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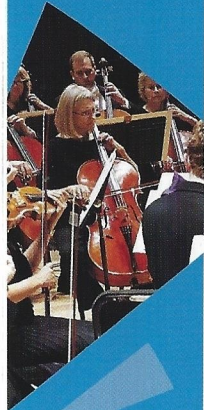
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Jeffrey Gray

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WARD STARE

Music Director

Appointed the 12th music director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in July 2014, Rochester native Ward Stare has been described as “inspiring musicians to impressive heights” by *The New York Times*, and “a dynamic music director” by *Rochester CITY Newspaper*.

Stare’s recent seasons have seen a number of highly anticipated debuts with orchestras around the world, including performances with the Baltimore Symphony, Sydney Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Toronto Symphony, and the Calgary Philharmonic. Last season he made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera conducting nine performances of Franz Lehár’s *The Merry Widow*, with Grammy-winning mezzo-soprano Susan Graham in the title role.

Stare’s frequent collaboration with the Lyric Opera of Chicago began with his debut in 2012 conducting performances of *Hansel and Gretel*; he returned in 2013 to lead *Die Fledermaus*, and again in November 2014 to lead *Porgy and Bess* to rave reviews. He made his debut with the Washington National Opera conducting Donizetti’s comic opera *L’elisir d’amore* in 2014.

Stare served as resident conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra from 2008 to 2012. In 2009, he made his highly successful Carnegie Hall debut with the orchestra, stepping in at the last minute to lead H.K. Gruber’s *Frankenstein!!* The 2013–14 season saw his return to the Atlanta and Detroit symphony orchestras, as well as his debuts with the Syracuse Symphoria, the Jacksonville Symphony, and the Naples Philharmonic with Lang Lang as soloist.

Stare was trained as a trombonist at The Juilliard School in Manhattan. At 18, he was appointed principal trombonist of the Lyric Opera of Chicago and has performed as an orchestral musician with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, among others. As a soloist, he has concertized in both the U.S. and Europe. wardstare.com

JEFF TYZIK

Principal Pops Conductor

Grammy Award winner Jeff Tyzik is one of America’s most innovative and sought after pops conductors, recognized for his brilliant arrangements, original programming and engaging rapport with audiences of all ages. This season Tyzik celebrates 25 years as principal pops conductor of the RPO, a title he also holds at the Detroit Symphony, the Oregon Symphony, and The Florida Orchestra. This is also the sixth season that Tyzik has held The Dot and Paul Mason Principal Pops Conductor’s Podium at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

Frequently invited as a guest conductor, Tyzik has appeared with the Boston Pops, Cincinnati Pops, Milwaukee Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Toronto Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Tyzik has written more than 200 arrangements, orchestrations, and compositions for orchestra. A consummate musician, Tyzik regularly appears as a guest conductor in the RPO’s subscription series. In the 2015–16 season, Tyzik premiered a new violin concerto written for RPO Concertmaster Juliana Athayde.

Tyzik has collaborated with such diverse artists as Megan Hilty, Chris Botti, Matthew Morrison, Wynonna Judd, Tony Bennett, Art Garfunkel, Dawn Upshaw, Marilyn Horne, Arturo Sandoval, The Chieftains, Mark O’Connor, Doc Severinsen, and John Pizzarelli. He has created numerous original programs that include the greatest music from jazz and classical to Motown, Broadway, film, dance, Latin, and swing.

Tyzik holds both his bachelor and master’s degree from the Eastman School of Music. jefftyzik.com.

CHRISTOPHER SEAMAN

Conductor Laureate

The Christopher Seaman Chair, Supported by Barbara and Patrick Fulford and The Conductor Laureate Society

Christopher Seaman was music director of the RPO from 1998-2011, and was subsequently named conductor laureate. During his 13-year tenure, the longest in RPO history, he raised the Orchestra’s artistic level, broadened its audience base, and created a new concert series. This contribution was recognized with an award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. In May 2009, the University of Rochester made him an honorary doctor of music.

Previous positions include music director of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra (Florida) for 10 years, conductor-in-residence with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and artistic advisor of the San Antonio Symphony.

He is recognized for his wealth of repertoire, which ranges from baroque to contemporary, and in particular the works of Bruckner, Brahms, and Sibelius. Seaman also is highly regarded for his work with younger musicians, and he served as course director for the Symphony Services International Conductor Development Program (Australia) for many years.

Recent conducting engagements include the Aspen Music Festival, Detroit, Houston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Seattle symphony orchestras; the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, Kristiansand Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra of Opera North, and Orquestra Filarmônica de Minas Gerais in Brazil. He frequently visits Australia and Asia where he has conducted the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Taiwan, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Singapore symphony orchestras, among others.

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Jeff Tyzik, conductor
Hector Del Curto Tango Quintet

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ARTISTS

HECTOR DEL CURTO TANGO QUINTET

Hector Del Curto, bandoneon

Gustavo Casenave, piano

Sami Merdinian, violin

Jisoo Ok, cello

Pedro Giraud, bass



HECTOR DEL CURTO TANGO QUINTET

Praised as “superb in their powerful and dynamic rendition” for their outstanding performance, the Hector Del Curto Tango Quintet has been reviving and extending the rich tradition of Argentinean Tango.

Formed in 2003 by master bandoneon player Hector Del Curto, the ensemble has been bringing riveting performances to numerous festivals, concert halls and shows including Lincoln Center, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, Eastman School of Music, Bay Chambers Concerts, National Folk Festival, Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, Fiesta Iberoamericano de las Artes in Puerto Rico, Festival Internacional da Safona and Copa Fest in Brazil among many others.

The ensemble collaborated with prestigious guest artists like Pablo Ziegler and Paquito D’Rivera.

The quintet is featured on Hector Del Curto’s latest album *Eternal Piazzolla* and performed at the sold out CD release concert at Le Poisson Rouge in New York City. The ensemble’s performance and recording was featured on BBC News which was broadcasted nationally and internationally and on Public Radio International’s *The World*.

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