

# **FIRST VIOLIN**

Juliana Athayde, + Concertmaster The Caroline W. Gannett & Clayla Ward Chair. funded in perpetuity

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#### VIOLIN 2

Daryl Perlo, Acting Principal Patricia Sunwoo John Sullivan Lara Sipols Nancy Hunt Boris Zapesochny\* Liana Koteva Kirvan Margaret Leenhouts Heidi Brodwin Catherine Arai Ellen Sonnenberg

# VIOLA

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Anna Steltenpohl

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## **BASS CLARINET**

Andrew Brown

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Ramon Ricker

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Karl Vilcins

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#### TROMBONE

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#### TIMPANI

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Jim Tiller, Assistant Principal

#### PERCUSSION

Jim Tiller, Principal
The Marie-Merrill and George M. Ewing Chair, funded in perpetuity Brian Stotz **Bradley Loudis** Kyle Peters

# HARP

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The Eileen Malone Chair, A Tribute
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Jillian Pritchard

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+ Full-time faculty at the Eastman School of Music

<sup>\*</sup> On Leave



# **WARD STARE**

# **Music Director**

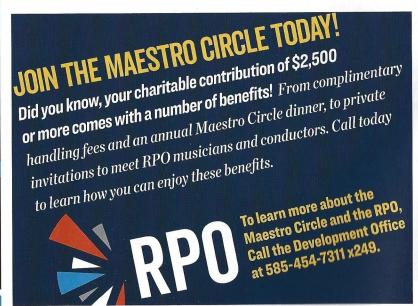
Appointed the 12th music director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in July 2014, Rochester native Ward Stare has been described as "inspiring musicians to impressive heights" by *The New York Times*, and "a dynamic music director" by *Rochester CITY Newspaper*.

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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Overture to Russlan and Ludmilla

**DOUGLAS A. RICHARD** 

Sherlock's Entrance

**JOHN WILLIAMS** 

Superman March

**MENDELSSOHN** 

Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream, op. 61

**STRAUSS** 

Rahn Frei Polka

JIMMY LOPEZ

Fiesta! Four Pop Dances for Orchestra Techno

**TCHAIKOVSKY** 

Serenade in C major for Strings, op. 48

Walzer: Moderato - Tempo di valse

MANCINI

The Pink Panther

**PONCHIELLI** 

Dance of the Hours from La gioconda

**TCHAIKOVSKY** 

Symphony No. 4 in F minor, op. 36

Allegro con fuoco

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# **ARTISTS**

# **ENRICO LOPEZ-YAÑEZ, conductor**

Enrico Lopez-Yañez is the Assistant Conductor of the Nashville Symphony, where he leads over 50 performances annually on the Symphony's Pops Series, Family Series, Young People's Concerts, and Community Concerts. In his time with the Nashville Symphony, Lopez-Yañez has conducted concerts with esteemed artists such as Toby Keith.



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Kenny Loggins, Megan Hilty, The Marcus Roberts Trio, Jennifer Nettles, Hanson, Martina McBride and CeCe Winans among others. Lopez-Yañez previously held the position of Assistant Conductor with the Omaha Symphony.

During the 2018/19 season, Lopez-Yañez debuts with the Detroit Symphony, Sarasota Orchestra, Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Symphony NH as well as return appearances with the Rochester Philharmonic and Omaha Symphony. His international appearances have included guest conducting with the Orquesta Filarmónica de Zacatecas (Mexico), the Orchestra Sinfónica de Aguascalientes (Mexico), the Prague Summer Nights Orchestra (Czech Republic) and at the Festival de Musica in Londrina, Brazil.

Additionally, Lopez-Yañez has served as assistant conductor to Christoph Eschenbach and Valeri Gergiev for the National Youth Orchestra's Carnegie Hall, New York state, and European tour performances. He also held the title of Assistant Conductor to the Capital City Symphony and attended the Castleton Music Festival where Lorin Maazel invited him as a Conducting Associate.

An enthusiastic proponent of innovating the concert experience, Lopez-Yañez is the Artistic Director and Co-Founder of Symphonica Productions, LLC. Symphonica Productions designs exciting education, classical, and pops concerts performed by orchestras across the United States.

Sharing an equal love for opera, Lopez-Yañez served as Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master for the Berkshire Opera Festival where his work was met with rave reviews. He has led opera gala concerts in San Diego and Aguascalientes (Mexico), a production of *Madama Butterfly* with Main Street Opera in Chicago, and served as Assistant Conductor for Opera Omaha's production of *La bohéme*.

Lopez-Yañez's principal teachers were Jim Ross and Thomas Wilkins, with additional studies and masterclasses with Lorin Maazel, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Ken Kiesler. He holds a Masters in Music from the University of Maryland and received a Masters in Music and his Baccalaureate from UCLA, where he graduated summa cum laude.