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"Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" Benjamin Truncale, Ensemble

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"A Weekend in the Country" Sydney Cornett, Jaclyn Hopping, Joseph Breslau, Nicole Rizzo, Tim Widner, Jacob Hunter, Nisha Caiozzi, Megan Maloney, Madelin Morales, Benjamin Truncale

> "Send in the Clowns" Stephanie Blythe

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West Side Story

"Tonight"

Michael Adams, Sam Warshauer, Chirbee Dy, Tim Widner, Jacob Hunter, Ensemble

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Kiss Me, Kate

"Wunderbar" Georgia Perdikoulias, Tim Widner

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Carousel

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"A Real Nice Clambake" Imani Oluoch, Stephanie Blythe, Jaclyn Hopping

> "If I Loved You" Athena Woodfin

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Hello, Dolly!

"Before the Parade Passes By" Stephanie Blythe, Ensemble

STEPHANIE BLYTHE mezzo-soprano

Vocalists from Bard Conservatory's Graduate Vocal Arts Program

Michael Adams VAP '26 soprano

Joseph Breslau VAP '25 baritone

Nisha Caiozzi VAP '25 soprano

Sydney Cornett VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Chirbee Dy VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Jaclyn Hopping VAP '25 soprano

Jacob Hunter VAP '25 tenor

Megan Maloney VAP '25 soprano

Madelin Morales VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Imani Oluoch VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Georgia Perdikoulias VAP '25 soprano

Nicole Rizzo VAP '25 mezzo-soprano

Benjamin Truncale VAP '26 tenor

Sam Warshauer VAP '26 tenor

Tim Widner VAP '26 baritone

Athena Woodfin VAP '26 soprano

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The Artists

JAMES BAGWELL conductor



James Bagwell maintains an active international schedule as a conductor of choral, operatic, and orchestral music. He was recently named associate conductor and academic director of The Orchestra Now (TŌN) and was appointed principal guest conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra in 2009. He has led both ensembles in concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. He served as music director of The Collegiate Chorale from 2009-15. Highlights included conducting rarely-performed operas at Carnegie Hall, including Bellini's Beatrice di Tenda, Rossini's Möise et Pharaon, and Boito's Mefistofele. He conducted the New York premiere of Philip Glass' Toltec Symphony and Osvaldo Golijov's Oceana at Carnegie Hall. His performance of Kurt Weill's Knickerbocker Holiday at Alice Tully Hall was recorded live for Gaslight Records and is the only complete recording of the work. He has collaborated since 2011 with singer and composer Natalie Merchant, conducting orchestras across the country, including the San Francisco and Seattle Symphonies. Other recent performances include Glass' Another Look at Harmony at the Park Avenue Armory and leading the Little Opera Theatre of New York's production of Rossini's Opportunity Makes the Thief.

Mr. Bagwell is a regular guest conductor for The Tulsa Symphony. In 2011 and 2012 he

conducted the Amici New York Orchestra at the OK Mozart Festival, and in December 2014 made his second appearance with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He frequently appears as guest conductor for orchestras around the country and abroad, including the Jerusalem Symphony, the Interlochen Music Festival, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra.

A noted choral director, Mr. Bagwell has prepared The Concert Chorale of New York for performances with the New York Philharmonic over the past several years. In 2018, he prepared The Concert Chorale for performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and prepared two concerts for the Mostly Mozart Festival. Since 2003 he has been director of choruses for the Bard Music Festival, conducting and preparing choral works during the annual SummerScape festival.

Mr. Bagwell is Professor of Music at Bard College and Director of Performance Studies in the Bard College Conservatory of Music.

STEPHANIE BLYTHE mezzo-soprano



A renowned opera singer and recitalist, mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe is one of the most highly respected and critically acclaimed artists of her generation. With repertoire that ranges from Handel to Wagner, German lieder to contemporary and classic American song, she feels at home equally on opera, concert, recital, and cabaret stages. She has performed in many world-class venues like Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Opera, Covent Garden, Paris National Opera, and the San Francisco, Chicago Lyric, and Seattle Operas, and with orchestras that include the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Orchestra of New York, Minnesota Orchestra, Halle Orchestra, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Ensemble Orchestre de Paris, and the Concertgerbouworkest. She has also appeared at the Tanglewood, Cincinnati May, and Ravinia festivals, and at the BBC Proms.

Ms. Blythe's many operatic roles include title roles in Carmen, Samson et Dalila. Orfeo ed Euridice, La Grande Duchesse, Tancredi, Mignon, and Giulio Cesare; Frugola, Principessa, and Zita in *Il Trittico*, Fricka in both Das Rheingold and Die Walküre, Waltraute in Götterdämmerung, Azucena in Il Trovatore, Ulrica in Un Ballo in Maschera, Baba the Turk in The Rake's Progress, Ježibaba in Rusalka, Madame de Haltiere in Cendrillon, Mistress Quickly in Falstaff, and Ino/Juno in Semele. She also created the role of Gertrude Stein in Ricky Ian Gordon's 27 at the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and performed Mrs. Lovett in Sweeney Todd at the San Francisco Opera and Nettie Fowler in Carousel at the Houston Grand Opera and with the New York Philharmonic. More recently, she has expanded her repertoire to include nontraditional casting as the title role in Gianni Schicchi with San Diego Opera, and Don Jose in Carmen with Chicago Opera Theater.

Ms. Blythe was named Musical America's Vocalist of the Year in 2009, received an Opera News Award in 2007, and won the prestigious Richard Tucker Award in 1999. In 2019, she had the honor of being appointed Director of the Graduate Vocal Arts Program at Bard College. She occasionally moonlights as dramatic tenor Blythely Oratonio.

MICHAEL ADAMS VAP'26 soprano

Michael Adams is a soprano from North Carolina. Her UNCG Opera Theatre credits include Mother in Alison's Voice (2020) Esmeralda in The Bartered Bride (2021), Dido in Dido and Aeneas (2023), and the title role in Suor Angelica (2024). She performed in the ensemble of the world premiere of Omar at the Spoleto Festival as well as the production in Chapel Hill. She has also been in the ensemble of Porgy and Bess, Ahmal and the Night Visitors, and La bohème with the Greensboro Opera.

JOSEPH BRESLAU VAP '25 baritone

Joseph Breslau (he/they) is a baritone equally passionate about opera, new music, and German Lieder performance. Joseph has performed multiple operatic roles from the canon, such as Papageno in Mozart's Die Zauberflöte and Sid in Britten's Albert Herring. Joseph performed as a soloist with the Case Western Reserve University Baroque Ensemble as well as the Bard Conservatory Baroque Ensemble in performances of music by Purcell, A. Gabrieli, L. de Sayve, and J. S. Bach.

NISHA CAIOZZI VAP '25 soprano

Nisha Patel Caiozzi is a singer, improviser, teacher, and multimedia artist pursuing her master;s degree in vocal arts from the Bard Conservatory. Recent performances include Cupidon in Bard's production of Orphée aux enfers; the 2024 Songslam

competition, where she performed her co-composed art song with Michael-Yang Wierenga; and Lily in the operetta *Shir Hashirim* at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Recent awards include the Ruth Cogan Memorial Scholarship in Voice Performance in 2023 and the Colburn Foundation Fellowship at Songfest in 2022.

SYDNEY CORNETT VAP'26 mezzo-soprano

Canadian mezzo-soprano Sydney Cornett is a first year student in the Graduate Vocal Arts Program at Bard, studying under Lucy Fitz Gibbon. She earned her bachelor of music degree from the Eastman School of Music, graduating in May 2024. While there, she performed in productions of *La Calisto*, *Dido and Aeneas*, *Dialogues des Carmélites*, and *Into the Woods*. She has also had the privilege of premiering several roles in new Canadian musical theater. She's so excited to make her Fisher Center debut!

CHIRBEE DY VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Chirbee Dy is a Filipino mezzo-soprano from Quezon City, Philippines. Her most recent work includes performing the role of Lazuli in Chabrier's *L'Étoile*. A graduate ofthe Boston Conservatory of Berklee, she has also performed as Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel* and Aloés in *L'Étoile* for the school's opera scenes, as well as Harry in Britten's *Albert Herring*. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in voice at the Bard Conservatory Graduate Vocal Arts Program, studying with Edith Bers, Stephanie Blythe, and Kayo Iwama.

JACLYN HOPPING VAP'25 soprano

Hailing from Coweta, Oklahoma, Jaclyn Hopping is a vibrant soprano who is

passionate about creating relatable characters through new and old works alike. She is particularly invested in creating new American opera, and made her professional debut with Opera Columbus as Phyllis in Matt Recio's new opera *The Puppy Episode*. She was thrilled to premiere the leading role of Amelia in *My Wife* is a Ghost, an opera by Bard students led by Missy Mazzoli. She is excited to join the Bard Conservatory Orchestra as a soprano soloist in Mendelssohn's Psalm 42 this semester.

JACOB HUNTER VAP '25

Jacob Hunter is a captivating tenor from Saratoga Springs, NY, fostering empathy through art. He made his Fisher Center debut as Pluton in Offenbach's *Orphée aux enfers* and has sung with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Berkshire Opera Orchestra, and the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Jacob's concert highlights include Margaret Bonds' *Ballad of the Brown King* and Mozart's Mass in C Minor. In musical theater, Jacob has performed Rodney in *One Touch of Venus* and Gabe in *Next to Normal*.

MEGAN MALONEY VAP'25 soprano

Originally from Bettendorf, IA, soprano Megan Maloney is a multifaceted performer and curator of artistic experiences. Versed in both classical and musical theater repertoire, she has been seen as Johanna in Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street at the International Thespian Festival, Julie Jordan in Carousel, and Chava in Fiddler on the Roof. Recently in the operatic world she was featured as the poppy carrying Morphée in Orphée aux enfers presented by Bard Conservatory. More info at megan-maloney.com.

MADELIN MORALES VAP'26 mezzo-soprano

Cuban-American mezzo-soprano Madelin Morales is thrilled to be making her Fisher Center debut! She received her bachelor of music degree from the Eastman School of Music in May 2023, where she also received an arts leadership certificate and a business minor from University of Rochester. Favorite roles include Paula in Florencia en el Amazonas, Mercédès in Carmen, and Taller Daughter in Proving Up. She is a 2023 Schmidt Undergraduate Vocal Competition winner and a 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts. She was a Tanglewood Music Center vocal fellow last summer, and a Lehrer fellow at Music Academy of the West in 2023.

IMANI OLUOCH VAP '26 mezzo-soprano

Kenyan-Tanzanian American mezzo-soprano Imani Oluoch is a versatile artist with eclectic origins. She holds a bachelor of music degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied under Dr. LaToya Lain. While at UNC-Chapel Hill, she performed roles from works by Hildegard von Bingen, Claudio Monteverdi, Meredith Monk, and Engelbert Humperdinck. She's also very passionate about costume production, tailoring, digital art, and leatherwork. She is currently a first year student of the Graduate Vocal Arts Program at the Bard Conservatory, where she studies under Richard Cox.

GEORGIA PERDIKOULIAS VAP'25 soprano

Canadian-Greek soprano and librettist Georgia Perdikoulias is an artist with a passion for storytelling through creating and performing new works. Her recent performances include Vénus in *Orphée* Aux Enfers, premiering art song Parallels (Frankenburg), and premiering the new opera My Wife is α Ghost starring as the Ghost Wife, written by the composition students of Missy Mazzoli. As a librettist, she was commissioned by Good Mess Opera Theater for her libretto Monsters Made.

NICOLE RIZZO VAP'25

mezzo-soprano

Mezzo-soprano Nicole Rizzo is delighted to return to the Fisher Center after performing earlier this year in *Orphée aux Enfers* and in Bard SummerScape's *Le Prophète*. Previously located in Boston, she has performed with Boston Lyric Opera, Promenade Opera Project, and Boston Conservatory Opera. Equally at home in opera and musical theater, she was recently an Emerging Artist at Opera in the Ozarks, where she played Charlotte Malcom and Petra in *A Little Night Music*. More info at nicolerizzo.com.

BENJAMIN TRUNCALE VAP'26 tenor

Tenor Benjamin Truncale, from Malverne, NY, is in his first year in Bard Conservatory's Graduate Vocal Arts Program, where he studies with Lorraine Nubar. He is thrilled to be singing some of his favorite musical theater repertoire with TŌN in this concert! He holds a bachelor of music degree from The Juilliard School. Favorite credits include II Dottore Sinisgalli in Nino Rota's I due timidi and Momo cover in Luigi Rossi's Orfeo with Juilliard Opera, and Nemorino in selected scenes from Donizetti's L'elisir d'amore at Juilliard.

SAM WARSHAUER VAP '26 tenor

Vietnamese-American tenor Sam Warshaueraspires to bring people together

through music. Recent performances include Berkshire Opera Festival's Faust (chorus), John Styx in Orphée aux enfers, Hymie in Rumshinsky's Shir Hashirim, and Endymion in J. S. Bach's hunting cantata. Previous performance highlights include leading roles in Hansel and Gretel and Dido and Aeneas, and chorus in Suor Angelica and La Traviata. Sam opened the benefit concert "Music for Change" at Carnegie's Weill Hall, helping raise over \$35,000 for low-income BIPOC art students.

TIM WIDNER VAP '26 baritone

Baritone Tim Widner received his bachelor of music degree in opera performance at California State University Long Beach's Bob Cole Conservatory of Music. His stage experience includes performing the title role in *Le nozze di Figaro*, the Forester in *The Cunning Little Vixen*, Papageno in *The Magic Flute*, the father in *Hansel and Gretel*, and Antonio in *Le nozze di Figaro*. He has also sung the bass solos in Mozart's Requiem. He is currently studying with Lucy Fitz Gibbon.

ATHENA WOODFIN VAP'26 soprano

Greek-American soprano and music technologist Athena Woodfin, originally from Westchester, NY, prides herself on a diverse background of performance and creative practices that fuel her artistry. She is a recent graduate of Oberlin Conservatory, where she studied under soprano Dr. Katherine Jolly. Her most recent performances include Miss Wordsworth in Oberlin Opera Theater's production of Albert Herring and Montiverdi's L'Orfeo as Messagiera and Speranza. She is currently in her first year at the Bard Conservatory Graduate Vocal Arts Program under the tutelage of Stephanie Blythe and Kayo

Iwama, with vocal instruction from tenor Richard Cox.

BARD CONSERVATORY GRADUATE VOCAL ARTS PROGRAM

The Graduate Vocal Arts Program is a unique master of music program in vocal arts that balances a respect for established repertory and expressive techniques with the flexibility and curiosity needed to keep abreast of evolving musical ideas. Led by the renowned American mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe, the program prepares young singers to meet the special challenges of pursuing a professional life in music in the 21st century. Students engage with art song, chamber music, contemporary music, and operatic repertoire throughout their course work. Operatic performance includes a fully staged production at the Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. The program includes seminars and classes in Alexander Technique, acting, diction and translation, development of performance opportunities, and a workshop in career skills with guest speakers who are leading figures in arts management and administration.

THE ORCHESTRA NOW (TŌN)



Founded in 2015 by Bard College and led by Leon Botstein, TŌN is a graduate program that is training the next generation of music professionals. It offers young

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TŌN performs dozens of concerts a year at venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Fisher Center at Bard. In 2023, TŌN appeared in the Academy Awardnominated film *Maestro*, and was featured on the Deutsche Grammophon soundtrack, conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin. The

orchestra has performed with numerous distinguished guest conductors and soloists, including Leonard Slatkin, Gil Shaham, Neeme Järvi, Stephanie Blythe, Fabio Luisi, Vadim Repin, Joseph Young, Peter Serkin, Naomi Woo, Peter Moore, Tan Dun, and JoAnn Falletta.

Among TŌN's many albums on the Hyperion, Sorel Classics, and AVIE labels are May 2024's *The Lost Generation*, rare recordings of Othmar Schoeck's *Lebendig begraben* and Bristow's *Arcadian* Symphony, and the soundtrack to the motion picture *Forte*. Recordings of TŌN's live concerts from the Fisher Center can be heard regularly on Classical WMHT-FM and WWFMThe Classical Network, and the orchestra has appeared over 100 times on *Performance Today*, broadcast nationwide. More info at ton.bard.edu.





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Leon Botstein conductor William Sharp baritone Donald Berman pigno J. Peter Burkholder host

All-Ives Program

The Fourth of July from the Holidays Symphony Central Park in the Dark Orchestral Set No. 2

Symphony No. 2

Plus performances of songs quoted in Ives' music

DEC8at2PM

at The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Siena, Wagner & Parsifal

Leon Botstein conductor

Wagner Selections from Parsifal: Act I Prelude

Act III Prelude

Good Friday Music

Artwork from the exhibition Siena: The Rise of Painting, 1300-1350

FEB 8 at 7 PM & FEB 9 at 2 PM

Transcription as Translation

Leon Botstein conductor

Mily Balakirev Chopin Suite

Bedřich Smetana (orch. Szell) From My Life (String Quartet in E Minor)

Beethoven (orch. Weingartner) Hammerklavier (Piano Sonata No. 29)

FEB 28 & MAR 1 at 7:30 PM

Spring Benefit: TŌN + ABT Studio Company

Charles Barker conductor American Ballet Theatre Studio Company

Program to be announced

All programs and artists subject to change.

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