

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 4 PM

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Pops Spectacular

Moss Arts Center Street and Davis Performance Hall Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre



SEASON at a glance—2022-2023

Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:30 PM

Concerto Budapest Symphony Orchestra

András Keller, chief conductor Zoltan Fejérvári, piano

Tues., Jan. 24, 7:30 PM

An Evening with Kevin Young

Fri., Jan. 27, 7:30 PM

Machine de Cirque

La Galerie

Sat., Feb. 11, 7:30 PM PUBLIQuartet

Tues., Feb. 14, 7:30 PM Broadway in Blacksburg Hairspray

Fri., Feb. 17, 7:30 PM Sat., Feb. 18, 2 and 7:30 PM

Akutagawa
Co-created by Koryū Nishikawa V
and Tom Lee

Tues., Feb. 28-Wed., March 1, 7:30 PM Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Thurs., March 16, 7:30 PM

An Evening with

Viet Thanh Nguyen

Fri., March 24, 7:30 PM

Book of Mountains and Seas
Composer and librettist:

Huang Ruo

Director and production design:

Basil Twist

Sun., April 23, 4 PM

Opera Roanoke and Blacksburg Master Chorale Benjamin Britten's

War Requiem

Thursday, March 30-Friday, March 31, 8 PM **Rissi Palmer**

Friday, April 7, 8 PM Shirlette Ammons

Friday, April 14, 8 PM Sonny Miles

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Masters in This Hall Mary, Did You Know?

My Favorite Things

Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel

Farandole from L'Arlesienne Sing We Now of Christmas

Mary Had a Baby

You'll Never Walk Alone

The First Noel

French carol/Mack Wilberg

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Richard Rodgers

Engelbert Humperdinck

Chorus and orchestra

Janinah Burnett and orchestra

Burnett and orchestra

Chorus women and orchestra

Georges Bizet

French carol, arr. John Leavett

Traditional

Richard Rodgers Arr. Dwight Bigler Orchestra

Chorus and orchestra
Burnett and orchestra

Burnett, chorus, and orchestra

Chorus and orchestra

INTERMISSION

A Christmas Scherzo

Homecoming from It's a Wonderful Life

Highland Cathedral

Ukrainian Bell Carol Fantasy

A Christmas Portrait

Joy to the World

Sleigh Ride Express

Christmas Carol Singalong

Bows: Celtic Christmas Dance

Arr. Don Sebesky

Dimitri Tiomkin

Ulrich Poever/Michael Korb

David Stewart Wiley

Arr. Jerry Nowak

Traditional, arr. Jeff Tyzik

Arr. Wiley

Arr. John Finnegan

Moore/arr. Wiley

Orchestra

Chorus and orchestra

Highlanders and orchestra

Orchestra and RSO rhythm section

Chorus and orchestra

Burnett, chorus, and orchestra

Burnett, chorus, and orchestra

Burnett, chorus, orchestra, and you

Orchestra

Presented in partnership with the New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra.

The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra is partially supported by funding from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Secular Society.

Christmas Carol Singalong

JINGLE BELLS

Refrain

Jingle, bells! jingle, bells! Jingle all the way! Oh! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh! Jingle, bells! jingle, bells! Jingle all the way! Oh! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh!

Verse

Dashing through the snow, In a one-horse open sleigh; O'er the elds we go, Laughing all the way; Bells on bobtail ring, Making spirits bright; What fun it is to laugh and sing A sleighing song tonight! (Oh,)

Repeat refrain

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gracious King;" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in Heavenly peace, Sleep in Heavenly peace.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed. The little Lord Jesus Laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky, Looking down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay. The cattle are lowing, The poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, No crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle 'Til morning is nigh.

DECK THE HALL

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest;

Repeat refrain

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra

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FIRST VIOLIN

Akemi Takayama John Irrera Larry Chang Vladmir Kromin Rick Dolan Samuel Thompson

SECOND VIOLIN

Audrey Lund Shaleen Powell Brooke Mahanes Richard Downs Camellia Delk

VIOLA

Satoko Rickenbacker Sam Phillips David Phillips Sarah Pfister Elizabeth Lochbrunner

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Evan Richey Eleanor Graham John Keane Thomas Loescher

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Paul Neebe Thomas Bithell Jacob Landau

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John Hugo, director

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ΔΙΤΟ

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Biographies



JANINAH BURNETT, vocalist

Raised in jazz music, Janinah Burnett is the daughter of legendary jazz drummer Carl Burnett and writer, educator, and artist Imani Constance. As a child, Burnett was surrounded by Horace Silver, Freddie Hubbard, Eddie Harris, Nancy Wilson, George Cables, Billy Higgins, and many others. This artistic beginning led to a myriad of musical activities throughout her formative years. She won the solo vocal competition at Cal State Fullerton while in school at Hamilton Music Academy, which made her decide to study vocal jazz music and join the jazz ensemble at Spelman

College. She participated in a host of private events and engagements, singing for Margaret Thatcher, performances with the Atlanta Symphony, singing with the great Ray Charles, and performing at a private birthday party celebration for Oprah Winfrey at the home of Maya Angelou.

Burnett received a master's degree in vocal performance and literature from Eastman School of Music. While there, she studied with accomplished musicians and participated in the Oberlin in Italy program each summer, studying Italian and experiencing opera study and performance opportunities at the Centro Studi Di Italiani in Urbania. Her second year of the program, she learned and performed the role of Violetta in *La Traviata* with an orchestra in two large opera houses. After graduation, Burnett joined the cast of Baz Lurhmann's *La Bohème* on Broadway as Mimì and thrilled audiences; she went on to perform on the Tony Awards and at esteemed events for Prada and Tiffany, and to win LA Theater Alliance's Ovation Award.

Directly after the whirlwind that was La Bohème on Broadway, Burnett joined an international tour of Porgy and Bess as Clara and Bess. On this tour she sang in several major opera houses in Austria, Japan, Italy, Germany, Sweden, and Denmark. Upon returning to the U.S., she sang leading roles of Violetta in La Traviata, Donna Anna and Donna Elvira in Don Giovanni, Norina in Don Pasquale, Lauretta in Gianni Schicchi, Sophie in Der Rosenkavalier, Margru in Amistad, Marguerite in Faust, Leïla in Les Pecheurs de Perles, Pamina in Die Zauberflöte, Micaëla in Carmen, Suzanna in Le Nozze Di Figaro, Mimì in La Bohème, and many others in over 25 international and domestic cites. Her brilliant technique and exceptional character interpretations led her to join the Metropolitan Opera Company for their productions of Carmen, La Bohème, Parsifal, Le Nozze di Figaro, La Rondine, The Enchanted Island, Iphigénie en Tauride, Elektra, and Manon. She made her Metropolitan Opera debut as Bianca in La Rondine and spent eight seasons singing at the MET, during which time she performed with the likes of

Plácido Domingo, Susan Graham, Paul Groves, Angela Georgiu, Roberto Alagna, Dwayne Croft, Samuel Ramey, Jonas Kaufmann, Ramón Vargas, and many others. She also sang the role of Lucy in *Treemonisha* with Grace Bumbry and Willard White and Leila in John Adams' *I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Suddenly Saw the Sky;* both productions were performed at the Théatre du Châtélet in Paris and were huge successes featuring people of color and dealing with controversial sociopolitical themes.

Building a career as a successful working artist, Burnett was called upon for many world premieres, the first being Three Mo' Divas, sister group to Three Mo' Tenors, in which she worked with virtuosic pianist, producer, and arranger Joseph Joubert. Burnett originated the role of Diva and enjoyed performing genres that inspired and influenced her, including jazz and R&B. This foray into theatre was more intimate and called for dancing and acting different from opera, a challenge she rose to meet. She also starred as Harriet Tubman in Nkeiru Okoye's opera, Harriet Tubman: When I Crossed That Road to Freedom, presented by American Opera Projects, and recreated the role of Lolo the VooDoo Queen in Harlem Renaissance composer Harry Lawrence Freeman's revival of VooDoo to much acclaim, earning her a glowing New York Times review and feature.

Burnett has recently returned to Broadway, where her professional career began, making appearances as Carlotta Giudicelli and the Innkeeper's Wife in Phantom of the Opera. Working on Phantom has been a welcomed gig, allowing her to make her home in New York City and focus on creative musical projects near and dear to her heart. She currently produces her own solo concerts of diverse vocal styles, which are presented on her debut album, Love the Color of Your Butterfly, a foray into the fusion of classical, jazz, and other popular idioms delivered with exceptional musicianship and emotional authenticity. This presentation of musical literature is reimagined by Burnett with the assistance of some of the world's finest jazz musicians, including Sullivan Fortner, Christian Sands, Casey Benjamin, and Terreon Gully, who produced the album. Additionally, Burnett produces performances of her own writings juxtaposed with photography, art songs, freedom songs, and spirituals entitled I, Too Sing America: A Lament for the Fallen, which exists to provide quality performances rooted in education, activism, committed artistic expression, and healing while honoring those who have been killed due to social injustice. Burnett's artistry is far reaching and while she is moved to present the music of the past and present in innovative artful ways, she is also inspired to assist the future generations of singing artists. In her vocal studio La Janinah Voice Studio, Burnett privately teaches some of today's rising singers and regularly leads master classes for students at colleges across the U.S.

Biographies, continued



DAVID STEWART WILEY, music director and conductor, Roanoke Symphony Orchestra

David Stewart Wiley has conducted such acclaimed symphonies as Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Minnesota, Saint Louis, Oregon, Hawaii, and Utah, as well as in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. Recently, Wiley made his triple debut with Boston Pops as conductor, composer, and piano soloist in Boston's historic Symphony Hall. Wiley enjoys a multi-faceted and in-demand career as an orchestra builder, guest conductor,

arranger, educator, and chamber music collaborator, and inspires and engages both orchestras and audiences.

Blossoming under Wiley's energetic and committed leadership since 1996, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra (RSO) has experienced continued artistic growth, program innovation and expansion, and increased financial stability during Wiley's 25 seasons. His tenure with the RSO is a remarkable success story, with consistently stellar reviews, a diverse and impressive list of guest artists and composers, and innovative commissions of new music. Wiley is an engaged and active community partner and recognized celebrity, having been named Roanoke's Citizen of the Year for his outstanding service and outreach. He was part of the leadership team that traveled to Denver as Roanoke received its seventh All-American City Award. Wiley actively partners with schools and numerous arts and civic organizations, and the RSO and Wiley received a prestigious Distinguished Music Educator Award from Yale University for their partnership with city schools. The RSO produced a live TV broadcast and collaborates with WVTF public radio to broadcast many of its concerts. Wiley's energetic work bringing classical music to youth in minority communities has been steadfast, and he was honored by the NAACP as Citizen of the Year in the Arts for his service. The national Chapter of MS Society recently honored Wiley and hife wife, Leah, at their Dinner of Champions for their civic leadership and service.

Wiley also serves as music director and conductor of Orchestra Long Island (OLI) in New York and continues to travel regularly to New York. As he has done for 20 years beginning in 2001 with the Long Island Philharmonic, he leads concerts for many thousands each year in venues from the Bronx to the Hamptons in educational, pops, chamber, classical, and parks programs. Wiley is artistic director of Virginia's Blue Ridge Music Festival based in Floyd, and previously served as assistant conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. As an experienced leader, Wiley plans and facilitates

an innovative experience with business executives and musicians together on stage in a program titled *Conducting Change*, which helps executives to model leadership skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere with a live orchestra.

As an accomplished solo pianist with diverse classical, pops, and chamber music experience, Wiley has performed with numerous orchestras in the United States, including Boston, Minnesota, Indianapolis, Oregon, Honolulu, Wheeling, and West Virginia, performing major concerti from Baroque to contemporary, often conducting from the piano. He has appeared in recital and chamber music appearances in China, Russia, Romania, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Czech Republic, and Bulgaria. Numerous opera and ballet performances include the Aspen Opera Theater, IU Opera Theater, and the Moscow Ballet. Summer engagements include the Aspen Music Festival, Brevard Music Center, Garth Newel, Wintergreen, Park City (Utah), Minnesota Orchestra Summerfest, and the Sitka (Alaska) and Prince Albert (Hawaii) summer music festivals. From 1999 until 2006 Wiley was the artistic director and conductor of the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, where he founded and built the festival orchestra, created the student academy, and led the festival to remarkable artistic growth in seven years, tripling the balanced budget.

Wiley's CDs include an album of French Cello Concerti with Grammy winner Zuill Bailey and the Roanoke Symphony on Delos International; Beethoven's Symphony no. 9, Choral, with the RSO and Choruses; and American Piano Concertos with Norman Krieger and the RSO on Artisie 4, which includes Wiley's third piano concerto. He has released Wiley & Friends: Classical Jazz; American Trumpet Concertos with the Slovak Radio Symphony/Neebe; violin/piano duo CD Preludes & Lullabies with Akemi Takayama; Sempre Libera with soprano Adelaide Trombetta; a solo piano CD with all original compositions, Full Circle; and Piano Bells. As a composer, he wrote symphonic music for the film Lake Effects, which featured a symphonic soundtrack performed by the RSO, with Wiley conducting, featuring original music by Boyle and Wiley. Numerous orchestras continue to perform his music.

He has collaborated with a remarkable list of artists in the classical and pops world, from Leonard Bernstein, Billy Joel, Mercedes Ellington, Kool and the Gang, Aaron Neville, Michael McDonald, Jennifer Holiday, Bernadette Peters, John Williams, Jessye Norman, Bruce Hornsby, Lou Rawls, Andre Watts, and Marvin Hamlisch, among countless others. Raised and trained initially in Boston, he made his debut at the age of 10 performing his first piano concerto with a professional orchestra. He has composed three piano concerti.

Wiley won the Aspen Conducting Prize, was assistant conductor for the Aspen Music Festival, and was awarded a Conducting Fellowship at Tanglewood. He holds both a doctor and master of music in conducting from Indiana University, a degree in piano performance with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a degree in religion, summa cum laude, from Tufts University. He is

Biographies, continued

a recipient of the Perry F. Kendig Prize for service to the arts and is a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International. Wiley and his wife, Leah, are the parents of two artistically talented teens, one in high school and one in college.

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In the Galleries

Fall Exhibitions Through Saturday, December 17



Craig Drennen: First Acts, Scene 2 Ruth C. Horton Gallery

Atlanta-based artist Craig Drennen is best known for his ongoing *Timon of Athens* series—inspired by the Shakespeare play of the same name—for which he has produced paintings, drawings, prints, videos, performances, and sculptures.

Steve Locke: the daily practice of painting Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery and Sherwood Payne Quillen '71 Reception Gallery

Comprised of 114 portraits made in 2019 and 2020, the daily practice of painting is part of Locke's exploration of relationships among men and their gaze. Painted mostly in gouache on 6-by-6-inch Claybord, each square panel features a centered solitary head seen from the shoulders up. Bright hues prevail in these intimate scaled portraits, which contain a multitude of male expressions. Sometimes with eyes closed and tongues out, Locke's men go against the idealized male portraiture. Presented horizontally in a single line below eye level, the viewer looks down to return their gaze, compounding their vulnerability.

Craig Drennen; *Timon of Athens 3*, 2009; oil ▲ on canvas; 72 x 108 inches; courtesy of the artist

K-12 Programs at the Moss



At the Moss Arts Center, we believe that arts experiences are a crucial part of a child's education. We've been dedicated to providing opportunities for children at no cost since we opened in 2013. A wide array of Moss programming and experiences to inspire, engage, and empower students of all ages and backgrounds. This season, we're offering five school-day matinee programs, in-school workshops and performances, and gallery tours with professional artists for learners of all ages. Learn more at bit.ly/moss-k12.

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Virginia Tech acknowledges that we live and work on the Tutelo/Monacan People's homeland and we recognize their continued relationships with their lands and waterways. We further acknowledge that legislation and practices like the Morrill Act (1862) enabled the commonwealth of Virginia to finance and found Virginia Tech through the forced removal of Native Nations from their lands, both locally and in western territories.

We understand that honoring Native Peoples without explicit material commitments falls short of our institutional responsibilities. Through sustained, transparent, and meaningful engagement with the Tutelo/Monacan Peoples and other Native Nations, we commit to changing the trajectory of Virginia Tech's history by increasing Indigenous student, staff, and faculty recruitment and retention, diversifying course offerings, and meeting the growing needs of all Virginia tribes and supporting their sovereignty.

We must also recognize that enslaved Black people generated revenue and resources used to establish Virginia Tech and were prohibited from attending until 1953. Through InclusiveVT, the institutional and individual commitment to *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence, we commit to advancing a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community.

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The Moss Arts Center adheres to the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Tech in its operations, including protocols for distancing, face coverings, and cleaning and sanitation. Our status may change according to changes in university operating procedures. Find the most up to date information at artscenter.vt.edu/visit.

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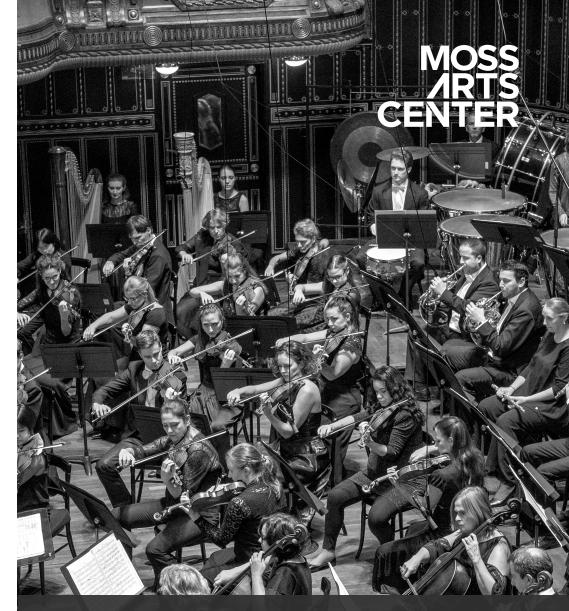


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