

Festivals Presented

Voices of Loss, Reckoning, and Hope Festival- March 2023

Focusing on the Black Experience and works which deal with complex social issues. Uri Caine: The Passion of Octavius Catto, featuring Barbara Walker, vocalist, Uri Caine Trio, Tanglewood Festival Chorus, and Catto Chorus. Also included works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and William Grant Still.

East Meets West Festival- “Cultural Traditions and the Art of Storytelling,” featuring Jennifer Frautschi, violin and Lu-Han Li, pipa

Program: Tan Dun: Symphonic Poem on Three Notes, Beethoven: Violin Concerto, Rimsky Korsakov: Scheherazade

A French Festival- Inspired by Art, History and Theatre

Spring Festival of English Music - Celebrating the Britten centennial season. Featuring works by Britten, Delius and Elgar.

Festival on “**Nature and Folk Music**” with Mark O’Connor, violin. Concert program featuring O’Connor’s American Seasons and Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 (Pastorale).

Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration: “**Lincoln and the Civil War;**” Gregg Baker, baritone. Concert program featuring Copland’s Old American Songs, Lincoln Portrait and Dvorak: Symphony No. 9.

Beethoven Festival-Featuring an All-Beethoven Program, lectures, and community wide events.

Percussion Festival- Featuring Joseph Schwantner’s Percussion Concerto. **Colin Currie**, percussion

Tango Festival- “The History of Tango.” Featuring works by Piazzolla and Ravel. Marcelo Nissinman, bandoneon

Viennese Festival: Featuring waltzes and polkas by Johann Strauss, Jr. and Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 5. Dancers with orchestra on Strauss waltzes and polkas.

Russian Festival: All-Russian program featuring Prokofiev’s Alexander Nevsky with the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh.

Festival of African-American Music with The Philadelphia Orchestra. Featuring Hannibal Lokumbe’s African Portraits with the Morgan State University Choir.

World Premieres and Commissioning Projects

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Uri Caine: *The Passion of Octavius Catto*

The Philadelphia Orchestra; World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor, Philadelphia Community Choir, Barbara Walker, vocalist

Hannibal Lokumbe, *One Heart Beating*, World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor
Janice Chandler-Eteme, soprano; Choral Arts Society

Jonathan Holland: *It's About Time*, World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor

Shih-Hui Chen: *Moments for Orchestra*, World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor

Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, André Raphel, Music Director

Kenneth Fuchs: *Piano Concerto (Spiritualist)*

Jeffrey Biegel, piano; Co-commission with Springfield Symphony

Avner Dorman: *Prayer for the Innocents (string orchestra version)*

World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor

Kenneth Fuchs: *Forever Free (for Orchestra)*

World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor

Richard Danielpour: *Come Up From The Fields Father*, Co-commission with Manhattan School of Music and Vermont Symphony. World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor.

Randall Scarlatta, baritone; Elisa Kohanski, cello

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich: *Shadows*, Global Co-commission

Jeffrey Biegel, piano

Jennifer Higdon: *Concerto 4-3*, Co-commission with The Philadelphia Orchestra and Pittsburgh Symphony.

Richard Danielpour: *Triptych from Margaret Garner*, World Premiere André Raphel, conductor, Tracie Luck, mezzo-soprano,

Richard Danielpour: *Adagietto*, World Premiere, André Raphel, conductor