, in the early 1970s. After studying for one year with her father, she then studied with Sarah Deneen and later Donna Ross. As a child, she was the concertmaster of the orchestra at the Music Center of the North Shore for three consecutive years. She is a member of the Chicago Sinfonietta.

Tia Allen, viola
Tia Allen has performed at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Radio City Music Hall and Metropolitan Museum. She is a fellowship member of Spoleto Festival in Charleston and a six-summer veteran of the Aspen Music Festival. She performs with the Harlem Chamber players and MUNY Program. She received her BM and MM in performance from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. She also studied at the Manhattan School of Music and received a professional studies certificate in performance and a professional graduate diploma in the orchestral performance program.

Hassan Anderson, oboe
Hassan Anderson is a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. Since 2011, he has been the oboist of the New York-based chamber music ensemble SHUFFLE Concert. His numerous guest appearances with distinguished ensembles include performances with the American Ballet Theater, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players, East Coast Contemporary Ensemble (ECCE), and Harlem Chamber Players. He is currently assistant conductor of the New Jersey City University Orchestra. He has been a member of the Juilliard MAP Faculty since 2014.

Jennifer Arnold, viola
Jennifer Arnold earned a professional studies degree in viola performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music in 2005, where she also obtained a bachelor’s degree in music in 2003. She is a member of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra and was a semi-finalist in the 1998, 2001, and 2003 Sphinx Competitions for Black and Latino String Players. She has performed with several orchestras in Carnegie Hall as a member of the New York String Seminar with Jaime Laredo; the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra; and the Paquito D’Rivera Celebration Concert as a member of YOA.

Amadi Azikiwe, viola
Amadi Azikiwe, violist, violinist and conductor, has been heard in recital in major cities throughout the United States, including an appearance at the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also been a guest of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at the Alice Tully Hall in New York. He has appeared in recital at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, the International Viola Congress, and at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has performed in Israel, Canada, South America, Central America, Switzerland, India, Japan, Nigeria, Hong Kong, and the Caribbean.

Beverly Baker, viola
Beverly Baker joined the Virginia Symphony as a section player in 1983. She was appointed assistant principal viola in 1987. She won the principal position in 1994 and currently holds that position with the symphony as well as the Virginia Opera. The Virginia Symphony made its Carnegie Hall debut in 1997, and Ms. Baker performed with her colleagues on NBC’s Today Show. She performs regularly with the Virginia Chamber Players and was invited to perform Harold in Italy with the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra in North Dakota. She is also a member of the Ambrosia Quartet.

Ralph Barrett, percussion
Ralph Barrett, a Philadelphia area native, holds a bachelor of science in education from Millersville University, PA; masters in music from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; and doctor of musical arts from the University of South Carolina. He served in the United States Navy for 28 years as a percussionist and officer bandmaster. His performing and recording credits include the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, Natalie Cole, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, and the Washington Winds. He teaches conducting and arranging at North Carolina Central University.
DAVID BERRY, PIANO

David Berry, a native of Syracuse, NY, has been described as both “compelling” and “full of power” in his music-making. He has performed in venues such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Bechstein Auditorium, the FOCUS Festival, Jacoby Symphony Hall, as well as live broadcasts on WQXR (NYC). He was the grand prize winner of the 2007 Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition, as well as a prize winner in the Thousand Islands International Piano Competition. He received a BM with high distinction from The Eastman School of Music and MM and DMA degrees from The Juilliard School.

CHARLENE BISHOP, VIOLIN

Charlene Bishop began her violin studies at the age of six and was accepted into the Music Advancement Program (MAP) at The Juilliard School. She furthered her studies at the Mannes Pre-College and College of Music where she received her BA in violin performance, and participated at Kinhaven and Meadowmount music camps. Through the years, she has performed at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, Germany; Fiddlefest in Zurich, Switzerland; the Kennedy Center, Madison Square Garden and Yankee Stadium. She currently freelances throughout the New York City area.

CREMAINE BOOKER, CELLO

Cremaaine Booker, a cellist from Dallas, TX, has appeared with the Sewanee Symphony, Roy “Futureman” Wooten’s Black Mozart Ensemble, Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra and Jackson Symphony. He was a recipient of the Holy Cross BachFest Scholarship, a Nashville Symphony Orchestra League Thor Johnson Scholarship finalist, and was invited to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He has performed master classes with teachers such as Julia Tanner, Eric Kutz, Peter Sheppard, and Yo-Yo Ma. He completed undergraduate studies at Middle Tennessee State University.

SHANNAH BOONE, VIOLIN

Shannah Boone, a violinist from Long Island, NY, has toured Europe to represent the USA as a part of the US Youth Ensemble String Orchestra, competing in the NAACP ACTSO Awards competition, and performing for an opening at Christie’s Art Gallery in NYC. Shannah began her advanced violin studies at the East End School of the Arts under Gladstone. She also studied at the Crane School of Music, pursuing a bachelor’s degree in music education. Since leaving Crane, she has taught violin at various levels and enjoys performing as a freelance musician.

KATHRYN BROWN, VIOLA

Kathryn Brown is a graduate student studying viola performance and music education at the Eastman School of Music with George Taylor. She received a degree in music education from Illinois State University. She currently serves as a member of the American Viola Society’s Youth Advisory Council and teaches at the Eastman Community Music School. An advocate for access to quality music education for aspiring musicians of all backgrounds, she is a Golden Apple Scholar of Illinois. Golden Apple provides teacher candidates with scholarships in return for service in schools of need in Illinois.

DAVID BURNETT, VIOLIN

David Burnett has been on the violin faculty of Harlem School of the Arts for 16 years. He also teaches at the Langston Hughes Middle School and P.S. 6 in Brooklyn through ArtsConnection. He began studying the violin with Galina Heifetz while a student at Music and Art High School. He completed undergraduate studies at Oberlin Conservatory with Marilyn McDonald, followed by studies with Lynn Chang at the Boston Conservatory. His string quartet, The West Village Quartet, has performed together for over 18 years and has a residency with the Baltimore Symphony.

CHRISTIPHER BURTON, VIOLIN

Christopher S. Burton has been an artist in the metropolitan Detroit area since graduating from Cass Technical High School in 1994. He performs regularly with the symphonies of Macomb, Rochester, and Lake St. Clair. He can be found playing at the Apollo in New York City with the Harlem Symphony Orchestra. He has rendered his services to the NAACP for their annual “Fight for Freedom” fundraiser dinner and the Charles H. Wright Museum. Currently, he is a faculty member at Wayne State University’s Weekend School of Music in addition to his successful private studio.

ISREA BUTLER, TROMBONE

Isrea Butler holds degrees in trombone performance from the Eastman School of Music (BM, MM) and Rutgers University (DMA). He is currently director of bands and music coordinator at The University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He is also director of the 369th Experience WWI Centennial Recreation Harlem Hell Fighters Band. He has performed with the Orchestra of St. Luke’s, Rochester Philharmonic, Buffalo Philharmonic, New York String Seminar Orchestra, Gateways Festival Orchestra, and Colour of Music Festival Orchestra.
Evan Cannon, **Double Bass**
Evan Cannon, a native of Fairfax, VA, began musical studies at age 8. He is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music where he was a scholarship student under Jeremy McCoy. Since then, he has worked with conductors such as Emile De Cou, Rodrick Cox, Elizabeth Shultz, and Philippe Entremont. He has performed multiple times on stage with the National Symphony Orchestra. He has also participated in master classes with notable bassists Ira Gold, Duncan McTier, and Robert Oppelt. He is currently a freelance musician in New York City.

Cleveland Chandler, **Violin**
Cleveland Chandler, Jr. has served as violinist in the United States Air Force Strings in Washington, DC for almost 20 years. He is a founding member of the Chesapeake Strings, Amistad String Quartet and Aura String Quintet. He received a BM degree from Peabody Conservatory and a MM degree and professional studies diploma in violin performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Choral Arts Society, the Youngstown Symphony, Erie Philharmonic, and the Akron Symphony Orchestra.

Antoine Clark, **Assistant Conductor**
Antoine T. Clark is in his fourth season as artistic and music director of the McConnell Arts Center Chamber Orchestra in Worthington, OH. Previously, he served as music director of the Wayne State College Orchestra in Nebraska. He has conducted the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Moravian Philharmonic, Pierre Monteux Festival Orchestra, and Ohio State University Symphony Orchestra. He was a winner of the International Conductor’s Workshop and Competition in Atlanta, GA. He has participated in the Gateways Music Festival since 2007.

Pamela Coats, **Clarinet**
Pamela Coats has made a name for herself in Europe as well as in the United States with her versatile performances. She is a prize winner of competitions in Germany, Italy and the USA, performing in renowned halls such as the Beethovenhaus and Beethovenhalle in Bonn, and the Berlin Philharmonic and Chicago Cultural Center. She appears regularly with several chamber ensembles, including VivazzA, where she is the artistic director. Starting in the 2014-2015 concert season, she performs in productions with the German Opera on the Rhine.

Amanda Collins, **French Horn**
Amanda Collins is a graduate of the Peabody Preparatory (certificate), Pennsylvania State University (BM) and Southern Methodist University (MM). An active performer, she is currently second horn with the American Studio Orchestra and third horn with the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra. She has performed with several notable ensembles, including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Chamber Orchestra, Washington Opera Society, Opera Memphis and the Lyric Brass Quintet. She is currently a member of the Kupra Quintet and Prizm Chamber Ensemble.

Eric Cooper, **Cello**
Eric Cooper, a native of NYC, began playing cello at age 12. At 19, he began studies with Marion Feldman of the Manhattan School of Music. He transferred to the Conservatory of Music at Brooklyn College in 2007 and started his studies with cellist Fredrick Zlotkin. He is co-founder of the Brandy Chamber Society with Pedro Vizzarro Vallajas. Currently he is principal cellist of One World Symphony and is also an active member of the String Orchestra of Brooklyn, Brandy String Trio, the Contemporary Music Ensemble of the CUNY Graduate Center, and La Camarata de Washington Heights.

Jacqueline Cordova-Arrington, **Flute**
Jacqueline Cordova-Arrington is committed to collaborating with distinguished artists, citizens, and thinkers to create inspiring and culturally unifying experiences for communities and artists alike. She recently completed her doctorate at the Eastman School of Music. As a recipient of the William D. Ford Fulbright grant, she was the first American to study with principal flutists of the Berlin Philharmonic, Andreas Blau and Emmanuel Pahud. Her training in Berlin led to performances with orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Buffalo Philharmonic and Louisiana Philharmonic.

Mikael Darmanie, **Piano**
Mikael Darmanie regularly performs throughout the Americas, the Caribbean and Europe as a classical pianist, a jazz pianist/improviser, a conductor, a chamber musician with his group the Warp Trio, and a DJ. He is currently a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellow in composition and his works have been performed around the world. He is a doctoral candidate in piano performance at Stony Brook University in New York under the mentorship of Gil Kalish.
Robert Davis, Clarinet

Robert Davis received his MM in voice at Cleveland State University, his BM from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and his artist diploma from the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music. He has attended the Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Sarasota Music Festival, and has performed with the Gateway Chamber Players. He recently finished his eighth year as director of bands at the Cleveland School of the Arts and is principal clarinet of the Cleveland Opera Theater and the Cleveland Opera Orchestra.

Leslie DeShazor, Viola

Leslie DeShazor is in demand as a soloist, teacher, and recording artist. As a soloist, she has performed with the Toledo Symphony and regularly performs with the Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Flint and Sphinx Symphony Orchestras as well as jazz ensembles, Leigh Daniels Ensemble and the Detroit-based Musique Noire. An experienced instructor, she currently teaches students of Detroit with instructional music programs offered through the Arts League of Michigan and the Sphinx Organization. A native of Michigan, she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Charles Dickerson, Conductor, Young Musicians Institute

Charles (Chuck) Dickerson is founder, executive director and conductor of the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles and director of music at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. He formerly served as music director and conductor of the Southeast Symphony, and as director of music at Holman United Methodist Church. And he has served in a variety of other leadership capacities—in music and otherwise. He holds a master of music degree from California State University, Los Angeles with a focus on conducting, and degrees from Howard University (BS) and American University (JD).

David Dickerson, French Horn

David Dickerson, a professional horn player from Altadena, CA, has worked with the Southeast Symphony Orchestra, Annapolis Symphony, National Philharmonic, and National Symphony Orchestra as a freelance musician. He completed his studies at Washington Adventist University under Marty Hackleman and Silvia Alimena. More recently he was part of the horn section for the debut of the Chineke! Orchestra in London. He is currently a section mentor for the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles and a freelance horn player in the greater Washington DC metro area.

Judith Dines, Flute

Judy Dines has been a member of the Houston Symphony since 1992. She is also a very active performer in Houston and beyond. Locally, she performs in the Greenbriar Consortium, the Foundation for Modern Music and is a lead musician with the St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society. Outside of Houston, she has participated in the Grand Teton Music Festival Orchestra, Gateways Music Festival, and is a member of the Ritz Chamber Players. In the orchestral world, she has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra.

Timothy Edwards, Violin

Timothy Edwards began his violin studies in the public schools of Detroit before studying at the Interlochen Arts Academy. He holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music (BM) and the University of Michigan (MM). He has performed extensively, holding positions as section performer, principal and concertmaster at the Des Moines Metro Opera, Flint Symphony and Toledo Symphony, with substitute positions with the Detroit Symphony and Jacksonville Symphony. He enjoys a vibrant teaching studio and has served as a humanities adjunct professor at the Florida State College of Jacksonville.

Caitlin Edwards, Violin

Caitlin Edwards began studying the violin at the age of eight, was accepted into the Alabama School of Fine Arts in 2007, and attended the University of Louisville. In 2015, she was the state winner of the Strings Division MTNA Young Artists Competition. In 2016, Caitlin won a Project Inclusion Fellowship with the Grant Park Music Festival and also won the Concerto Competition at the University of Louisville School of Music. She will be attending the DePaul University School of Music in the fall, performing as a fellow in the Chicago Sinfonietta Project Inclusion Ensemble.

Mellasenah Edwards, Violin

Mellasenah Edwards holds these degrees: BM Eastman School of Music, MM Yale University, and DMA Peabody Conservatory. She is currently on the faculty at Peabody Prep. Previously, she taught at the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities and Petrie School of Music at Converse College. Her students are enrolled in music schools such as the Manhattan School of Music, Hartt School of Music, Eastman School of Music, Oberlin Conservatory and Cincinnati Conservatory. She is a member of the Columbus, Augusta and Greenville Symphony Orchestras, Ensemble Argos and Ritz Chamber Players.
Epongue Ekille, Violin

Epongue Ekille is a 2017 graduate of Fairport High School and will attend Yale University this fall. She attended the Hochstein School of Music & Dance since age 4. In 2016 she performed at Carnegie Hall as recipient of the Centre Certificate of Excellence and the State Certificate of Excellence. This year she was in Carnegie Hall’s inaugural season of NYO2, as one of only 78 young musicians nationwide. She was associate concertmaster of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; won the orchestra’s concerto competition (Dec. 2016); and soloed with the orchestra (Mar. 2017). She has participated in Gateways since 2011.

Brendon Elliott, Violin

Brendon Elliott, a graduate of the Curtis Institute, is a graduate student at The Juilliard School. As a three-time concerto competition winner, he was a guest soloist with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, and also performed in a special concert with the New York Philharmonic. He was a three-time semifinalist in the National Sphinx Competition, earning the National Sphinx Competition Achievement Award in 2012. In 2015, he performed in a national tour with the Sphinx Virtosi Ensemble. He was a national finalist in the American String Teacher’s Association National Solo Competition.

Jim Ferraiuolo, Oboe

Jim Ferraiuolo has been a member of the New Jersey Chamber Symphony, New Mexico Festival Orchestra, Far Rockaway Symphony and World Orchestra Jeunesses. He is a current member of the Orchestra of St. Peter’s by the Sea, the Staten Island Symphony Orchestra and is on the substitute list of the New Jersey Symphony. An avid chamber musician, he has been a featured artist of the Verrazzano Woodwind Quintet, West End Woodwind Quintet and Riverside Chamber Players. He also teaches throughout the New York City area.

Jimmy Finnie, Percussion

Jimmy Finnie joined the Indiana State University music faculty in 1994. He has presented solo and chamber concerts, clinics, and master classes throughout the United States, Austria, Canada, China, Thailand and Hungary. He performs regularly with Mojah Tuba, Cramped Spaces, Caribbean Consort Steel Band, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. He is an artist clinician for the Zildjian Cymbal and Innovative Percussion Mallet Companies. He holds the bachelor of music education degree from East Texas State University, MM from the University of Georgia, and DMA from the University of North Texas.

Robert Fisher, Viola

Robert Fisher attended Illinois State University, New England Conservatory of Music, and Northwestern University. He is a member of the Chicago Sinfonietta and the Joffrey Ballet Orchestra, and teaches at Lane Tech College Prep High School. A connoisseur of new music with over 11 pieces written for him, he has given world premiere performances at New England Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, Illinois State University, and major universities in the Chicago area. An authority on African American music, he has given clinics and performances in Illinois, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Rick Fleming, Trombone

Rick Fleming is an associate professor of music and director of bands at Buffalo State. From 1992-98 he served as director of bands at William R. Boone High School in Orlando and for six years prior as the director of bands at Memorial Middle School, where he was named Teacher of the Year in 1992. He received his Ph.D. in music education with emphasis in wind band conducting from the Florida State University. He earned his MM degree in trombone performance from the University of Mississippi and bachelor of music education from Mississippi Valley State University.

Leonard Foy, Trumpet

Leonard Foy, a native of Winston-Salem, NC, is professor of trumpet at DePauw University. He also serves as artist/faculty at Birch Creek Academy and the Interlochen Arts Camp. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees and performer’s certificate at the Eastman School of Music, and did extensive postgraduate study at the Indiana University School of Music. His notable memberships include the Nashville Symphony and Nashville Chamber Orchestras, Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks and Columbus Jazz Orchestras, and the Brass Band of Battle Creek. He is a Conn-Selmer artist.

Frédérique Gnaman, Violin

Frédérique Gnaman actively performs, collaborates and teaches in New York City. A versatile musician, she plays various styles of music including classical, jazz, pop, funk, R&B and hip hop. She has also performed with Lauryn Hill at the 2015 Louis Armstrong Festival, Yolanda Adams on the Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon, and performed solo with Grammy-nominated singer Ledisi at the Soulful Symphony 15th Anniversary Concert. She holds a bachelor’s degree in music from New York University where she studied violin with Gregory Fulkerson.
Ashleigh Gordon, Viola
Ashleigh Gordon performs regularly with the Callithumpian Consort, ECCE Ensemble and Sound Energy and has performed and recorded with Switzerland’s Ensemble Proton, Germany’s Ensemble Modern and Boston’s BMOP. She is artistic director and violist of Castle of Our Skins (COOS). In recognition of her work, she has been featured in print, radio and television, in the International Musician Magazine, All Ears podcast and Boston’s Neighborhood Networks. She was recently awarded the American Federation of Musicians’ 2016 Charles Walton Diversity Advocate Award.

Gordon Grubbs, Cello
Gordon Grubbs is principal cellist of the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra, cellist with the Quartetto Sorrento, and cello instructor at Grossmont College in California. He conducts the cello choir, Cello Cielo, and is the section coach for North Coast Strings, an adult-education project of NAMM’s Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad, CA. He has appeared as soloist with the Grossmont Symphony, Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra, and Imperial Valley Symphony; served as associate principal cello of Lyric Opera San Diego, and toured Mexico with Camerata de Ensenada de Todos Santos.

Kelly Hall-Tompkins, Violin
Kelly Hall-Tompkins has a dynamic career as a soloist and chamber musician. Winner of a Naumburg International Violin Competition Honorarium Prize, she has appeared as soloist with some of the nation’s top orchestras and has also performed recitals around the world. Her recent video recording, entitled “Imagination,” has achieved over one million views on YouTube. She is also the founder and president of Music Kitchen Food for the Soul, which has brought over 80 chamber music performances to New York City and Los Angeles homeless shelters.

Edward Hardy, Violin
Edward Wellington Hardy, a critically acclaimed violinist, violist, and composer, performs as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician throughout the United States and abroad, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Avery Fisher Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall, The Apollo Theater, and Signature Theatre. His music composition and performance in the smash hit show The Woodsman has received rave reviews from critics and celebrities. He earned his bachelor and master of music degrees with honors from SUNY Purchase and Aaron Copland School of Music, respectively.

Leonard Hayes, Piano
Leonard Hayes, a native of Dallas, TX, is director of piano studies at Booker T. Washington HSPVA in Dallas. He received a high school diploma from the Interlochen Arts Academy and holds a bachelor of music degree from Lawrence University with additional studies at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. He received a master of music degree in performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music. His previous faculty appointments include the Schenectady County Community College School of Music, Lawrence Academy of Music, and Appleton Music Academy.

Joseph Hébert, Cello
Joseph Hébert is a cellist, choral director, and educator, versatile in classical and improvisational styles. He has performed in the U.S., Japan, Africa, and Europe, having shared the concert stage and recording studio with hundreds of artists, including Carlos Santana, Stevie Wonder, Plácido Domingo, Ray Charles, and Jessye Norman. He is the assistant principal cello of the Oakland Symphony and is on the faculty of California State University East Bay as a lecturer and cello instructor. He recently directed his choirs in Spain, Italy and the Vatican.

Timothy Holley, Cello
Timothy Holley is an alumnus of Baldwin Wallace University and the University of Michigan. He performs with the Mallarmé Chamber Players, North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle. His doctoral dissertation focused on the cello music of African American composers. In 2013 he started the Facebook group, “The African American Cello History Collective,” and maintains a related blog site titled “A View From The Scroll.” He is associate professor of music at North Carolina Central University.

Joshua Hood, Bassoon
Joshua Hood plays bassoon in the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. He received his bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and master’s degree from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. He has performed with orchestras including the Kansas City Symphony, Houston Symphony and North Carolina Symphony. He has also performed in festivals including the Pacific Music Festival in Japan; May Music Festival in Charlotte, NC; the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, CA; and with the Ritz Chamber Players on the Amelia Island Music Festival in Florida.
ASHLEY HORNE, VIOLIN
Ashley Horne, a Los Angeles native and graduate of The Juilliard School, has appeared around the world as a soloist and chamber musician. He has performed regularly with the American Symphony Orchestra, Brooklyn Philharmonic, Bard Festival Orchestra, Westchester Symphony, West-Park Chamber Society, Gateways Music Festival, Dance Theater of Harlem Orchestra and New York City Opera. He has been the featured soloist and concertmaster of numerous ensembles, including The New Black Repertory Ensemble, The Antara Ensemble of NY, Cascade Festival Orchestra, and Aspen Young Artists.

MALCOLM JACKSON, PERCUSSION
Malcolm Jackson is currently pursuing his MM degree in percussion performance at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. He completed his undergraduate studies at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, where he received his BS degree in both music and psychology. He has received opportunities to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, HBCU National Band Directors Consortium and National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy. He has also performed with various artists and instrumental groups.

CHRISTOPHER JENKINS, VIOLA
Chris Jenkins, associate dean for academic support at Oberlin Conservatory, is a violist, educator, and administrator. He was deputy director and professor of viola/violin at the Barenboim-Said Foundation in Ramallah, West Bank, and served as dean of the Sphinx Performance Academy. In 2011, he earned a master's degree from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He has taught and performed in Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Israel, China, Colombia, and South Africa. In 2017, he will be a guest artist at the Afghan National Institute of Music in Kabul, Afghanistan.

DON JOHNS, PERCUSSION
Don Johns is a performer and educator in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area. He is principal timpanist of the Apollo Orchestra, and lead percussionist for Soulful Symphony and Gourmet Symphony. He is the percussion director at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, MD. His ensemble is the featured high school percussion ensemble for the Percussive Arts Society’s 2017 Maryland/Delaware Day of Percussion. He has a MM in percussion performance (2011) and BM in music education (2005), both from the University of Maryland.

GEOFFREY JOHNSON, OBOE
Geoffrey Johnson, a native of Houston, TX, is acting second oboist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He is an active chamber musician in the Detroit area and regularly performs with the Detroit Chamber Winds. He has given master classes at the University of Ottawa and private lessons with the Sphinx Organization for underprivileged students. He holds a master’s in music performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and received his bachelor’s in music performance from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he studied with Dr. Doris DeLoach.

SHAWN JONES, BASSOON
Shawn Jones, a graduate of The Juilliard School and Rice University, has performed as a member of the Colorado, Detroit, and San Francisco symphonies as both a bassoonist and contrabassoonist. He is also active as a freelance musician in the San Francisco Bay area with the Santa Rosa Symphony and Berkeley Symphony, and as a substitute with the San Francisco Ballet and Opera orchestras. In addition to his orchestral experience, Jones is in his 10th season as bassoonist with Quinteto Latino, a woodwind quintet that performs classical and contemporary music by Latino composers.

COURTNEY JONES, TRUMPET
Courtney D. Jones is an award-winning Yamaha artist who has emerged as a leading figure in contemporary performance and pedagogy, conducting, and service to inner-city youth through music outreach programs. While transcending stylistic boundaries, he completed his doctorate and taught at UCLA, served as visiting professor of trumpet at the University of Iowa, and a lecturer at Columbus State University. He is currently assistant professor of trumpet and artistic director of the Jazz Ensemble at Florida Atlantic University.

CAROLINE JONES, VIOLA
Caroline A. Jones is from Greensboro, NC. She was educated in the Guilford County school system and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where she studied viola with Sally Peck, and received her bachelor’s degree in music performance. She is a violist with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra (32 years), principal violist with the High Point University Orchestra, a freelance musician, and one of the founding directors and former personnel manager of Gateways Music Festival. She is the founder of “Gracenotes Music NC.”
ALEXANDER LAING, CLARINET
Alex Laing began studying clarinet at age 11 in his hometown of Silver Spring, MD. In 2002 he joined the Phoenix Symphony as principal clarinet. A graduate of Northwestern University, he received his master’s degree from the Manhattan School of Music, an artist’s diploma from the Sweelinck Conservatorium Amsterdam and a certificate in non-profit management from Arizona State University’s Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation. He held fellowships at the Tanglewood Music Center, New World Symphony, Aspen Music Festival and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

KEN LAW, CELLO
Kenneth Law, who is a cellist, performer, and author, is a founding member of Main Street Music Studios and Main Street Chamber Players in Fairfax, VA, and cellist with the Ritz Chamber Players and Polaris Piano Trio. He has performed internationally as soloist and recitalist; collaborated with members of the Juilliard, Guarneri and Ying String Quartets. He has recorded orchestral and chamber music for Albany Records, and the New Albion and Telarc labels. His degrees and diplomas are from the Eastman School of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music, Peabody Conservatory and The Juilliard School.

NELSON R. LAWSON, FRENCH HORN
Nelson R. Lawson served as professor of French horn at Hampton University for nine years, and was supervisor of music for Richmond Public Schools from 1984 to 2005. Nelson acquired his B.S. and M.S. degrees in music education from Virginia State University. He is assistant conductor of the Petersburg Symphony Orchestra and a member of the French horn section. He began his professional music career as a teen touring with Jackie Wilson of Motown, and has performed with Gateways since 2005.

SARAH MARTIN, VIOLIN
Sarah Martin, earned her BM in violin performance from Oberlin Conservatory and received her MM in violin performance at Northwestern University. She has participated in orchestral tours and music festivals throughout Europe, the United States, Asia and South America. In 2012, she was honored with the three-year fellowship with the Chicago Sinfonietta and Grant Park Orchestra. In 2016, she moved to Berlin, Germany to continue her music career in Europe. She now freelances in the Berlin area, where she enjoys performing and collaborating with fellow artists.

THAPELO MASITA, CELLO
Thapelo Masita aims to use his music to help further the arts in his home country of South Africa. He completed a Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from the Eastman School of Music this spring, and will begin a Master of Music degree program at The Juilliard School this fall. He studied as a member of the Mangaung String Program in Bloemfontein, South Africa, and completed his senior year of high school at Interlochen. While at Interlochen, he had the opportunity to engage in a creative exchange between Interlochen and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

BURT MASON, TROMBONE
Burt Mason performs with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, serves on faculty at The Juilliard School’s Music Advancement Program, and is principal trombone of the Chamber Orchestra of New York. He has appeared as guest artist with the New York Philharmonic and as soloist with numerous ensembles. He is founder and director of Ovation Concerts, and appeared as a guest on WQXR’s Conducting Business with Naomi Lewin in New York City to discuss the history and future of classical music and American orchestras. He is a Yamaha performing artist and clinician and will make his Carnegie Hall solo debut in March 2018.

ARTINA MCCAIN, PIANO
Artina McCain, described as a pianist with “power and finesse,” enjoys a career as a solo and chamber performer, educator and lecturer. She has appeared with the Austin Civic Orchestra, Balcones Orchestra, Texas A&M International University Master Performers Series, and Cypress Creek FACE Promenade Series. Recent honors include the American Prize in Solo Piano, Austin Critics Table Award, and Global Music Awards. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Cleveland Institute of Music and University of Texas at Austin, she is an assistant professor of piano at the University of Memphis.

MARTIN MCCAIN, TROMBONE
Martin McCain has a career that spans a scope of genres. A third-generation musician, he maintains a versatile performance schedule as a soloist, chamber, orchestral and jazz/commercial musician. He has appeared with numerous ensembles and has been a performer and clinician throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia. He is an artist/teacher of trombone at Texas State University. He was a prize-winner at the International Trombone Festival and American Trombone Workshop competitions as a soloist and ensemble musician.
CHRISTOPHER McCALIN, VIOLIN
Christopher McClain, a native of Charlotte, NC, is a vibrant and passionate musician who has concertized in venues across the United States including Symphony Hall in Boston, Carnegie Hall, Disney World and the Hippodrome in Baltimore. Prior to attending Boston University for graduate studies, he received both a high school diploma and Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts where he engaged in many original collaborations with choreographers, dancers, conductors, composers, singers and actors including Alonzo King.

JESSICA McJUNKINS, VIOLIN
Jessica McJunkins performs and teaches in New York City and throughout the North and Southeast. The violinist is currently concertmaster of the Urban Playground Chamber Orchestra, and has had concert engagements with the Harlem Chamber Players, Wordless Music Orchestra, Chicago Chamber Orchestra, and Spoleto Festival Orchestra. As a chamber musician, she is a teaching artist for the Harlem Chamber Players. As an educator, she is a master teacher at the Opus 118 School of Music, as well as lead teacher at PS 124’s Harmony Program site in Manhattan.

STEPHEN McLEAN, TRUMPET
Stephen McLean, an up-and-coming trumpet player, exemplifies artistry and musical versatility. He is equally proficient playing classical solo repertoire as he is playing lead trumpet in a big band setting. He received his bachelor’s from SUNY Buffalo State College and is currently the graduate teaching assistant at Pennsylvania State University, where he is pursuing a masters in orchestral performance. He made his solo debut as the winner of Buffalo State College’s 2013 Young Artist Competition when he performed the Haydn Trumpet Concerto with full orchestra.

GARRETT McQUEEN, BASSOON
Garrett McQueen plays the bassoon in his hometown of Memphis and in venues across the country, including Los Angeles’ Disney Hall, Detroit’s Max M. Fisher Music Center, and New York’s Carnegie Hall. He has performed as a member of the South Arkansas Symphony, Jackson Symphony, American Youth Symphony, Memphis Repertory Orchestra, the Eroica Ensemble, and most recently the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. He has worked with groups including the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the Artsphere and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

HEATHER MISULA, VIOLIN
Heather Misula, a native of Rochester, NY, attended the Hochstein School of Music & Dance as a child before receiving degrees from the Wheaton College Conservatory and the Steinhardt School at New York University. She has been teaching Suzuki and traditional violin lessons at Hochstein since 2011 and performs in chamber groups and orchestras and as a soloist in and around Rochester.

AUANDREY MITCHELL, VIOLA
Aundrey Mitchell has performed throughout the United States, South America, France, Italy, Russia and Serbia as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player. She has participated in festivals including Taos School of Music and L’École d’ArtsAmericaine at Fontainebleau, France. She received BM and MM degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music, did post-graduate studies at the Manhattan School of Music, and earned her Doctorate of Musical Arts from Rutgers University studying with Michael Tree. She is adjunct assistant professor of music at the City University of New York.

ANTHONY MORRIS, DOUBLE BASS
Anthony Morris has been principal auxiliary and has toured internationally with the New York Philharmonic since 1999 under the batons of Kurt Masur and Lorin Maazel. When he is not playing with the New York Philharmonic, he is working on Broadway shows such as Beauty and the Beast and Phantom of the Opera. He holds a bachelor of musical arts from The Manhattan School of Music and a master of musical arts from The Juilliard School of Music. He has studied with internationally renowned musicians such as Eugene Levinson, Paul Ellison and Bruce Bransby.

RYAN MURPHY, CELLO
Ryan Murphy is currently in his fifth season with the San Antonio Symphony, and was previously the OTPAAM fellow with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He received his master’s degree from The Juilliard School and bachelor’s degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. As the result of placing second in the Sphinx Competition in 2003, he made his solo debut with the Detroit Symphony followed by an additional appearance with the Cleveland Orchestra. He is in his second year as adjunct cello instructor at the University of Texas San Antonio.
**Chi-chi Nwanoku, Double Bass**

Chi-chi Nwanoku, who is an ex-sprinter and half the size of her double bass, has gained a reputation as one of the finest exponents of her instrument today. She is the founder, artistic and executive director of the Chineke! Foundation, which supports and encourages Black and Minority Ethnic classical musicians in the UK, Europe and USA. Prizes include BBB Awards Person of the Year (2016) and ABO Award (2017). In 2001, she was awarded an MBE for services to music. She was a founding member and principal bassist of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, a position she held for 30 years.

**Terrance Patterson, Clarinet**

Terrance L. Patterson, a Jacksonville, FL native, has performed in Paris, London, Milan, Brussels, Belgrade, Munich, Amsterdam, Moscow, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Miami, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and New York. He has performed with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, the Sphinx Symphony of Detroit and the Nashville, Florida, West Coast, Huntsville, Las Vegas and festival symphonies. He attended the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University and is founder and artistic director of the Ritz Chamber Players.

**Jason Pooler, Violin**

Jason Pooler, from Columbus, GA, completed a Bachelors of Music Performance degree in 2012 from Augusta State University. Jason was a two-time ASU Concerto Competition winner, and first violinist of the Empyrean String Quartet. He appeared as soloist with the Columbia County Orchestra playing the Bruch Violin Concerto in G Minor. He graduated with his master in music performance in 2016 from Indiana University South Bend. He has participated in the Colour of Music Festival, Rocky Ridge Music Center Young Artist Program, and Gateways Music Festival.

**Patricia Reeves, Flute**

Patricia Reeves, a specialist on baroque and modern flute, performs as second flute with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, a position she has held since 2003. A native of Florida, she graduated from Indiana University and while a student there, she performed with the Baroque Orchestra as well as the other top orchestral ensembles. She has also participated in master classes under Bart Kuiken, William Bennett and Carol Wincenc. As a soloist, she has appeared with the Bach Collegium-Fort Wayne, the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra.

**Derek Reeves, Viola**

Derek Reeves, Fort Wayne Philharmonic principal violist, began his musical studies at age two and a half. A graduate of Indiana University, he was recipient of a performer’s certificate, as well as bachelor and master of music degrees. Prior to coming to Fort Wayne, he held the positions of associate concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, concertmaster of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, and associate concertmaster of the Evansville Philharmonic. He is also in demand as a recitalist, recording studio musician, and arranger.

**Rick Robinson, Double Bass**

Rick Robinson began playing double bass in Detroit’s public schools. He is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Cleveland Institute of Music and New England Conservatory. He held principal positions in regional orchestras and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra before joining the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO). During a 22-year tenure he also transcribed symphonic works for his mixed octet CutTime Players, composed for his string band CutTime Simfonica and performed in bars, clubs and cafes. Committed to broadening audiences for classical music in bold new ways, he resigned from the DSO in 2013.

**Timothy Robinson, Trombone**

Timothy J. Robinson graduated with honors from Charleston County School of the Arts in 2006 and from the Manhattan School of Music in 2010. He studied in London in 2009 at the Royal College of Music. While at the Manhattan School of Music, in addition to playing with various orchestras, he performed with the Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble which was nominated for a Latin Grammy in 2009. In 2010, he began touring with the Artie Shaw Orchestra, performed with the Charleston Jazz Initiative Legends Band and is also featured on its first CD recording.

**Adam Sadberry, Flute**

Adam Sadberry, originally from the Houston area, is entering his senior year at the Eastman School of Music where he studies flute performance. He performs as principal in the school’s ensembles, and is on the substitute lists of the Albany and New World Symphonies. He has performed as a soloist with the Conroe Symphony, the Clear Lake Symphony, and the Cordancia Chamber Orchestra. He is also a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist through NPR’s From the Top, a silver medalist in the Houston Symphony League Concerto Competition, and a finalist in the US Army Band’s Collegiate Solo Competition.
SHEA SCRUGGS, OBOE AND PANELIST
Shea Scruggs holds a bachelor of arts in English literature from Swarthmore College, a diploma of music in oboe from the Curtis Institute, and a master’s degree in business administration from Cornell University. He has served as assistant principal oboe of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, acting principal oboe of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and principal oboe of the San Francisco Opera. He is founder of Dolce Reeds, a reed manufacturing company he developed in collaboration with engineers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and professional oboists.

MARSHALL SEALY, FRENCH HORN
Marshall Sealy, a New York City native, attended the Manhattan School of Music and Ithaca College, where he received music and soccer scholarships. He has played in orchestras with the Opera Company of Boston, Boston Pops Orchestra, Les Miserables Brass Band, Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, and the Boston Lyric Opera Orchestra. He has been executive director, New York City Housing Authority Symphony Orchestra; director of music, Harlem School of the Arts; and horn instructor, Berklee College of Music. He has a second career as a master of brass instrument restoration and modification.

ROCHELLE SENNET, PIANO
Rochelle Sennet, associate professor of piano at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has established herself as a performer, teacher, and scholar. She received the bachelor of music degree from San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the master of music degree from University of Michigan, an artist diploma from Texas Christian University, and the doctor of musical arts degree from University of Illinois, all in piano performance. She became interested in pursuing piano studies after seeing a pianist on television at a young age.

HERBERT SMITH, TRUMPET
Herbert Smith is third trumpet of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. As leader of his jazz trio named The Freedom Trio, clinician and artist for B & S instruments, composer/arranger and freelance musician, he is busy in the music world. From working with grade school students learning solfégé, playing in an orchestra concert, recording with a reggae band or playing jazz at a club, his reach in music extends high and low, near and far, young and old. He has been commissioned to compose for music organizations and schools as well as composing for his Jazz trio.

ROBERT H. SMITH, JR., PIANO
Robert Smith, a native of Tallahassee, FL, serves as director of Orchestral Studies and Piano Institute for the Miami Summer Music Festival and, formerly the Orchestra’s artistic administrator for the Verbier Festival Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra in Verbier, Switzerland. For 12 years he served as director/assistant dean for the Orchestral Performance Program at Manhattan School of Music. Smith earned his MM in collaborative piano and chamber music at the Eastman School of Music and a BM in piano performance at Florida State University.

MAYA STONE, BASSOON
Maya Stone’s commissions include a solo bassoon in Black Gospel Music Project with composers Raymond Wise, Mark Lomax and William Menefield. She tours with Rushes Ensemble and performs with chatterbird in Nashville, TN. Stone is a member of the Sphinx Orchestra and Second Bassoon of the Huntsville Symphony. She held full-time professorships in Tennessee, Ohio and Missouri from 2004-2013, and she teaches in a successful private bassoon studio. She holds a DMA. from the University of Texas at Austin, an MM from Michigan State University, and a BM in music education from SUNY Potsdam.

TROY STUART, CELLO
Troy Stuart is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Peabody Conservatory. He was chosen to be a member of the prestigious New York String Orchestra under the direction of famed violinist/conductor Alexander Schneider. He is co-founder and artistic director of the Phoenix Chamber Orchestra. He was invited to participate at the televised Kennedy Center Honors in honor of Alexander Schneider and the 25th Anniversary of the Kennedy Center. He received the Friedberg Lecture/Artist Award and was the first Martell Cordon Bleu Award recipient. He presently tours with The Ritz Chamber Players.

GEORGE TAYLOR, VIOLA
George Taylor is currently professor of viola at the Eastman School of Music. Before joining the Eastman faculty, he was a member of the Ciompi Quartet of Duke University, a position he held from 1979 through 1986. He has served on the artist faculties of The Castlemont Quartet Program, Le Dormaine Forget, the Chautauqua Institution, Musicorda, The Encore School for Strings, the Meadowmount School, the Manchester Music Festival, and the Elan International Music Festival, among others. He has also served on the boards of the American Viola Society and the Sphinx Organization.
EBONEE THOMAS, FLUTE
Ebonee Thomas holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and the New England Conservatory of Music. She was most recently principal flute of the Knoxville Symphony and previously principal flute of the Florida Grand Opera. She also held a one-year position with the Houston Symphony and was a fellow of the New World Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson-Thomas. She has performed with the Oregon Symphony, Kansas City Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Dallas and Fort Worth Symphonies. She has a passion for teaching and maintains a private studio.

SAMUEL THOMPSON, VIOLIN
Samuel Thompson enjoys a career that includes solo, orchestra, chamber music and interdisciplinary performance and arts journalism. A two-time recipient of artistic assistance awards from Alternate ROOTS made possible with funds from the Ford Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Open Society Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation, he has appeared as soloist with the Colour of Music Virtuosi in addition to concerts and recitals in New York, New Haven, Baltimore, Houston, Austin, Chicago, Miami, Washington, DC, and both Charleston and Columbia, SC.

TITUS UNDERWOOD, OBOE
Titus Underwood will join the Nashville Symphony as acting principal oboe in the fall, and also completed a two year contract as acting principal oboe of the Utah Symphony Orchestra. He received his master of music from the Juilliard School and bachelor of music from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed as guest principal of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, and Florida Orchestra. He was an oboe fellow at Aspen and has performed at the Grand Teton Festival.

ADÁN VÁSQUEZ, HARP
Adán Vásquez is a versatile and much-acclaimed musician who has gained renown for his artistry on the harp both as a soloist and as an ensemble player. He began his musical studies at an early age in the National Conservatory of Music in his native Dominican Republic. In 1989, he was awarded a prestigious scholarship by the Dominican government and moved to Chile to study at the Facultad de Artes at the University of Chile. Later, he relocated to New York City where he completed his BA at Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music. He received an MA from the Manhattan School of Music.

ADRIAN WALKER, VIOLIN
Adrian Walker has a BM in performance (Eastman School of Music); graduate courses in performance (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville). A New York Philharmonic Orchestral Fellow, soloist, and replacement violinist (Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra); two-time finalist (New York Philharmonic); concertmaster and soloist, Fox Theater Orchestra, Saint Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, Bach Society, Metro Singers, Masterworks Chorale. Violin faculty at Interlochen Arts Camp; instructor at Mozingo Music. Music and Arts; conductor, Cameron Youth Chamber Orchestra; and guest conductor, Webster University Symphony.

WILLIAM WARNICK, FRENCH HORN
William Warnick attended the Mannes College of Music. He has had an extensive and varied career playing in the Symphony of the New World, American Ballet Theater, Dance Theater of Harlem, Brooklyn Philharmonia Chamber Ensemble, Filarmónica de Caracas (Venezuela), Orquesta Sinfónica de Colombia, Orquesta Sinfónica de Maracaibo (Venezuela) and Orquesta Sinfónica Municipal de Caracas (Venezuela). He was named visiting professor of horn and chamber music at Bethune-Cookman University in 2011 and participated in the Gateways Music Festival in 1995, 2013, and 2015.

TERYLE WATSON, CELLO
Teryle Watson graduated from the Eastman School of Music and pursued graduate studies at the Royal College of Music, London. After three years of being a peripatetic cello teacher and performer in the United Kingdom, she began a 32-year teaching career in the Rochester City School District as a string teacher and choral director. She is on the staff of the Kanack School of Musical Artistry. She has treasured being a Gateways musician for nearly 20 years and serves on the Artistic Programs Committee of the Festival.

PATRICIA SILVA WEITZEL, CELLO
Patricia Silva Weitzel is currently an assistant professor of music at Augustana College and teaching artist at both Drake and St. Ambrose Universities, where she teaches double bass, cello, chamber music, String Methods and Latin Music classes. She is also a member of the Des Moines and Quad Cities Symphonies and performs on a 2015 Nick Lloyd double bass. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil, a master of music degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctoral degree from the University of Iowa.
Richard White, Tuba
Richard White began his tuba studies at age twelve at the Baltimore School for the Performing Arts. He then went to the Peabody Conservatory of Music where he received his bachelor’s degree. He received both his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Indiana. He is currently in his fifth season as principal tubist of the New Mexico Philharmonic. He enjoys teaching at the University of New Mexico, where he is associate professor of tuba/euphonium and associate director of the Spirit Marching Band.

Roger Whitworth, French Horn
Roger Whitworth, a native of Chicago, attended Indiana University as a music performance and education major. In July 1977, he joined the President’s U.S. Marine Band. In 1989, he joined the 257th Army National Guard Band, “The Band of The Nation’s Capital.” He served as the principal French hornist from July 1989 until August 2005. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces for 29 years until his retirement in July 2007. He was the first African-American French hornist in the history of the United States to become a member of one of the major service bands.

Joseph Williams, Piano
Joseph Williams is currently based in his hometown of Tacoma, WA. He has enjoyed performing at The John F. Kennedy Center and various schools throughout Amman, Jordan. For the 2015-2016 academic year, he served on the faculty of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music as an instrumental collaborative pianist. He holds a Master of Music in Piano Performance from Cleveland State University, and received a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and the Piano Faculty Prize in Accompanying from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Terrence Wilson, Piano
Terrence Wilson has appeared with the symphony orchestras of Atlanta, Baltimore, Rochester, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Washington, DC (National Symphony), San Francisco, St. Louis and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He was nominated for a Grammy Award for his recording of Michael Daugherty’s Deus ex Machina for Piano and Orchestra with the Nashville Symphony conducted by Giancarlo Guerrero. Wilson is a graduate of The Juilliard School. A native of the Bronx, he currently resides in Montclair, NJ.

Anyango Yarbo-Davenport, Violin
Anyango Yarbo-Davenport has appeared twice at Carnegie Hall, both times receiving first prizes in international competitions. She has been praised for “captivating performance” and “sparkling rich” sound. Her performances can be heard in concert halls in Munich, New York City, Detroit, and Salzburg. She was born and raised in Munich, Germany as the daughter of African-American soprano Africa Yarbo-Davenport and the late Austrian conductor Hans Peter Jillich. She received the performer’s certificate and bachelor’s degree from Eastman School of Music and is pursuing the doctorate degree.

Photographs and biographies were unavailable for the following musicians:

Jeffrey Boga
Daniel Constant
Kyle Dickson
Linda Green
William Johnson
Terry McKinney
Savion Washington
Dianna White-Gould