

PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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THE PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
in collaboration with
THE PRINCETON ADULT SCHOOL

PRESENTS
“MORE THAN A CONCERT”

A TWO-SESSION LECTURE AND CONCERT SERIES

Princeton, NJ, February 24, 2010 ... The Princeton Symphony Orchestra, in partnership with the Princeton Adult School, will again offer classical music lovers **“More Than a Concert,”** its popular lecture-rehearsal-concert combination program, for the next two Classical Series performances.

In addition to attending the PSO’s concerts on March 21 and May 16, participants are invited to hear conductors’ commentary about each program and sit in during rehearsals to experience the process of creating an orchestral performance.

“More Than a Concert” will hold lectures at the Princeton United Methodist Church, Nassau and Vandeventer streets, Princeton. The lectures provide an opportunity to meet PSO’s conductors and learn about the interpretations of the orchestral works programmed for the PSO Classical Series concerts.

Rehearsals and concerts will take place at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, off Nassau Street on the Princeton University campus.

On Wednesday, March 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., PSO Assistant Conductor Eric Dudley will discuss the works for the March 21 concert: Arnold Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht* (Transfigured Night); Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings; and John Tavener's "The Protecting Veil." Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the concert following on Sunday, March 21 at 4 p.m. The concert will feature guest conductor Andrew Grams and cello soloist Qiang Tu.

Ticket holders are also invited to a free, post-concert tour of the Princeton University Art Museum's new exhibition, "Architecture as Icon: Perception and Representation of Architecture in Byzantine Art."

On Wednesday, May 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rossen Milanov, the PSO's new Music Director, will speak about the program for May 16: Felix Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage"; Sebastian Currier's "Broken Minuets"; and Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations." Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The concert, on Sunday, May 16 at 4 p.m., will be conducted by Mr. Milanov and feature guest harpist Bridget Kibbey.

The cost for the two-session course is \$110 (includes concert tickets) or \$70 for ticket holders. There is a registration fee of \$8 per person. Registration is through the Princeton Adult School, P.O. Box 701, Princeton, NJ 08542 or call (609) 683-1101. E-mail is Reginfo.pas@verizon.net. Enrollment is also available online at www.princetonadultschool.org.

About the Princeton Symphony Orchestra

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra is a cultural centerpiece of the Princeton community and one of the state's finest musical organizations. The orchestra has been guided by an extraordinary Board of Trustees and is grateful for the vision of its early Trustees, including Frank E. Taplin, Jr., Edward T. Cone, William F. Scheide, Reid White, Nathaniel Burt and Judy Thomson. Over the course of its 30-year history, the PSO's leadership has invested in the artistic excellence of its orchestral, chamber, and pops concert offerings. Under the

auspices of ***BRAVO!***, the PSO also produces wide-reaching and innovative education programs carried out in partnerships with local schools, arts organizations and other community agencies.

The PSO is proud to have been awarded the New Jersey State Council on the Arts' highest honors: *Citation of Excellence* and designation as a *Major Arts Institution*. The only professional orchestra to make its home in Princeton, the PSO performs at beautiful Richardson Auditorium on the campus of Princeton University. Founded in 1980 by Portia Sonnenfeld, the PSO was led for 22 years by Music Director Mark Laycock, who oversaw a period of artistic growth and achievement marked by innovative programming. In June 2009, the PSO board appointed **Rossen Milanov** as its third Music Director. Mr. Milanov is a gifted and accomplished conductor with outstanding musical credentials, energy and creativity.

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Eric Dudley, assistant conductor of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, discusses the orchestra's March 21 concert at the Princeton Adult School.

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