

# *Symphony Orchestra*

NATHANIEL F. PARKER, Music Director and Conductor

featuring

**Benjamin Chin, Piano**

Piano Division Winner of the 2018 KSU Young Artists Competition



Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8 pm

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall

Thirty-third Concert of the 2018-19 Concert Season



LEONARD BERNSTEIN (1918–1990)

Orchestrated by Maurice Peress (1930–2017)

**Overture to the musical *West Side Story* (1943)**

*Performed in celebration of the 100th anniversary  
of Leonard Bernstein's birth*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)

**Concerto No. 5 for Piano and Orchestra in E-flat Major, Op. 73,  
“Emperor”**

I. Allegro

Benjamin Chin, piano

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**Intermission**

JEAN SIBELIUS (1865–1957)

**A Saga (Tone Poem for Large Orchestra), Op. 9**

ARTURO MÁRQUEZ (b. 1950)

**Danzón No. 2 (1994)**

# Personnel

## Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra

*Musicians are listed alphabetically to emphasize the importance of each individual. Rotational seating is used in all woodwind, brass, and percussion sections, unless otherwise noted.*

### FLUTE

Ruth Bearden  
Lorin Green  
Madison Hart  
Rachel Reaves

### PICCOLO

Ruth Bearden  
Madison Hart

### OBOE

Savannah English  
Christina Pacetti

### ENGLISH HORN

Savannah English

### CLARINET

Brenden Ayestaran  
Matthew Hodgetts  
Faith Kirkpatrick  
Emily O'Connor

### BASS CLARINET

Faith Kirkpatrick

### E-FLAT CLARINET

Faith Kirkpatrick

### BASSOON

Brianna Curtis  
Grayson Saylor

### HORN

Virginia Hyde  
Heather Leach-Trickel  
Hayden McAfee  
Johnny Stewart  
Will Worthan

### TRUMPET

Jacob Greifinger  
Jordyn Mader  
Cierra Weldin

### TENOR TROMBONE

Wesley Dale  
Victoria Shrote  
Matt Scott  
Kirill Wood

### BASS TROMBONE

Samuel Boeger  
Peter Sullivan

### TUBA

Nick Collins  
Kobe Greene

### TIMPANI

Michael Makrides  
Veta Sukhai  
Andrew Yi

**PERCUSSION**

Christopher Bowers  
Jared Cook  
Andrew Creech  
Jason Frey  
Michael Makrides  
Veta Sukhai  
Andrew Yi

**HARP**

Laurel Buchanan

**PIANO**

Josh Anderson

**VIOLIN**

Melissa Ake  
Melody Bearden, *Principal*  
Jacob Chapman  
Mary Catherine Davis  
Jeavanie Desarmes  
Mikala Droese  
Nassar Edwards, *Associate Principal*  
Nicholas Felder  
Ryan Finlayson  
Jenna Flohr  
Lauren Greene, *Associate  
Concertmaster*  
Mary Katharine Guthrie  
Milan Haddad  
Bethany Johnston  
Lisa Kawamura<sup>^</sup>, *Concertmaster*  
Finn Kitchen  
Andrew Lim  
Scott Lozier<sup>^</sup>  
Matthew Marcacci  
Charles Page  
Michael Parrish  
Javier Schirmer

**VIOLA**

Nancy Conley\*  
Rachel Fishback@  
Megan McMichen  
Brianna Spottsville, *Associate Principal*  
Jachai Wilmont<sup>^</sup>, *Principal*

**CELLO**

Tiffany Chen<sup>^</sup>  
Garrett Clay  
Haley Greene  
Colin Gregoire  
Jair Griffin, *Associate Principal*  
Joseph Grunkemeyer, *Principal*  
Lacey Link  
Esme Mason  
Cora Meador  
Gabriella Paul  
Benjamin William Rau  
Aidan Thompson

**BASS**

Daniel Barket  
Daniel Kim, *Principal*  
Stephane Nazaire, *Associate Principal*  
Nolan Rodack  
Clay Rogers  
Brad Sanders

**SYMPHONY ASSISTANTS**

Jeavanie Desarmes  
Savannah English  
Gabriella Paul

<sup>^</sup> John and Linda Cooke String Quartet  
Scholar

\* Faculty Artist

@ Alumna

# Biographies



## **Benjamin Chin, Piano**

As a passionate pianist and performer, Benjamin Chin has garnered numerous awards and honors including 1st prize at the MTNA Georgia Senior Solo Piano Competition, 2nd prize at the Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition, and 3rd prize at the Nashville International Piano Competition. Most recently in 2018, he won 1st prize in the piano division of the KSU Young Artists Concerto Competition, 2nd prize in the DSO Concerto Competition,

and 3rd prize in the Emory University Young Artists Piano Competition and was selected as a winner of the 44th Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition. He had also been awarded several times as the recitalist for the GMTA and GMEA piano competitions and was a semifinalist for the Seattle International Piano Competition. Lately, Benjamin has performed as a soloist with the Berry College Symphony Orchestra, the Dekalb Symphony Orchestra, and the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, he attended the Reinhardt Piano Festival and Academy from 2016 to 2018 in which he performed Ravel with pianist Zsolt Bognár.

While an active soloist, Benjamin still enjoys playing in groups. As an avid chamber musician, he often collaborates with other young local musicians. In fact, his quartet recently received 2nd prize at the Franklin Pond Chamber Music Competition in 2018. He is also an Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony (AYWS) alumnus and played the alto saxophone and the piano for the group. They have toured to major concert venues including Carnegie Hall, Severance Hall, the Strathmore, Atlanta Symphony Hall, and the New World Center. Today, he is a member of the Duke University Wind Symphony.

Benjamin graduated from South-Forsyth High School in 2018 and is now a freshman at Duke University intending to major in economics and computer science. His previous piano teachers include Dr. Alexander Wasserman, and he currently studies with Professor Randall Love at Duke.



**Nathaniel F. Parker**, Director of Orchestral Studies, has conducted orchestras in the United States, Peru, Russia, Poland, England, and the Czech Republic. Equally at home working with professionals and training future generations of musicians, Dr. Parker is Director of Orchestral Studies at the Kennesaw State University School of Music, Music Director and Conductor of the Kennesaw State University Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director and Conductor of the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Parker's conducting accolades include being named a finalist for a Conducting Fellowship with the New World Symphony, a semi-finalist for a Conducting Fellowship at Tanglewood, 3rd Place Winner in the London Classical Soloists Conducting Competition, and a Candidate for the Respighi Prize in Conducting; he also received a Citation of Excellence in Teaching from the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. An active scholar, Dr. Parker's writings have been published by the Conductors Guild and the College Orchestra Directors Association (CODA). He has presented research at the College Orchestra Directors Association's international conference and is Editor of the Journal of the Conductors Guild.

Parker earned graduate degrees in orchestral conducting from Michigan State University (DMA) and Bowling Green State University (MM). His primary conducting instructors are Leon Gregorian, Raphael Jiménez, and Emily Freeman Brown; other important mentors include Stephen Osmond, Gary W. Hill, and Timothy Russell. Parker also earned a BM in Bassoon Performance from Arizona State University, where he studied with Jeffrey G. Lyman and graduated *magna cum laude*.

For more information, please visit [www.nathanielfparker.com](http://www.nathanielfparker.com).



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I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you. With your continued support of music and the arts, I look forward to all we accomplish together!


Stephen W. Plate, *Director, KSU School of Music*

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