

● PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ROSSEN MILANOV, MUSIC DIRECTOR



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About the Musicians

Jerry Bryant is principal trumpet/orchestra personnel manager of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and the Glimmerglass Opera Festival in Cooperstown, NY. He is also a member of the New York City Opera Orchestra and the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. A regular on Broadway, Jerry has performed with *Wicked*, *My Fair Lady*, *The King and I*, *Beauty and the Beast* and the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra. He has also performed with the Metropolitan Opera, National Symphony (Washington D.C.), New Jersey, and Jacksonville symphonies to name a few.

Jerry served as petty officer first class in The United States Navy Band, Washington DC for seven years. During that time, he was tasked to perform 'taps' for hundreds of simple and full honor ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and throughout the country. Additionally, he was a featured soloist with the band and performed for presidents, dignitaries and audiences throughout the world.

Jerry serves on the trumpet faculty of New Jersey City University, Montclair State University, Seaton Hall University and Kean University where he is also the director of athletic bands. He holds a master of music from The Catholic University of America and a bachelor of music from Florida State University.

Jonathan Clark is an active horn player from New York to Maryland. He is principal horn of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and the Bay Atlantic Symphony, and a member of Symphony in C, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, and the Reading Symphony. Along with these orchestras, he also plays with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, Pennsylvania Ballet, and the Delaware Symphony Orchestra.

Jonathan studied at The New England Conservatory of Music and earned his bachelor of music in horn performance in 2008. While there, he studied with Richard Mackey and Jason Snider and worked with many other members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He received a master in horn performance from Temple University's Esther

Boyer College of Music and Dance in 2012, studying with Jeffrey Lang of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Outside of the concert hall, Jonathan has recorded with NFL Films, played at the Walnut Street Theater, and played for the popular musicals *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon* on Broadway. When not performing, Jonathan enjoys living in rural Bucks County with his wife, son, and daughter.

Thomas Cook, 2nd trumpet, has performed with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra since 1994. He is also 2nd trumpet for the Lancaster Symphony and the Academy of Vocal Arts Opera Orchestra in Philadelphia. An active freelance musician in the tri-state area, Tom regularly works with the Pennsylvania Ballet, Opera Philadelphia, the Reading Symphony, the Kennett Symphony of Chester County, the West Jersey Chamber Symphony, the Bristol Riverside Theater, and the Endless Mountain Music Festival. He has been principal trumpet for the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Greater Trenton Symphony, the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic, the Newtown Chamber Orchestra, the Garden State Philharmonic, Princeton Pro Musica, the Delaware Valley Philharmonic, Boheme Opera of New Jersey, and the Atlantic Symphony's 2005 tour of Spain. Past experience includes performing for the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, the Delaware Symphony, the Arden Theater Company, the Pottstown Symphony, the New Jersey Opera, the Bay-Atlantic Symphony, the Riverside Symphonia, and the Eastern Music Festival.

Tom graduated with a degree in performance from Boston University with high honors. He has been a soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra and while in Boston was principal trumpet with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and the Boston Classical Orchestra. Additionally, he played for the Boston Concert Opera, the Handel & Haydn Society, the Springfield Symphony, and the Opera Company of Boston. He spent four years touring the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean as a member of the Grammy Award-winning Chestnut Brass Company and is featured on eight of that group's recordings. Tom has enjoyed Carnegie Hall performances with the John Lithgow Tour, the Jubilate Deo Chorale and Orchestra, Banchetto Musicale, and as a member of the Beacon Brass Quintet (winner of the Concert Artists Guild Award).

Jonathan Fowler is the associate professor of tuba and euphonium at West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCUPA). Jonathan also performs extensively with orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the mid-Atlantic, including the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, and the New Jersey Festival Orchestra. Previous engagements have included performances with Philadelphia Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Harrisburg Symphony, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra,

Reading Symphony, Orchestra of St. Cecilia's, Opera Theatre of New Jersey, and Orchestra Teatro Grattacielo.

He has performed with notable acts such as Sarah McLaughlin, Il Volo, Celtic Woman, Jefferson Starship, and Michael Feinstein. During the 2019-2020 season, Jonathan performed several concerts with the Columbus (OH) Symphony Orchestra as well as a brass quintet tour in December 2019 with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra brass quintet. Jonathan holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), Temple University, and Rutgers University.

Lars Wendt has been the 2nd trombonist of the PSO for 26 years and has been involved with the PSO BRAVO! outreach program as a performer and, most recently, as a coordinator for the ensembles. He studied under David Uber while at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) former principal trombone of the NBC Symphony Orchestra, NYC Ballet, and NYC Opera Orchestras.

Lars performs with the Riverside Symphonia as 2nd trombone, and has performed with the former Garden State Pops, Trenton Symphony (Capital Philharmonic), and the Westfield and Plainfield Symphony Orchestras. His musical interests are broad and he performs with a variety of ensembles playing jazz as well as pop. He is a recently retired physics teacher and is currently working for Princeton University in the field of atmospheric research. He is married and has three children.