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I was not alone in my hope and vision in this extensive project. In 1971, Richard Royall joined me, having returned from his study in Germany and having attained his law degree. I invited him to be our founding managing director contributing his legal expertise from the very inception. His enduring vision and creativity are imprinted everywhere on this campus. I wish he was here to see the Festival Institute move forward as he so mightily encouraged every day of his life.

Today, the Festival Hill campus, where we have planted thousands of trees, restored numerous historic structures that were doomed to be destroyed and where we have built very needed structures from scratch, stands as a testament to our endeavors to create an internationally recognized center of performance and learning. The growth we have achieved is the result of many hands, hearts and minds coming together.

Skilled craftsmen have helped to build this magnificent venue for aspiring musicians and the enthusiastic audiences, gardens have been planted with the kindnesses of volunteers, kitchen staff have prepared thousands of meals, and a dedicated and remarkable staff keep events running year round. This is made possible by the generous and abiding supporters who share our vision and continue to bring this project to fruition through their contributions to our non-profit public educational foundation.

As the Institute looks to the future, it also looks back upon our heritage and affirms by its presence that special importance of place and our foundation’s strong belief and mission that the arts give the deepest and most meaningful form of human communication. They provide the common bond for all mankind and perform the miracle of making all cultures and people one family, here in Fayette County and the world.

The spirit that launched Round Top Festival Institute carries forward. Whatever your role in this extraordinary adventure—and it is a necessary one—thank you so deeply for being part of making this bold dream come true.

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Permanently endowed scholarships, faculty chairs and named funds are an exceptional way to help attract internationally renowned faculty that are core to our educational programs and provide full tuition to every young artist who attends our acclaimed Festival. Endowed Conductor Chairs begin at $100,000, Endowed Faculty Chairs begin at $75,000 and Endowed Scholarships begin at $50,000. Endowed positions may be funded over several years. For information regarding Endowed Chairs and Scholarships, please send email to giving@festivalhill.org or call the Institute office.

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Campus development allows the Foundation, a non-profit organization, to pursue debt-free ownership of the grounds and facilities at the Institute. Your gifts toward this aim help fulfill the Master Plan for campus building projects and ensure the ongoing care and maintenance of this unique cultural legacy. For more information on current campaigns, future needs and naming opportunities, please send email to giving@festivalhill.org or call the Institute office.

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June 19, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of John McFadden
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June 19, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Jim A. Smith
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Accountant, Corporate Board Member, Civic and Community Leader and Patron, Bass Vocalist
Round Top Festival Institute Heritage Circle

June 26, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Pierre Marcel Schlumberger
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June 26, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Gary Martin
Member of the Board of Directors of The James Dick Foundation 2007-2014
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Private Pilot, Traveler to Fifty States and Six Continents, Philanthropist, Arts and Science Patron
Round Top Festival Institute Heritage Circle

July 3, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Charlotte Hillbolt
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July 3, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Carol Montgomery
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July 10, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Bruce Spaulding
Engineer and Businessman, Community and Church Leader, Arts Patron
Round Top Festival Institute Benefactor

July 17, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.
Honoring the Memory of Leon Hale
Author, Newspaper Columnist, Texas Philosopher, Storyteller and Essayist
Round Top Festival Institute Guarantor
Tuesday, June 8 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by Jesus Castro-Balbi, cello**

Wednesday, June 9 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by Elisabeth Adkins, violin**

Thursday, June 10 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by James VanDemark, double bass**

Saturday, June 12 at 3:30 PM  
*Festival Concert Hall*  
**2021 Festival Opening Chamber Music Concert - Fayette County Day at Festival Hill**

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Camille Saint-Saëns  
(1835-1921)  
**Septet in E-flat, Op. 65**  
*Preambule*  
*Menuet*  
*Intermede*  
*Gavotte*

L. van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)  
**Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola in D, Op. 25**  
*Entrata, Allegro*  
*Tempo ordinario d’un Menuetto*  
*Allegro molto*  
*Andante con Variazioni - Allegro scherzando e vivace*  
*Adagio*  
*Allegro vivace e dis in volta*

Jean Francaix  
(1912-1997)  
**Wind Quintet No. 1 (1948)**  
*Andante tranquillo - Allegro assai*  
*Presto*  
*Tema con variazioni. Andante*  
*Tempo di Marcia Francesse*

Christiano Rodrigues, violin  
Nikki Naghavi*, violin  
Roger Myers, viola  
Paul Zmick*, cello  
James VanDemark, double bass  
Kevin Finamore, trumpet  
Kelly Lenahan*, piano  
Alexa Still, flute  
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L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)
Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C, Op. 56 (1803)
Allegro
Largo (attacca)
Rondo alla polacca

L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)
Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 36 (1801-02)
Adagio molto – Allegro con brio
Larghetto
Scherzo: Allegro
Allegro molto

James Dick, piano
Elisabeth Adkins, violin
Jesus Castro-Balbi, cello

Monday, June 14 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel

Master Class by Roger Myers, viola

Tuesday, June 15 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel

Master Class by Jonathan Gunn, clarinet

Wednesday, June 16 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel

Master Class by Joan Kwuon, violin

Thursday, June 17 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel

Master Class by Drew Pattison, bassoon

Friday, June 18 at 7:30 PM
Festival Concert Hall

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Saturday, June 19 at 1:30 PM

Festival Concert Hall

Chamber Music Concert

Francis Poulenc  
(1899-1963)  
Sonata for oboe and piano (1962)  
Elegy  
Scherzo  
Deploration  
Nancy Ambrose King, oboe  
James Dick, piano

Rebecca Clarke  
(1886-1979)  
Sonata for Viola and Piano (1919)  
Impetuoso  
Vivace  
Adagio  
Roger Myers, viola  
Forrest Howell*, piano

Max Reger  
(1873-1916)  
Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola, Op. 141a (1915)  
Vivace  
Larghetto  
Presto  
Alexa Still, flute  
Christiano Rodrigues, violin  
Roger Myers, viola

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Festival Concert Hall
Chamber Music Concert

L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Sextet in E-flat, Op. 71 (1796)
- Adagio - Allegro
- Adagio
- Menuetto, quasi Allegretto
- Rondo (Allegro)

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

Octet in F, D. 803 (1824)
- Adagio – Allegro
- Adagio
- Allegro vivace – Trio – Allegro vivace
- Andante
- Menuetto, Allegretto
- Andante molto – Allegro

Jonathan Gunn, clarinet I
Young Artist, clarinet II
Drew Pattison, bassoon I
Young Artist, bassoon II
Maura McCune, horn I
Young Artist, horn II

Christiano Rodrigues, violin I
Fedor Malykhin*, violin II
Roger Myers, viola
Jesus Castro-Balbi, cello
James VanDemark, double bass
Jonathan Gunn, clarinet
Drew Pattison, bassoon
Maura McCune, horn

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Saturday, June 19 at 7:30 PM
Festival Concert Hall
Orchestral Concert  •  Christian Arming, conductor

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L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D, Op. 61 (1806)
- Allegro ma non troppo
- Larghetto
- Rondo. Allegro

Joan Kwuon, violin

Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)

Symphony No. 104 in D, H1-104 (1795)
- Adagio – Allegro
- Andante
- Menuetto and Trio: Allegro
- Finale: Spiritoso

Monday, June 21 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Young Artists Chamber Music Concert

Program to be announced

Young Artists
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Festival Concert Hall
Young Persons’ Concert
Texas Festival Orchestra • Emilio Colón, conductor • James VanDemark, narrator

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Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)
Toy Symphony

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)
The Carnival of the Animals (1886)

Wednesday, June 23 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Master Class by Susan Dubois, viola

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**Master Class by Emilio Colón, cello**

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**Saturday, June 26 at 3:30 PM**  
*Festival Concert Hall*  
**Chamber Music Concert**

- **Albert Roussel**  
  (1869-1937)  
  Trio for Flute, Viola and Cello, Op. 40 (1929)  
  *Allegro grazioso*  
  *Andante*  
  *Allegro non troppo*  
  Gretchen Pusch, flute  
  Susan Dubois, viola  
  Emilio Colón, cello

- **Francis Poulenc**  
  (1899-1963)  
  Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, FP 43 (1924-26)  
  *Presto*  
  *Andante*  
  *Rondo*  
  Nicholas Stovall, oboe  
  Drew Pattison, bassoon  
  Forrest Howell*, piano

- **L. van Beethoven**  
  (1770-1827)  
  Große Fuge (Grand Fugue), Op. 133 (1825)  
  Texas Festival String Ensemble  
  Christiano Rodrigues, conductor

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**Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 PM**  
*Festival Concert Hall*  
**Orchestral Concert**  
*Texas Festival Orchestra • Fabio Mechetti, conductor*

- **W.A. Mozart**  
  (1756-1791)  
  Don Giovanni Overture, K. 527 (1787)

- **L. van Beethoven**  
  (1770-1827)  
  Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 4 in G, Op. 58 (1806)  
  *Allegro moderato*  
  *Andante con moto*  
  *Rondo* (Vivace)  
  James Dick, piano

- **W.A. Mozart**  
  (1756-1791)  
  Symphony No. 41 in C, K. 551  
  *Allegro vivace*  
  *Andante cantabile*  
  *Menuetto: Allegretto – Trio*  
  *Molto allegro*

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**Monday, June 28 at 1:30 PM**  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Young Artists Chamber Music Concert**  
Program to be announced  
Young Artists
Tuesday, June 29 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Master Class by Christiano Rodrigues, violin

Wednesday, June 30 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Master Class by Amitai Vardi, clarinet

Thursday, July 1 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Master Class by James Dick, piano

Friday, July 2 at 1:30 PM
Edythe Bates Old Chapel
Master Class by Nicholas Stovall, oboe
**Saturday, July 3 at 1:30 PM**

*Festival Concert Hall*

**Piano Galore!**

Program to be announced

- Kelly Lenahan*, piano
- Forrest Howell*, piano

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**Saturday, July 3 at 3:30 PM**

*Festival Concert Hall*

**American Chamber Music Concert**

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*Young Artist*
Saturday, July 3 at 7:30 PM
Festival Concert Hall
Orchestral Concert
Texas Festival Orchestra • Michelle Merrill, conductor

L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)
Coriolan Overture, Op. 62 (1807)

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)
Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat, K. 364 (1779)

L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)
Symphony No.1 in C, Op. 21 (1801)

Adagio molto – Allegro con brio
Andante cantabile con moto
Menuetto: Allegro molto e vivace
Adagio – Allegro molto e vivace

Tomas Cotik, violin
Susan Dubois, viola

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Tuesday, July 6 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by Stephen Balderston, cello**

Wednesday, July 7 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by Brett Deubner, viola**

Thursday, July 8 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
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Friday, July 9 at 1:30 PM  
*Edythe Bates Old Chapel*  
**Master Class by Carol Wincenc, flute**

Saturday, July 10 at 1:30 PM  
*Festival Concert Hall*  
**Chamber Music Concert**

Dmitri Shostakovich  
(1906-1975)  
Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147 (1975)  
Brett Deubner, viola  
Kelly Lenahan*, piano

L. van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)  
String Quartet No. 6 in B-flat, Op. 18/6  
Allegro con brio  
Adagio ma non troppo  
Scherzo: Allegro  
La Malinconia: Adagio - Allegretto quasi Allegro  
Tomas Cotik, violin  
Christiano Rodrigues, violin  
Brett Deubner, viola  
Stephen Balderston, cello  
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*Festival Concert Hall*

**Chamber Music Concert**

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Festival Concert Hall
Orchestral Concert
Texas Festival Orchestra • Michelle Merrill, conductor

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)
Pavane, Op. 50 (1887)

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)
Concerto for Flute and Orchestra No. 2 in D, K. 314 (1778)  Carol Wincenc, flute
   Allegro aperto
   Adagio ma non troppo
   Rondo: Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)
Symphony No. 4 in A, Op. 90
   Allegro vivace
   Andante con moto
   Con moto moderato
   Saltarello, presto

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*Festival Concert Hall*

**Young Artists Chamber Music Concert**
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### Friday, July 16 at 7:30 PM
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**The Best of the 2021 Chamber Music Program**
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### Saturday, July 17 at 3:30 PM
*Festival Concert Hall*

**Closing Chamber Music Concert**

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| (1891-1953)        | *Tema con variazioni*                                | Jason Shafer, clarinet
|                   | *Andante energico*                                   | Cristiano Rodrigues, violin
|                   | *Allegro sostenuto, ma con brio*                     | Brett Deubner, viola
|                   | *Adagio pesante*                                     | Brett Shurtliffe, double bass
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|                   | *Andantino*                                           |                                                 |
| **Ferdinand Ries** | Quartet for Piano and Strings in f, Op. 13 (1809) | Tomas Cotik, violin
| (1784-1838)        | *I. Adagio - Allegro*                                | Lucy Gelber*, viola
|                   | *II. Andantino*                                       | Stephen Balderston, cello
|                   | *III. Rondo: Allegro Moderato*                        | Forrest Howell*, piano
| **L. van Beethoven** | Quintet for 2 violins, 2 violas and cello in C, Op. 29 (1809) | Tomas Cotik, violin
| (1770-1827)        | *Allegro moderato*                                    | Fedor Malykhin*, violin
|                   | *Adagio molto espressivo*                             | Brett Deubner, viola
|                   | *Scherzo (Allegro)*                                   | Cristiano Rodrigues, viola
|                   | *Finale (Presto)*                                     | Stephen Balderston, cello
|                   | *Young Artist*                                        |                                                 |
Saturday, July 17 at 7:30 PM
Festival Concert Hall
Closing Orchestral Concert
Texas Festival Orchestra • Carl St. Clair, conductor

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L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 5 in E-flat, Op. 73
Allegro
Adagio un poco mosso
Rondo: Allegro

James Dick, piano

L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Symphony No. 7 in A, Op. 92 (1811-12)
Poco sostenuto – Vivace
Allegretto
Presto – Assai meno presto
Allegro con brio

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Ella Bondar, Illinois
Po-chen Chang, Taiwan
Aria Posner, Georgia
Paul Zmick, Illinois

Double Bass
Luis Arturo Celis Avila, Venezuela
Jacob Hoch, Ohio
Caroline Samuels, Louisiana

Flute
Nadira Novruzov, New York
Katie Riley, Indiana

Oboe
Jamison Hillian, South Carolina
Jeehoon Kim, South Korea

Clarinet
Brendan Fairleigh, Kansas
Evyn Levy, Missouri

Bassoon
Katia Osorio, Honduras
Quincey Trojanowski, Illinois

French Horn
Frank Carrubba, Texas
Micah Northam, Texas

Trumpet
Aislin Carpenter, New Jersey
Bethany Vaughan, Texas

Percussion
Lain Skow, Illinois

Piano
Forrest Howell, South Korea
Kelly Lenahan, Pennsylvania
Violin
Elisabeth Adkins
Tomas Cotik
Joan Kwuon
Christiano Rodrigues

Viola
Brett Deubner
Susan Dubois
Roger Myers

Cello
Stephen Balderston
Jesus Castro-Balbi
Emilio Colón

Double Bass
Brett Shurtleff
James VanDemark

Flute
Gretchen Pusch
Alexa Still
Carol Wincenc

Oboe
Nancy Ambrose King
Andrew Parker
Nicholas Stovall

Clarinet
Jonathan Gunn
Jason Shafer
Amitai Vardi

Bassoon
Drew Pattison
Kristin Wolfe Jensen

Horn
Maura McCune Corvington
Alberto Suarez

Trumpet
Kevin Finamore
Kyle Sherman
Marie Speziale

Percussion
Thomas Burritt
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Kris Wood
James Dick, piano

Recognized as a truly important pianist of his generation who continues to captivate audiences at home and abroad, James Dick brings keyboard sonorities of mesmerizing brilliance to performances that radiate intellectual insight and emotional authenticity. A student of the renowned Dalies Frantz and Sir Clifford Curzon, Dick’s early triumphs as top prizewinner in international competitions were a mere prelude to an eminent career highlighted by acclaimed performances in the world’s premier concert halls. Dick performs nationally and internationally with major orchestras under the baton of distinguished conductors. He has been guest soloist with well-known chamber music ensembles. He has judged the international Tchaikovsky and Cliburn competitions. Dick has commissioned and premiered original compositions. A passionate supporter of arts education, in 1971 he established the Round Top Festival Institute, among the most distinguished educational projects in the United States, where young musicians develop skills in solo, chamber and orchestral repertoire. He received the honor of being named Officier des Arts et Lettres by the French Minister of Culture in 2012, and was named Texas State Musician in 2003. In 2009, Dick received the Texas Medal of Arts in Arts Education as well as the University of Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Elisabeth Adkins, violin

After 31 years as Associate Concertmaster of the National Symphony in Washington, D.C., Elisabeth Adkins was invited to join the faculty of Texas Christian University in the fall of 2014. She serves as Professor of Violin at TCU, and continues her orchestral career as the Concertmaster of the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, the Richardson Symphony, and the Plano Symphony. She has appeared as concerto soloist for the Baltimore Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, the Maryland Symphony and the Seattle Symphony, as well as numerous appearances with the National Symphony. Since arriving in Fort Worth, she has performed concerto with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra and the TCU Symphony, both under the direction of Germán Gutiérrez, and with the Corpus Christi Symphony, the Richardson Symphony, and the Sherman Symphony. She performs in recital with her husband, pianist Edward Newman; the duo has presented concerts at the Kennedy Center and the National Gallery, and was featured as the inaugural program of public radio’s Front Row Washington. The Adkins/Newman Duo are in residence at the Wintergreen Summer Festival and Academy. A noted teacher and chamber music coach, Dr. Adkins gives master classes and clinics, and is in demand for her expertise in preparing musicians for professional orchestra auditions.

Nancy Ambrose King, oboe

Nancy Ambrose King is the first-prize winner of the Third New York International Competition for Solo Oboists, held in 1995. She has appeared as soloist throughout the United States and abroad, including performances with the St. Petersburg (Russia) Philharmonic, Prague Chamber Orchestra, Janacek Philharmonic, Tokyo Chamber Orchestra, Puerto Rico Symphony, Orchestra of the Swan in Birmingham, England, Festival Internationale de Musica in Buenos Aires, New York String Orchestra, Amarillo Symphony, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, and Sinfonia da Camera. She has performed as recitalist in Weill Recital Hall and as soloist at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. She has recorded eleven CDs of works for the oboe on Boston Records, Cala Records, Equilibrium, Naxos, and Centaur Records. Recent releases include “IllumiNation” featuring concertos by Scott McAllister, Michael Daugherty, and Alyssa Morris; the “Halle” Trio Sonatas of G.F. Handel; “Global Reflections” recorded with the Prague Chamber Orchestra and featuring the works of Strauss, Skalkottas, Sierra, and Foss; and the premiere of Jennifer Higdon’s Oboe Concerto with the University of Michigan Symphony Band. She also recorded a Youtube video channel, “Trois Trios/Deux Duos,” with colleagues Jeffrey Lyman, bassoon and Martin Katz, piano.

Christian Arming, conductor

Both onstage and in the opera house, Christian Arming is highly sought after in North America, Europe, and Asia. He is currently Music Director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of Liège in Belgium, a position he has held since 2011, and was named Principal Guest Conductor of the Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra in 2017. Mr. Arming was Music Director of the New Japan Philharmonic in Tokyo from 2003 to 2013, and the Lucerne Theatre and Symphony Orchestra from 2002 to 2004. At the age of 24, he was appointed Chief Conductor of the Janáček Philharmonic in Ostrava, Czech Republic, a position he held from 1996 to 2002. North American highlights of the 2019-20 season will include debut engagements with the Indianapolis Symphony, Pacific Symphony, and the Fort Worth Symphony, as well as return engagements with the Aspen Chamber Orchestra and the Round Top Music Festival. In North America, Mr. Arming has also conducted the Boston, Atlanta, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Houston, Colorado, Fort Worth, New Jersey, Utah, and Vancouver symphonies. A regular guest conductor in Asia, he has worked with the NHK, Hiroshima, and Shanghai symphonies, in addition to the philharmonic orchestras of Taiwan and Malaysia.
Stephen Balderston, cello

Stephen Balderston participates in clinics, chamber music concerts and festivals throughout the U.S. and abroad. In recent years, Balderston has performed with Daniel Barenboim, Christoph Eschenbach, Lynn Harrell, Yo-Yo Ma, Menahem Pressler, Gil Shaham and Pinchas Zukerman. He debuted as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Bobby McFerrin during the 1999-2000 season. He has been a featured artist at the Ravinia Festival, Bargemusic and the Affinis Music Festival. Additionally, he has participated in the OK Mozart International Festival in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and the International Music Festival in Shanghai, China. In August 2001, he served as Principal Cello at the Grand Teton Music Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He joined the DePaul School of Music faculty as Associate Professor of Cello after ten years as Assistant Principal Cello with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Before joining the CSO, he was a member of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra for ten years, where he performed as soloist under Leonard Slatkin and was an artist-in-residence at Washington University. Balderston began his studies on the cello with Gabor Rejto in his native southern California. He earned both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Lynn Harrell. He is a member of the American Chamber Players.

Thomas Burritt, percussion

Thomas Burritt received degrees from Ithaca College School of Music (BM - Education and Performance), Kent State University (MM), and Northwestern University (DMA). Active in the creation and performance of new music for percussion Burritt has built a reputation in chamber music, as a percussion soloist and a concert marimbist. He has performed regularly at the Leigh Howard Stevens International Marimba Seminar and was a featured faculty performer at the 2007 and 2009 Zeltsman Marimba Festival. In April 2004 Burritt performed in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall as member of the Hammers and Sticks Ensemble. As Percussion Soloist Burritt has been active performing percussion concertos by Steve Mackey, Joseph Schwantner, Michael Dougherty, David Maslanka and James MacMillan. Burritt has recorded for guitarist Eric Johnson and recording artist David Byrne. In 2009, Burritt was nominated for a Grammy for his performances on “Conspirare in Concert” distributed world wide on the harmonia mundi label. In the spring of 2012, Burritt was cited as being one of “The most influential Music Professors on Twitter.” He is currently Associate Professor of Percussion and Director of Percussion Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and is a clinician for LLC/Malletech Instruments, Malletech Mallets, Zildjian Cymbals and Grover Pro Percussion.

Jesus Castro-Balbi, cello

Jesús Castro-Balbi’s artistic activities include acclaimed performances and broadcasts in the US, Asia, Europe and Latin America in chamber music and as a soloist with Dallas and Fort Worth Symphony Orchestras, China Philharmonic, the Aarhus Symphony Orchestra (Denmark), the Leipzig MDR radio orchestra, the Mexico City Philharmonic and the National Symphony Orchestra (Peru). He appeared in prestigious venues from Alice Tully Hall and at Carnegie Hall in New York to the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center and Tokyo’s Suntory Hall. He has presented 51 premiære performances of concerti, chamber music and cello ensemble music. He presents master classes and seminars abroad at Beijing’s Central Conservatory, the Paris Conservatoire, the Leipzig and Stuttgart Hochschule, for the Japan Cello Society, and in the US at the Juilliard School and the Yale School of Music. He teaches at Texas Christian University School of Music in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the artistic director of the TCU Cello Ensemble and of the TCU CelloFest, led the Faculty & Friends Chamber Music Series, and received the College of Fine Arts Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar. Dr. Castro-Balbi graduated from the Conservatoire National Supérieur at Lyon, Indiana University, the Yale School of Music, and holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Juilliard School.

Emilio Colón, cello

Acclaimed in prose as, “his playing is full of life and warmth,” (American Record Guide) and “Emilio Colón is obviously a virtuoso with taste,” (Fanfare Magazine), Emilio is celebrated as a passionate and virtuosic performer, in demand as a solo cellist, chamber musician, conductor, composer and pedagogue. An extensive international career has taken him throughout the United States, Canada, Latin and South America, Europe and Asia. His recordings are featured on the Enharmonic, Centaur, Zephyr and Lyra labels. Colón currently records for Klavier as solo cellist, chamber musician, conductor and composer under the label. Most recent engagements include guest soloist at the 2013 Festival Casals and recital tours of Europe and Asia. At the age of 26, Emilio was appointed to the faculty of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University as one of the youngest in the history of music schools in the US. Colón has since established himself as a highly sought after pedagogue. As composer, Colón’s work has been heard on NPR and is recorded on the Klavier label. Masters Music, E.F. Kalmus and HP Music Publications publish his editions and arrangements. An active chamber musician, Colón won a grant for two consecutive residencies from the National Endowment for the Arts and a sponsorship from Chamber Music America while with the Emile Beaux Jeux Piano Trio.
Tomas Cotik, violin
Argentinean born, Dr. Tomas Cotik earned degrees from the University of Miami, the Freiburg University of Music in Germany and the Glenn Gould School in Toronto. He studied with Nicolas Chumachenco and Lorand Fenyves. Tomas Cotik was a rotating concertmaster with the New World Symphony. He has performed with several internationally prominent conductors such as Michael Tilson Thomas, Valery Gergiev, Roberto Abbado, Yakov Kreizberg, Marin Alsop, Stephan Denve, Roger Norrington and Robert Spano in significant venues including Carnegie Hall. Committed to both performing and teaching, Dr. Tomas Cotik was appointed Assistant Professor at Portland State University in 2016. He has given numerous presentations at national and international music conventions and master classes. Mr. Cotik has performed hundreds of chamber music concerts internationally, giving recitals in Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Japan and throughout the U.S., participating in more than 15 international music festivals and collaborating with artists from various fields. In 2015-16 he appeared at New York’s Merkin Hall, at Music Mountain Festival in Connecticut, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC as well as in concerts in Detroit, Las Vegas, Omaha, Naples, Tampa, Miami, and tours in California, Mexico, Taiwan, and Israel.

Brett Deubner, viola
Brett Deubner, one of this generation’s most accomplished violists, has inspired worldwide acclaim for his powerful intensity and sumptuous tone. The New Jersey Star Ledger commented, “Deubner played with dynamic virtuosity hitting the center of every note no matter how many there were” and The Strad magazine noted his playing for it’s “infectious capriciousness.” Recent performances include solo appearances with such American orchestras as the Grand Rapids Symphony, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Symphony, Missoula Symphony, Peninsula Symphony and South American orchestras from Ecuador, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Argentina. Recent concert appearances in Europe include performances in France, Germany, and Ukraine and Denmark. Brett Deubner’s commitment to extending the repertoire for the viola is made evident by collaborations with some of today’s greatest composers such as Richard Danielpour, Andrea Morricone, Samuel Adler, Lalo Schifrin, Andrew Rudin, David Del Tredici, Joseph Turrin, Maurizio Bignone, Carlos Franzetti. More than 80 works have been dedicated to and premiered by Mr. Deubner. Brett Deubner records on Naxos, Centaur, Innova and Albany label. Brett is an alumnus of Round Top Festival Institute (1991).

Susan Dubois, viola
Hailed by The Strad as “an impressive protagonist proclaiming a magnetic, outgoing personality, a lustrous, vibrant tone, and excellent intonation,” violist Susan Dubois is considered one of the leading young artist-teachers of viola today. From New York’s Carnegie Hall to Argentina’s Teatro Colón, Dubois has won the hearts of audiences worldwide with her commanding and persuasive performances. Dubois holds a Bachelor of Music degree, magna cum laude, and Master of Music degree from the University of Southern California where she studied with Donald McInnes. A former teaching assistant of Karen Tuttle at The Juilliard School, Dubois earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree and was awarded the William Schuman Prize for outstanding achievement and leadership in Music. Dubois has extensive experience as a recitalist and chamber musician, performing and coaching throughout the United States, South America, Australia, Italy, Portugal, South Korea and South Africa. She has appeared at music festivals such as Marlboro and La Jolla with such notable artists as Lynn Harrell, David Soyer, David Finkel, Donald Weilerstein, Menahem Pressler, and Atar Arad. Dubois is currently a member of the artist faculty and string area coordinator at the University of North Texas and serves on the summer faculty of Sound Encounters and the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festivals.

Kevin Finamore, trumpet
Kevin Finamore won the position of Second Trumpet in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in 2000. Prior to his Dallas Symphony tenure, Mr. Finamore performed with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Singapore Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, and the Sun Valley Summer Music Festival. He can be heard on recordings by American Brass Quintet, Dallas Symphony Brass Quintet and CancerBlows: The Legends. As the longest tenured member of the orchestra’s trumpet section Mr. Finamore joined the faculty of SMU Meadows School of the Arts in 2018 as Adjunct Associate Professor of Trumpet. Mr. Finamore regularly can be seen master classes and teaching around North Texas, Oklahoma, and around the south in high schools and universities including OSU, University of Kentucky, UNT, Baylor, and University of North Caroline Greensboro. Prior to studies in New York, Mr. Finamore received his Masters in Music from The Juilliard School of Music and Bachelors of Music degree from North Carolina School of the Arts. His professors included Ray Mase, Chris Gekker, and Mark Gould. Kevin Finamore is a staple of the DSO trumpet section and within the trumpet section maintains the section sound and versatility.
Jonathan Gunn, clarinet
Born in Sheffield, England, Jonathan Gunn is a versatile artist with a varied career as educator, soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral performer. Mr. Gunn serves as the Assistant Professor of Clarinet at the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas. Mr. Gunn served as Principal Clarinet with the Cincinnati Symphony, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and has performed as Guest Principal Clarinet with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Pittsburgh and Colorado Symphony Orchestras. Mr. Gunn has participated in numerous music festivals including Bard, Tanglewood, Aspen, among others. Mr. Gunn was featured at the International Clarinet Association’s ClarinetFest performing the Copland Clarinet Concerto. Committed to the education of the next generation of clarinetists, Mr. Gunn gives master classes and recitals, and has served on the faculties of the Buffet-Crampon Summer Academy, the Aria International Summer Academy and the National Youth Orchestra of the USA. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Texas, he served on the faculties of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Goshen College, Andrews University and Seton Hill University. Mr. Gunn is a D’Addario Artist and Musician Advisor, a Buffet Group USA Performing Artist and plays Buffet-Crampon clarinets.

Joan Kwuon, violin
American violinist Joan Kwuon is recognized for her commanding interpretations, graceful flair and deeply communicative voice. Her artistry is committed to a diversity of musical periods and styles ranging from Bach and Beethoven to Stravinsky and Takemitsu. Joan Kwuon, whom the New York Times describes as “fiery, intensely musical and impassioned,” made her Tanglewood Music Festival concerto debut at the invitation of Sir André Previn in 2000 and her recital debut at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall the following season. She has since appeared with leading orchestras of North America, Europe and Asia and in recital and chamber music internationally. Born in Los Angeles, Joan Kwuon began her musical studies at the piano at age five and violin at age six. She attended Crossroads School and studied at Indiana University with Miriam Fried, The Juilliard School with Joel Smirnoff and CIM with Donald Weilerstein. She has taught at The Juilliard School and has been guest artist/faculty at numerous music festivals including Great Mountains Music Festival in South Korea, La Jolla’s Summerfest, Bowdoin International Music Festival and at the Heifetz International Music Institute. Ms. Kwuon is on the faculty at Cleveland Institute of Music and Colburn Conservatory.

Maura McCune Corvington, horn
Maura McCune Corvington, Second Horn of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, has distinguished herself as a virtuosic artist through her expressive playing. She has spent summers performing with the Symphony Orchestra Academy of the Pacific, Marrowstone Music Festival, The Festival-Institute at Round Top, and the Skaneateles Festival Orchestra. Devoted to the art of music education, Ms. Corvington is presently an Instructor of Horn and an Arts Leadership Program Course Instructor at the Eastman School of Music, the Instructor of Horn at the Eastman Community Music School, a Horn Mentor for the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and the Adjunct Lecturer in Horn Studies at SUNY Geneseo where she has been a featured faculty soloist and performs regularly as a member of the Geneseo Wind Quintet. A graduate of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, Ms. Corvington completed her Master’s Degree in Horn Performance under the tutelage of William VerMeulen. At the Eastman School, Ms. Corvington completed her Bachelors of Music in Horn Performance as a recipient of the Performer’s Certificate under the instruction of RPO Principal Horn, W. Peter Kurau. Originally hailing from Wilmette, Illinois, Ms. Corvington was inspired at an early age by the renowned Chicago Symphony Brass.

Fabio Mechetti, conductor
Born in São Paulo, Fabio Mechetti is the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor at the Minas Gerais Philharmonic Orchestra since its creation in 2008. Mechetti has worked as an Associate Conductor with Mstislav Rostropovich in the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington and, with him, directed concerts at the Kennedy Center and the US Capitol. He has also been Resident Conductor of The Symphonic Orchestra of San Diego. He has made his debut at the Carnegie Hall in New York conducting the Symphony Orchestra of New Jersey and has also directed numerous American orchestras, such as Seattle, Buffalo, Utah, Rochester, Phoenix and Columbus, among others. Mr. Mechetti regularly performs in Scandinavia, especially with the Danish and the Helsingborg Radio Orchestras in Sweden. In Brazil, Fabio Mechetti has been invited to conduct the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra, São Paulo State Symphony, the orchestras of Porto Alegre, Brasília and Paraná, as well as São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro Municipal Symphonic Orchestras. He has worked with masters such as Alicia de Larrocha, Magda Tagliaferro, Nicanor Zabaleta, Frederica von Stade, Thomas Hampson, Kathleen Battle, Gil Shaham, Sarah Chang, Hilary Hahn, Arnaldo Cohen, Nelson Freire, Andre Watts, among others. Mechetti holds Master’s degrees in conducting and composition from the Juilliard School of Music.
Todd Meehan, percussion
Todd Meehan is the Associate Professor of Percussion and Division Head of Instrumental Studies at the Baylor University School of Music. He has performed throughout the United States, Europe, South America, and Asia as a soloist, orchestral, and chamber musician. Todd currently performs contemporary percussion chamber music with the Meehan/Perkins Duo and is the Principal Timpanist of the Waco Symphony Orchestra. He has commissioned new works for percussion by composers David Lang, Paul Lansky, Tristan Perich, Charles Wuorinen, Jonathan Leshnoff, and Alejandro Viňao, among many others. He has released recordings on Cantaloupe, Bridge, Albany, Centaur, New World Records, and Physical Editions. He is the founder of Liquidrum, a percussion company focused on performance, pedagogy, and percussion lifestyle. He released his first book, Percussion Accessories Vol. 1 — Method for Tambourine and Triangle, in May 2017. Todd earned his Doctor of Musical Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees from the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin, and his Master of Music degree from Yale University. He performs on Pearl Drums and Adams Musical Instruments, Zildjian cymbals, Remo drumheads, Vic Firth sticks and mallets, Black Swamp accessories, and Beetle Percussion products.

Michelle Merrill, conductor
Michelle Merrill has been inspiring audiences throughout the country with her sharply detailed and vibrant performances. A passionate and dynamic artist, she served four years as the Associate Conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, where she also carried the title of Phillip and Lauren Fisher Community Ambassador. In addition to her growing guest conducting schedule, Ms. Merrill currently serves as Music Director of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia, where she has ignited the growth and expansion of the orchestra’s offerings both on and off the stage. Ms. Merrill’s recent engagements include the Orchestre national d’Ile-de-France, National Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Opera, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Sarasota Orchestra, West Virginia Symphony, Symphoria (Syracuse), Princeton Symphony Orchestra, and Round Top Festival Institute. In past seasons, she has conducted concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony, Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Louisiana Philharmonic, Orlando Philharmonic, Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera, Boise Philharmonic, New Music Detroit, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, where she formerly served as Assistant Conductor.

Roger Myers, viola
Acclaimed violist Roger Myers has performed in concerts around the world in countries across four continents, including Austria, Norway, Scotland, China, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico & USA. He has been associated with some of the nation’s most prestigious summer music festivals including the Music Academy of the West, Bowdoin Summer Music Festival, Green Mountain, the Round Top Festival Institute and the Marrowstone Music Festival. He is the founder and Artistic Director of the Blanton Chamber Music Series at the Blanton Museum in Austin. Roger Myers was born in Sydney, Australia. He studied with Donald McInnes at the University of Southern California. He has given chamber music performances with such artists as Lynn Harrell, Jean Barr, Martin Canin, Michael Francis, Daniel Heifetz, Alex Klein, Mark O’Connor, Miro String Quartet, Dorian Wind Quintet. In 2004 Roger was the featured soloist on the 100th birthday tribute concert to violist William Primrose at the XXXII International Viola Congress in Minneapolis, and in 2005 enjoyed a successful Carnegie Hall debut with the newly formed Texas Piano Quartet. In addition, he has also presented Master Classes internationally. Currently, he is Professor and Head of The String Division at the University of Texas at Austin, and was the recipient in 2007 of the School of Music Teaching Excellence Award.

Andrew Parker, oboe
Dr. Andrew Parker is Assistant Professor of Oboe at the Butler School of Music. He is the guest artist at several double reed events around the country in addition to co-hosting a Double Reed Clinics. Andrew maintains a rich career as an orchestral musician in addition to his experience as a teacher. He has performed as a soloist with the Quad City Symphony and the Great Falls Symphony. He has also played in many orchestras in North America, including the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Florida Orchestra, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Richmond Symphony, Orquesta Sinfonica de Mineria, the Ann Arbor Symphony, the Flint Symphony, the New Mexico Symphony, the Santa Fe Symphony, the Great Falls Symphony, and the Plymouth Symphony. Andrew is currently the principal oboe of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. Andrew has also taught and coached chamber music at various international music festivals, including the FEMUSC festival in Brazil, the Hartwick Festival in New York, and the Kinhaven Music School in Vermont. Andrew’s solo album, The Singing Oboe, was released under the MSR Records label in 2014. After receiving his Bachelor’s degree at the Eastman School of Music and Master’s degree at Yale University, he finished his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan.
Drew Pattison, bassoon
Drew Pattison has held principal positions with the Elgin and Lake Forest symphonies and second bassoon in the Houston Opera. His extensive freelancing throughout the Chicago area has included performances with the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, and Milwaukee Symphony. He studied with George Sakakeeny at Oberlin, Bill Buchman at DePaul University, and Richard Beene at the Colburn School. Before joining the Oberlin Conservatory faculty, he taught at DePaul from 2013 to 2017. In his spare time, Pattison is interested in health, food, and fitness.

Gretchen Pusch, flute
Flutist Gretchen Pusch made her Carnegie Hall debut as winner of the Artist International Competition. She appeared frequently in recital and as concerto soloist in North America, Europe and Asia. As a member of the Dorian Wind Quintet, she has collaborated with Peter Schickele, Anthony Newman, Maxence Larrieu and Paula Robison, among others. Ms. Pusch has performed with the American Symphony, American Composers Orchestra, Brooklyn Philharmonic, New Jersey Symphony, Philharmonia Virtuosi and on Broadway. She has been heard on radio, television and recordings for CRI, VAI, Panasonic, Summit, Innova, Mode and Windham Hill. Formerly on the faculty of Rutgers University, Ms. Pusch currently serves on the flute faculty of The Juilliard School’s Music Advancement program and the Round Top Festival Institute. She served on the jury of the 2011 Maxence Larrieu International Flute Competition in Nice, France. She is a graduate of Boston University and studied with Julius Baker, James Pappoutsakis and Keith Underwood.

Christiano Rodrigues, violin
Christiano Rodrigues is an award-winning international artist whose multifaceted career has defined him as one of the most versatile artists of his generation. Rodrigues is the newly appointed Assistant Professor of Violin and Viola at Washington State University, and celebrates this year a decade-long relationship with the Round Top Festival Institute. Rodrigues served as the concertmaster of MusicaNova Orchestra, and is the Artistic Director of the MusicaNova Orchestra Chamber Players. He has performed as a guest artist with the International Chamber Orchestra of Puerto Rico, and held positions with the Mercury Chamber Orchestra, and the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra in Croatia. As a chamber musician, Rodrigues has performed alongside many of the world’s leading artists, and performs extensively with pianist Karen Nguyen as a member of the Rodrigues-Nguyen Duo. A firm advocate of diversity, equity, and equality within the arts, Rodrigues devotes a significant amount of his time and energy to the Harmony Project, a national music program that aims to offer children from underserved communities access to high-quality music instruction. Rodrigues holds degrees from Arizona State University, Rice University, and Nicholls State University, where he studied with violinists Jonathan Swartz, Paul Kantor, and James Alexander, respectively.

Jason Shafer, clarinet
Jason Shafer joined the Colorado Symphony as Principal Clarinet at the start of the 2013-2014 season. Previously, he played for four years as a fellow with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, FL. He received his Bachelor of Music with Highest Distinction from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where he studied with Kenneth Grant. His other major musical influences include Mark Nuccio and Burt Hara. Jason has appeared in guest principal roles with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony, and the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, where he has been a regular member since 2012. Always looking for opportunities to travel, he has performed abroad in Austria, Estonia, and Russia. Jason has collaborated in chamber music performances with Yefim Bronfman, Jeremy Denk, and Laura Aiken; as a concerto soloist, he has performed with the Colorado Symphony, the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, the New World Symphony, and the Eastman Philharmonia, among others. He is passionate about teaching and is on the faculty of the University of Northern Colorado; he also taught at the Metropolitan State University of Denver from 2015-2016. In addition, Jason studied piano during his time at Eastman, and loves to accompany other musicians. Jason is an alumnus of Round Top Festival Institute (2009).
Kyle Sherman, trumpet
Praised by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for his “gorgeous and moving solo work,” Kyle Sherman joined the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra as Principal Trumpet in 2016. Originally from La Grange, Texas, Mr. Sherman is an alumnus of the Yale School of Music, Oberlin Conservatory, Tanglewood Music Center, the National Repertory Orchestra, and the Round Top Festival. Kyle has appeared with the Dallas Symphony, and as a soloist with the Garland, Arlington, and Las Colinas symphony orchestras. He has also performed on the Broadway national tours of the Book of Mormon, Porgy & Bess, and Matilda, among others. An active and dedicated educator, he regularly appears as a clinician and recitalist at universities throughout Texas and the United States. His current and former students can be found in the Dallas and Fort Worth Youth Symphonies, as well as college music schools throughout the country.

Brett Shurtleff, double bass
Brett Shurtleff received his Bachelor in Music and the prestigious Performer’s Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with James VanDemark and his Master’s in Music from Duquesne University, where he studied with Jeffrey Turner. In 2003 he was the top American prizewinner at the International Society of Bassists Solo Competition, and two years later took First Prize at the ISB Orchestral Competition. Since being appointed the Associate Principal Double Bass with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in 2007, Brett has appeared numerous times as a soloist with the BPO, as well as with the Amherst Symphony, the National Repertory Orchestra, and in 2001 was co-creator and soloist in Heresy, a new music concert conducted by Rochester Philharmonic’s Jeff Tyzik. Brett’s playing has been described as “immaculate” in a 2012 Bass World review, and “Not even Johann Sebastian shredded as hard as this guy” were the accolades from an imaginative recital at a downtown Buffalo night club in 2012. His recital engagements have taken him across the U.S. and Canada, and as an orchestral musician he also performed with the Wheeling, Erie, Detroit and Pittsburgh Symphonies. He currently teaches at Canisius and Houghton Colleges and is on faculty at the Round Top Festival Institute.

Marie Speziale, trumpet
Marie Speziale, Professor Emerita of Trumpet and Chair of the Brass Department at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, is acknowledged as the first woman trumpeter in a major symphony orchestra. Ms. Speziale retired from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra after serving as Associate Principal Trumpet for thirty-two years. She has served as competition judge for the Fischhoff, IWBC, ITG and National Trumpet Competitions. She has conducted the New World Symphony Brass, Monarch Brass, Lucca Italy Festival Brass, Spoleto Italy Festival Brass as well as the brass sections of Washington, DC’s premiere US Air Force Band and US Army Field Band. Former President of the IWBC, she served on its board of directors for twelve years and is currently serving on the board of the Classical Music Hall of Fame. She has received the Pioneer Award from the IWBC, the Golden Rose Award from the Women Band Director International, the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Cincinnati, and the Distinguished Alumna Award from the College-Conservatory of Music. In 2017 and 2018, she travelled to Uruguay to conduct the Banda Sinfonica de Montevideo in concerts commemorating Women’s History Month. Ms. Speziale is the recipient of the Honorary Award by the International Trumpet Guild.

Carl St. Clair, conductor
Music Director of the Pacific Symphony, Carl St. Clair is widely recognized for his musically distinguished performances, innovative approaches to programming, and commitment to educational programs. Most recently, Mr. St. Clair has been named Music Director of the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Costa Rica. Also an active guest conductor, Carl St. Clair has led the Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the symphonies of Atlanta, Detroit, Fort Worth, Houston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Montreal, Nashville, San Francisco, Sarasota, Seattle, Toronto, and Vancouver, to name a few. Worldwide, he conducted orchestras in Europe, South America, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Japan. Summer festival appearances include Schleswig-Holstein, Pacific, Round Top, Breckenridge, Wintergreen, Texas Music Festival, and Tanglewood. Under his guidance, the Pacific Symphony has commissioned works by Philip Glass, William Bolcom and Chen Yi. Mr. St. Clair has also been general music director and chief conductor of the German National Theater and Staatskapelle (GNTS) in Weimar, Germany (the first non-European to hold this position); general music director of the Komische Oper in Berlin; and principal guest conductor of the SDR/Stuttgart, where he completed a three-year recording project of the complete Villa-Lobos symphonies.
Alexa is known internationally for her many recordings on the Koch International Classics label. She has been described as “impeccable in technique and taste, seductive in phrasing”. A New Zealander, Alexa graduate study was in New York (SUNY Stony Brook) where she also won competitions including the New York Flute Club Young Artist Competition, and, East and West Artists Competition. Alexa then won principal flute of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra at the age of 23. She taught at University of Colorado at Boulder and the Sydney Conservatorium before joining her current position at Oberlin Conservatory, USA, in 2011. Alexa maintains a busy concert schedule, having presented recitals, concerts and master classes in England, Germany, Slovenia, Turkey, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Canada, Korea, China, Australia, New Zealand, and of course across the United States. Alexa has also served her profession as President of the National Flute Association (USA), and regularly contributes articles to flute journals across the globe. She plays a silver flute made for her by Brannen Brothers of Boston with gold or wooden headjoints by Sanford Drelinger of White Plains, New York. When her flute is in its case, Alexa is an avid motorcyclist, and she shares a daughter and two dogs with her husband.

Nicholas Stovall, oboe
Nicholas Stovall (M.M. The Juilliard School, B.M. Cleveland Institute of Music) has been principal oboe of the National Symphony Orchestra since September 2008. He was recently featured in a performance of the Schumann Romances for Oboe and Piano with NSO Music Director Christoph Eschenbach at the keyboard. He performs regularly with the Kennedy Center Chamber Players, a group comprised of principal players of the NSO. Stovall is also a member of the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, with which he will perform the Vaughan Williams Oboe Concerto in February 2012. Mr. Stovall is a guest faculty member at the Aspen Music Festival and School in 2009 and taught and performed at Indiana University’s Summer Music Festival in 2010. In June 2011 he presented masterclasses as part of the Interlochen Center for the Arts’ Advanced Oboe Institute. Stovall is currently on the faculties of the Bard College Conservatory of Music and The Catholic University of America, and teaches in the National Symphony’s Youth Fellowship Program. After completing studies at the Interlochen Arts Academy, he earned degrees at the Cleveland Institute of Music and The Juilliard School as a student of John Mack, Elaine Douvas, and Nathan Hughes. Mr. Stovall spent two summers at Round Top (2004 and 2005.) We are very proud and delighted to have him back there as a member of the faculty.

Alberto Suarez, french horn
Alberto Suarez was born to Cuban parents in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, and raised in South Florida. In addition to serving as principal horn of the Kansas City Symphony, holding the Landon and Sarah Rowland Chair. Suarez has served as guest principal horn with the Milwaukee and Fort Worth Symphonies and has toured internationally as guest associate principal horn with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Suarez has appeared as a soloist with the Kansas City Symphony and the Overland Park Symphony. Suarez was a member of the New World Symphony, the Sphinx Symphony, and has toured internationally with the Verbier Festival Orchestra and the New York Symphonic Ensemble. As an educator, Suarez has taught masterclasses at the University of Kansas, University of Missouri at Kansas City, Manhattan School of Music and the New World Symphony, among others. Alberto is an alumnus of the Round Top Festival Institute (2000, 2001)

Walter Thompson, soundpainting
Walter Thompson has achieved international recognition as a composer and for the creation of Soundpainting, the universal multidisciplinary live composing sign language. In 1974, after attending Berklee School of Music, Walter Thompson moved to Woodstock and began an association with the Creative Music Studio. While there, he studied composition and woodwinds with Anthony Braxton and began to develop his interest in using hand and body gestures as a way to create real-time compositions. Soundpainting is now being used both professionally and in education in more than 35 countries around the world including; the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Czech Republic, China, Germany, Spain, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Japan, South Africa, Brazil, Uruguay, Montenegro, Guadeloupe, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Nigeria, Switzerland, Turkey, and the Netherlands. In 2002, Premis FAD Sebastià Gasch d’Arts Parateatrals awarded Thompson the prestigious “Aplaudiment” for his work with Soundpainting in Barcelona, Spain. He has also received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, Meet the Composer, the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust, ASCAP, Rockefeller Foundation, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, New York State Council on the Arts, and the Jerome Foundation.
Gregory Vajda, conductor

Hailed as a “young titan” by the Montreal Gazette after conducting the Montreal Symphony in Bartók’s Bluebeard’s Castle and Schoenberg’s Erwartung, Gregory Vajda has fast become one of the most sought-after conductors on the international scene. Reflecting his growing presence and demand in North America, he was appointed in 2011 the sixth music director of the Huntsville Symphony. Mr. Vajda is Music Director of the Portland Festival Symphony (2017-), Artistic Director of the Hungarian UMZE New Music Ensemble (2018-), and he is the Program Director of the Peter Eötvös Contemporary Music Foundation (2019-). After concluding his 3 year tenure as Principal Conductor he was named Principal Guest Conductor of the Hungarian Radio Symphony in 2014. He was the Artistic Director of the International Armel Opera Festival (2014-2019), and of Music in the Mountains Festival in Northern California (2009-2013). In addition to his duties with these organizations, upcoming guest-conducting engagements include Ensemble Ars Nova (France), the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, the Hungarian State Opera, the Savaria Symphony, the Danubia Symphony.

James VanDemark, double bass

Acclaimed as one of the leading performers on the double bass, James VanDemark has performed as soloist with the New York Philharmonic, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, Grant Park Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, San Antonio Symphony, Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, National Symphony of Mexico, Netherlands Radio Symphony and many other orchestras throughout the world. VanDemark is also the recipient of commissions from three Pulitzer-Prize winning composers: Christopher Rouse, Joseph Schwantner, and Gian-Carlo Menotti. VanDemark’s chamber music appearances include such groups as the Guarneri, Cleveland, Muir, Ying, Orford, and Colorado Quartets, as well as the Gryphon Trio, Vienna Schubert Trio, Los Angeles Piano Quartet, violinist Yehudi Menuhin, and pianists Alfred Brendel and Gary Graffman. Professor of double bass at the Eastman School of Music since 1976, VanDemark’s students hold positions in many of the world’s great orchestras and teaching appointments at major music schools. VanDemark is also an accomplished amateur boxer, and has been featured on ESPN, Fox Sports and in the Wall Street Journal for the boxing and conditioning program that he established at the Eastman School of Music with legendary boxing coach Dominic Arioli.

Amitai Vardi, clarinet

Clarinetist Amitai Vardi, an avid soloist, orchestral, and chamber musician, made his solo debut at the age of sixteen with the Madison Symphony Orchestra as a first place winner of the Steenbock Young Artist Competition. He has since won several concerto competitions, including the Round Top International Festival Competition, The Cleveland Institute of Music Concerto Competition, and the Agnes Fowler Competition. Vardi has been a featured soloist with the Spoleto Symphony Orchestra, and performed the North American premiere of Srul Glick’s concerto. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University, where he studied with Eli Eban, and his Master of Music degree at The Cleveland Institute of Music, as a student of Franklin Cohen. Mr. Vardi pursued his postgraduate studies with Yehuda Gilad in Los Angeles. His enthusiasm for chamber music has led to performances across the United States, South America, Europe, and his native Israel. As an orchestral player, Vardi currently holds positions with Opera Cleveland, Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, City Music Cleveland, and Blossom Band and Orchestra. Amitai is a Round Top Festival-Institute alumnus (2000). Professor of Clarinet at Kent State University since 2012 and teaches at the Cleveland Institute Preparatory Department, Interlochen Arts Camp and Kent Blossom Music Festival.

Carol Wincenc, flute

Carol Wincenc, flute, was First Prize Winner of the Walter W. Naumburg Solo Flute Competition. She has appeared as a soloist with such ensembles as the Chicago, Saint Louis, Atlanta and London symphonies; the BBC and Buffalo philharmonics; the Saint Paul and Stuttgart chamber orchestras; and the New York Woodwind Quintet. She has performed in the Mostly Mozart Festival and music festivals in Aldeburgh, Budapest, Frankfurt, Santa Fe, Spoleto and Marlboro. Ms. Wincenc has premiered numerous works written for her by many of today’s most prominent composers including Christopher Rouse, Henryk Gorecki, Lukas Foss, Peter Schickele, Joan Tower and Tobias Picker. In great demand as a chamber musician, Ms. Wincenc has collaborated with the Guarneri, Emerson, Tokyo and Cleveland string quartets, and performed with Jessye Norman, Emanuel Ax and Yo-Yo Ma. Ms. Wincenc has recorded for Nonesuch, London/Decca, Deutsche Grammophon and Telarc. As a result of her fascination with the flute family, Ms. Wincenc created and directed a series of International Flute Festivals in St. Paul, Minnesota, featuring such diverse artists as Jean-Pierre Rampal, Herbie Mann and the American Indian flutist, R. Carlos Nakai. Ms. Wincenc is currently teaching at The Juilliard School.
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Kristin Wolfe Jensen, bassoon

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- **Chamber Music Trio**
  - Chavdar Parashkevov, violin; Louis-Marie Fardet, cello; Viktor Valkov, piano
  - Saturday, August 28, 2021, 3:00 pm - $30 Adults / $10 Students

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- **24th Annual Theatre Forum at Round Top**
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  - Festival Institute Bybee Library fundraiser, concert and reception
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