

LEON BOTSTEIN conductor

CONCERT TIMELINE

2 hours and 10 minutes

•	Stabat Mater	Birds of America	Intermission	Arcadian Symphony
•	20 min	16 min	20 min	48 min

Brief remarks by Esther Goldy Roestan violin



Julia Perry

Born 3/25/1924 in Lexington, KY Died 4/24/1979 at age 55 in Akron, OH

Stabat MaterGrave (very slow)

Andantino (moderate)
Allegro (fast)
Allegro (fast)
Moderato ma non troppo (at a moderate pace, but not too moderate)
Andante (moderately slow)
Allegro molto (very fast)
Misterioso (mysteriously)
[Presto] (quickly)
Calmo (calmly)

BRIANA HUNTER mezzo-soprano

Written 1951, at age 27



- According to the composer, Stabat Mater "consists of three characters— Jesus, Mary and the spectator.
- In the first half of the drama the spectator stands apart regarding the awesome sight. In the second half, wishing to share the burden, they express their desire in the words "fac me cruce custodire."



Scott Wheeler

Born 2/24/1952 in Washington, D.C.

Birds of America: Violin Concerto No. 2

WORLD PREMIERE

Quietly soaring Adagietto (slow) Allegro vivo (fast and lively)

GIL SHAHAM violin

Written 2021, at age 69



- While the birds in this concerto are not depicted literally, quite a few birds make appearances in the work.
- This past spring, the composer took a walk through Central Park with violinists Gil Shaham and Adele Anthony, during which they spotted a downy woodpecker. This inspired the opening of the third movement, with taps on the body of the violin, bow taps in the violas, and a few high peeps roughly transcribed from woodpecker calls.

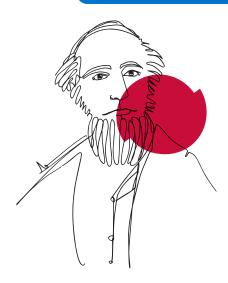
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Brief remarks by **Ser Konvalin** horn



George Frederick Bristow

Born 12/19/1825 in Brooklyn, New York Died 12/13/1898 at age 72 in New York City

Symphony No. 4, Arcadian

in a new edition by Prof. Kyle Gann, a specialist on American concert music at the Bard Conservatory of Music

Emigrants' Journey Across the Plains Halt on the Prairie Indian War Dance Finale: Arrival at the New Home, Rustic Festivities, and Dancing

Written 1872, at age 46 Premiered 2/8/1873 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music; Brooklyn Philharmonic; Carl Bergmann conductor

All timings are approximate.

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Gil Shaham & Julia Perry

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The Music

JULIA PERRY'S STABAT MATER

Notes by TŌN violinist Yi-Ting Kuo



The Composer

Julia Perry was an African-American composer born in 1924 in Lexington, Kentucky. Upon graduating from Akron High School, she attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees, studying voice, piano, and composition. After that, she continued to pursue her musical training at The Juilliard School, and also spent summers at the

Berkshire Music Center in Tanglewood, Massachusetts. She also received two Guggenheim fellowships to study with Luigi Dallapiccola in Italy and Nadia Boulanger in France. In 1959, she returned to the United States to teach at Florida A&M University, and later on became a faculty member at Atlanta University. In 1970 she suffered from her first stroke, which paralyzed her right side, and she began teaching herself to compose with her left hand while being in and out from the hospital. She died in 1979 at the age of 55.

The Music

Stabat Mater was her first major composition, and she wrote this piece while studying at Juilliard and with Luigi Dallapiccola at the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood. The piece, which appeared in 1951, was dedicated to her mother, and it has been widely performed in Europe and the United States. It was written for a contralto voice and string orchestra based on a Latin poem by Jacopone da Todi (the score includes an English translation by the composer), and it is a story related to Jesus, Mary, and the spectator.

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SCOTT WHEELER'S BIRDS OF AMERICA: VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 2

Notes by the composer

The birds in my violin concerto *Birds of America* are not depicted literally, and it isn't important for a listener to identify them, but quite a few birds make appearances in the work. The first movement includes a hawk, a whippoorwill, loons, and a mourning dove. The second movement, which features prominent solos for celeste and flute, draws on my music for the ballet *Nightingale*, developed with choreographer Melissa Barak. The finale is a dance, or a series of dances, perhaps set in an aviary.

One day this past spring, as Gil Shaham and I were planning this concerto, we took a walk in Central Park with his wife, the violinist Adele Anthony. We passed what I later learned was a downy woodpecker, which Adele filmed on her phone. That chance encounter inspired me to start the third movement of *Birds of America* with taps on the body of the violin, bow taps (collegno) in the violas, and a few high peeps roughly transcribed from woodpecker calls.

Some of the birds in this concerto are taken from earlier music rather than from nature, and are not specifically American birds. There are brief references to "Spring" from Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, the opening of The Birds by Respighi, Schumann's Bird as Prophet, and a novelty tune called The Hot Canary, famously played by the jazz violinist Joe South. As with the bird calls. the listener need not identify these cameo appearances from other music. Gil Shaham directed me to some of these references. and he advised me on many details of the violin part. Our conversations led us to consider questions of concerto writing from Mozart to Mendelssohn to Prokofiev and beyond. We agreed that the violin is essentially a singing voice.

Birds of America: Violin Concerto #2 is in three movements, marked Quietly Soaring, Adagietto, and Allegro vivo. The work was commissioned by Bard College for The Orchestra Now and its music director, Leon Botstein. It is dedicated to Gil Shaham.

GEORGE FREDERICK BRISTOW'S SYMPHONY NO. 4, ARCADIAN

Notes by TŌN oboist JJ Silvey



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Subverting European Eminence

"How are Americans to win their way in composition unless their compositions are played?" This retort to critic Richard Storrs Willis by William Henry Fry, one of the earliest known American symphonists, would precipitate a public argument between the two men about the virtues of American versus European orchestral music, played out on the pages of a Boston circular. In his zeal to indict the American predilection for European music, Fry publicly praised the composition skills of George Frederick Bristow-then concertmaster of the Philharmonic Society of New York-and challenged the lack of esteem Bristow's output was accorded by his own orchestra. The media circus, galvanizing Bristow's resentment for the vogue of American institutions disregarding American music, led to his resignation from the Philharmonic Society. Like Fry, Bristow believed fervently in the cause of subverting European eminence in the American musical sphere.

An Undercurrent of Transcendentalism Composed in 1872, Bristow's Arcadian Symphony is perhaps his most fully realized effort at synthesizing the European musical conventions of the day with a uniquely American melodic poignancy. In listening to the piece, one readily detects the influence of German luminaries. Despite the music's structural familiarity, there is a palpable undercurrent of transcendentalism. The symphony is grand in scale, much of the material having been borrowed from The

Pioneer, Bristow's cantata depicting the

lives of westward-bound settlers.

The Music

The first movement begins with an affecting viola solo. The movement is comparable in length to the first movement of the Eroica Symphony, and the similarities between the two works don't end there. Frequent use of hemiola, tutti chordal hits, and carefully paced textural contrasts all point to a clear Beethovenian influence. A tranquil horn solo opens the second movement, soon giving way to a low brass iteration in which Bristow quotes a theme by Thomas Tallis. This prayerful moment evokes noble simplicity, lending local color to a movement otherwise marked by sophisticated lyrical development and lush chromaticism. The third movement alternates a scherzando woodwind theme with bombastic chromatic interjections, both of which are interrupted before long by a steadying brass melody. After this reprieve, the scherzando theme increases involume and intensity, bolstered by greater orchestral forces and the deployment of more complex counterpoint. The fourth movement is richly varied in texture and character. The exuberant opening undergoes cleverly executed mood shifts, lending the movement tremendous interest and dynamism.

REEVALUATING BRISTOW IN 2021

Keeping the original, troubling movement titles in George Frederick Bristow's Symphony No. 4, Arcadian, offers audiences today an important window into the process by which composers, like Bristow, participated in justifying and culturally normalizing the violent expansion into Indigenous homelands by the United States. Bristow's choices reveal 19th-century mainstream U.S. attitudes towards Indigenous peoples. These decisions helped enshrine cultural norms that recast the displacement of Indigenous peoples from their homelands through U.S.-government-sanctioned removal as an inevitable process. "Emigrants' Journey Across the Plains" and "Halt on the Prairie" set the stage for listeners to imagine a frontier of uninhabited land and natural resources. "Indian War Dance" presents conflict between settlers and Indigenous peoples as inevitable, with Indians cast as violent and unpredictable, usurping and disrupting the natural progression of improvement brought by hardworking emigrants. Native presence is erased by the symphony's final movement, "Arrival at the New Home, Rustic Festivities, and Dancing," a celebration of the emigrants' heroic victory over adversity. Today, tribal nations and Indigenous descendant communities work tirelessly to make visible to the public these raw and painful histories of dispossession, the effects of which still shape their communities today.

Instrumental music in symphonic form without words, like Bristow's, has the

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advantage, even if there are titles and an implied program, of ambiguity and unstable allusions that allows it, through its formal qualities, to shed any initial symbolism and purpose. The opening of Richard Strauss' Also sprach Zarathustra in the film 2001: A Space Odyssey or Rossini's William Tell Overture in "The Lone Ranger" TV series are cases in point.

Please consider a donation to support the educational and cultural work of federallyrecognized Native nations, to recover and make visible this troubled past so that current and future American generations can benefit from the reconciliation this fuller accounting of history offers.

A NEW EDITION OF BRISTOW'S SYMPHONY NO. 4. **ARCADIAN**

George Frederick Bristow has been called "America's first great classical composer." Unlike most of his contemporaries, he did not study in Europe, and sometimes devoted his music to specifically American subject matter. Born in Brooklyn in 1825, he joined the first violin section of the Philharmonic Society of New York in 1843 at age 17, and remained there until 1879. He was concertmaster between 1850 and 1853. In 1854, he began a long career as a music educator in the public schools of New York: in fact, P.S. 134 in the Bronx is known as the George F. Bristow School. His Symphony No. 4, Arcadian, which was commissioned for \$100 by the Brooklyn Philharmonic (of which he was also a member), was the first symphony commissioned by an American orchestra from an American composer. To fulfill the commission quickly, he reused elements of his recently completed largescale cantata. The Pioneer.

In 1967, conductor Karl Krueger recorded the Arcadian Symphony with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Professor Kyle Gann, a specialist on American concert music at the Bard College Conservatory of Music, noted in a recent analysis of the recording (which can be found online at kylegann.com/Bristow4.html) that someone made three cuts in Bristow's score, so that over a third of the first and last movements are omitted. TŌN's performance and recording of the Arcadian symphony in Prof. Gann's new edition will rectify these omissions, providing a complete and unabridged recording for modern listeners.

The Artists

LEON BOTSTEIN conductor



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Leon Botstein brings a renowned career as both a conductor and educator to his role as music director of The Orchestra Now. He has been music director of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992, artistic codirector of Bard SummerScape and the Bard Music Festival since their creation, and president of Bard College since 1975. He was the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra from 2003-11, and is now conductor laureate. In 2018 he assumed artistic directorship of the Grafenegg Academy in Austria. Mr. Botstein is also a frequent guest conductor with orchestras around the globe, has made numerous recordings, and is a prolific author and music historian. He is the editor of the prestigious The Musical Quarterly, and has received many honors for his contributions to music.

More info online at **leonbotstein.com**.

BRIANA HUNTER mezzo-soprano



Performances: Ruby/Woman Sinner in Terence Blanchard's Fire Shut Up in My Bones at The Metropolitan Opera; Mother in Jeanine Tesori's Blue at Seattle Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, and the Glimmerglass Festival; title role in Carmen with Opera Orlando and Music Academy of the West; Tanya in Is This America? with Santa Fe Opera; Constance Fletcher in The Mother of Us All with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: The Late Walk with Decameron Opera Coalition; Letters You Will Not Get and Rachel in the world premiere of Harriet Tubman: When I Crossed That Line to Freedom with American Opera Projects; Apollo y Dafne livestreamed from The Hispanic Museum and Library, North American Premiere; Opera from a Sistah's Point of View with Opera Birmingham and Cincinnati Opera; Dee Dee Reyes in Hillard and Boresi's The Last American Hammer with UrbanArias; multiple roles in Augusta Read Thomas' Sweet Potato Kicks the Sun with the Santa Fe Opera; Hannah Before in Laura Kaminsky's As One at the Kaufman Music Center with New York City Opera and American Opera Projects; Annie and Strawberry Woman in Porgy and Bess at the Glimmerglass Festival; Giovanna in Rigoletto and Gertrude Stein in Ricky Ian Gordon's 27 at Michigan Opera Theatre; Flora in La Traviata and Pvt. Stanton in the world premiere of An American Soldier at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis; workshop of Ricky Ian Gordon and Lynn Nottage's Intimate Apparel and gala performance of Camelot at Lincoln Center Theater; Mercédès in Carmen at Michigan Opera Theatre, El Paso Opera, and Knoxville Opera; Jo in Little Women, Wowkle in La fanciulla del West, and Madeleine Audebert in Silent Night at Michigan Opera Theatre; Play by Play in the world premiere of Bum Phillips: An All-American Opera at LaMama Experimental Theater; Ida in Die Fledermaus at Sarasota Opera; covered the roles of Lucinda in the world premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Cold Mountain and Countess Ceprano in Rigoletto as an Apprentice Artist with Santa Fe Opera; Mark Medoff's Gunfighter–A Gulf War Chronicle; Infinite Variety/For Every Passion Something with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Fringe Festival in Scotland; The Vagina Monologues at Manhattan School of Music; Godspell and Ragtime with the American Musical Theater Ensemble

Appearances: Beethoven's Missa Solemnis with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Charlotte Symphony, Santa Fe Opera Digital Winter Concert Tour, I Sing Beijing program at The National Center for the Performing Arts

Broadcasts: Mostly Mozart Festival, WQXR

Recordings: *Blue*, forthcoming in 2022, The Kennedy Center

Awards: Encore Michigan Award, Best Performance in an Opera, 27; finalist, Lotte Lenya Competition; Lys Symonette Award, The Kurt Weill Foundation for Music

Education: Manhattan School of Music, M.M.; Davidson College, B.A.

GIL SHAHAM violin



Appearances: recitals throughout North America, Europe, and Asia with Akira Eguchi; Berlin Philharmonic; Boston Symphony; Chicago Symphony; Israel Philharmonic; Los Angeles Philharmonic; New York Philharmonic; Orchestre de Paris; San Francisco Symphony; multi-year residencies with the Orchestras of Montreal, Stuttgart, and Singapore; 1981 debuts with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Philharmonic

Repertoire: J.S. Bach's complete sonatas and partitas for solo violin; Violin Concertos of the 1930s, including the works of Barber, Bartok, Berg, Korngold, Prokofiev, and others

Recordings: 1930s Violin Concertos Vol. 2, Grammy nomination; Beethoven and Brahms Concertos with The Knights, 2021; J.S. Bach's complete sonatas and partitas for solo violin; more than two dozen concerto and solo CDs, many on his label Canary Classics; 1930s Violin Concertos; Virtuoso Violin Works; Elgar's Violin Concerto; Hebrew Melodies; The Butterfly Lovers

Awards: Multiple Grammy Awards; 2012 Instrumentalist of the Year, *Musical America*; Grand Prix du Disque; Diapason d'Or; *Gramophone* Editor's Choice; Avery Fisher Prize, 2008; Avery Fisher Career Grant, 1990; first prize, Israel's Claremont Competition, 1982

Faculty: Bard College Conservatory of Music

Education: studied with Samuel Bernstein of the Rubin Academy of Music at age 7; received annual scholarships from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation; scholarship student at The Juilliard School; studied at Columbia University

SCOTT WHEELER composer



Scott Wheeler's operas have been commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, the Guggenheim Foundation, and White Snake Projects. His music has been performed by violinist Gil Shaham, conductor Kent Nagano, and singers Renee Fleming, Anthony Roth Costanzo, and Susanna Phillips. His works can be heard on New World, Naxos, Bridge, BMOP Sound, and various other labels.

Mr. Wheeler has appeared as conductor and pianist in New York, Berlin, Boston, and on several recordings, often with the Bostonbased ensemble Dinosaur Annex, which he co-founded and directed for many years. He has also conducted many productions of opera and musical theatre works and has appeared as a pianist in a wide repertoire of classical, jazz, and cabaret.

The 2021–22 season features premieres of Mr. Wheeler's music at Bard College, Carnegie Hall, Bargemusic, National Sawdust, the Boston Athenaeum, and various venues in Scotland, Wales, and Florence, Italy.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Washington, D.C. He grew up in various cities in the American midwest and east, then studied at Amherst College, New England Conservatory, and Brandeis. His principal teachers were Lewis Spratlan, Arthur Berger, and Virgil Thomson, along with studies at Dartington with Peter Maxwell Davies and Tanglewood with Olivier Messiaen. He is Senior Distinguished Artist in Residence at Emerson College in Boston, where he teaches musical theatre and songwriting.

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Conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, whom *The New York Times* said "draws rich, expressive playing from the orchestra," founded TŌN in 2015 as a graduate program at Bard College, where he is also president. TŌN offers both a three-year master's degree in Curatorial, Critical, and Performance Studies and a two-year advanced certificate in Orchestra Studies The orchestra's home base is the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center at Bard, where it performs multiple concerts each season and takes part in the annual Bard Music Festival. It also performs regularly at the finest venues in New York, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and others across NYC and beyond. *HuffPost*, who has called TŌN's performances "dramatic and intense," praises these concerts as "an opportunity to see talented musicians early in their careers."

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ESTHER GOLDY ROESTAN violin



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Esther will talk briefly about Julia Perry's Stabat Mater & Scott Wheeler's *Birds of America* on stage before the performance.

Hometown: Surabaya, Indonesia

Alma maters: Oberlin Conservatory, Artist Diploma, 2019; Jacobs School of Music, B.M. in Violin Performance, 2018

Awards/Competitions: Oberlin Artist Diploma Dean Scholarship, 2018–20; Runnerup, Jacobs School of Music Brahms Violin Concerto Competition, Spring 2018; Jacobs School of Music Kuttner Quartet in Residence, 2017–18; Jacobs School of Music Scholarship, 2014–18; Max Reger Foundation Scholarship, 2009; Grand Prize, 2008 Patron Award Malaysian Youth Orchestra Foundation; 1st Place, 2006 Mozart National Competition, Surabaya, Indonesia

Appearances: Music Academy of the West, 2019; Madeline Island Chamber Music, Fellowship Quartet, 2017; Heifetz International Music Institute, Staunton, VA, 2012–13; Zukerman Summer Music Institute, Ottawa, 2012–13

How did you hear about TŌN? What inspired you to apply? My friend Gaia, who was also a TŌN violinist, said that TŌN not only has great musicians, but lovely people too! And it's true!

What is your favorite piece of music, and why do you love it? Puccini's *La bohème*. It's just the most beautiful Romantic opera.

If you could play another instrument, what would it be? Harp

If you weren't a musician, what would you be doing? Either a painter, or a psychiatrist

Piece of advice for a young classical musician: Take care of yourself, don't forget to work out, go on more outdoor adventures, and take breaks. But also practice a lot.

SER KONVALIN horn



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Ser will talk briefly about Bristow's Symphony No. 4, *Arcadian* on stage before the performance.

Hometown: Longview, TX

Alma maters: University of North Texas, B.M. 2012–16; Manhattan School of Music, M.M. 2017–19

Appearances: Imani Winds Chamber Festival, 2018; Round Top Festival Institute, 2019

When did you realize you wanted to pursue music as a career? I have essentially wanted to be a musician of some kind since I was old enough to know what music is.

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When I picked up the horn in fifth grade. I knew pretty much instantly that I would pursue this for the rest of my life.

What do you think orchestra concerts should look like in the 21st Century? I want to see more diverse audience engagement with orchestra concerts. I love when orchestras play in non-traditional venues. Everyone hopes for more young people at concerts, and I think that performing more new works and old works in fresh wavs will help.

Which composer or genre of music do you feel vou connect with the most? As a horn player I'm a huge Brahms fan, but I'm most inspired by newer works by composers like Jennifer Higdon.

What is some advice you would give to your younger self? Don't compare your life to anyone else's.

If you weren't a musician, what would you be doing? I really enjoy sewing, crafts, and drag, so maybe I would be doing something in fashion.

Piece of advice for a young classical musician: Don't be afraid to try things out of your comfort zone! Play with different ensembles. Do some improvisation. Try arranging. Play for and with your friends. So many opportunities will come your way, and the more you've tried new things, the more comfortable vou'll be.

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Leon Botstein conductor

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Andrés Rivas conductor

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