



Princeton Symphony Orchestra Introduces Assistant Conductor Kenneth Bean

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(PRINCETON, NJ) -- The **Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO)** has announced the appointment of Kenneth Bean to the position of Georg and Joyce Albers-Schonberg Assistant Conductor. Mr. Bean was selected following an extremely competitive search and audition process. He will serve as cover conductor for Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov and, effective immediately, he will begin rehearsals as conductor of the Symphonic Orchestra of the [Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey \(YOCJ\)](#),



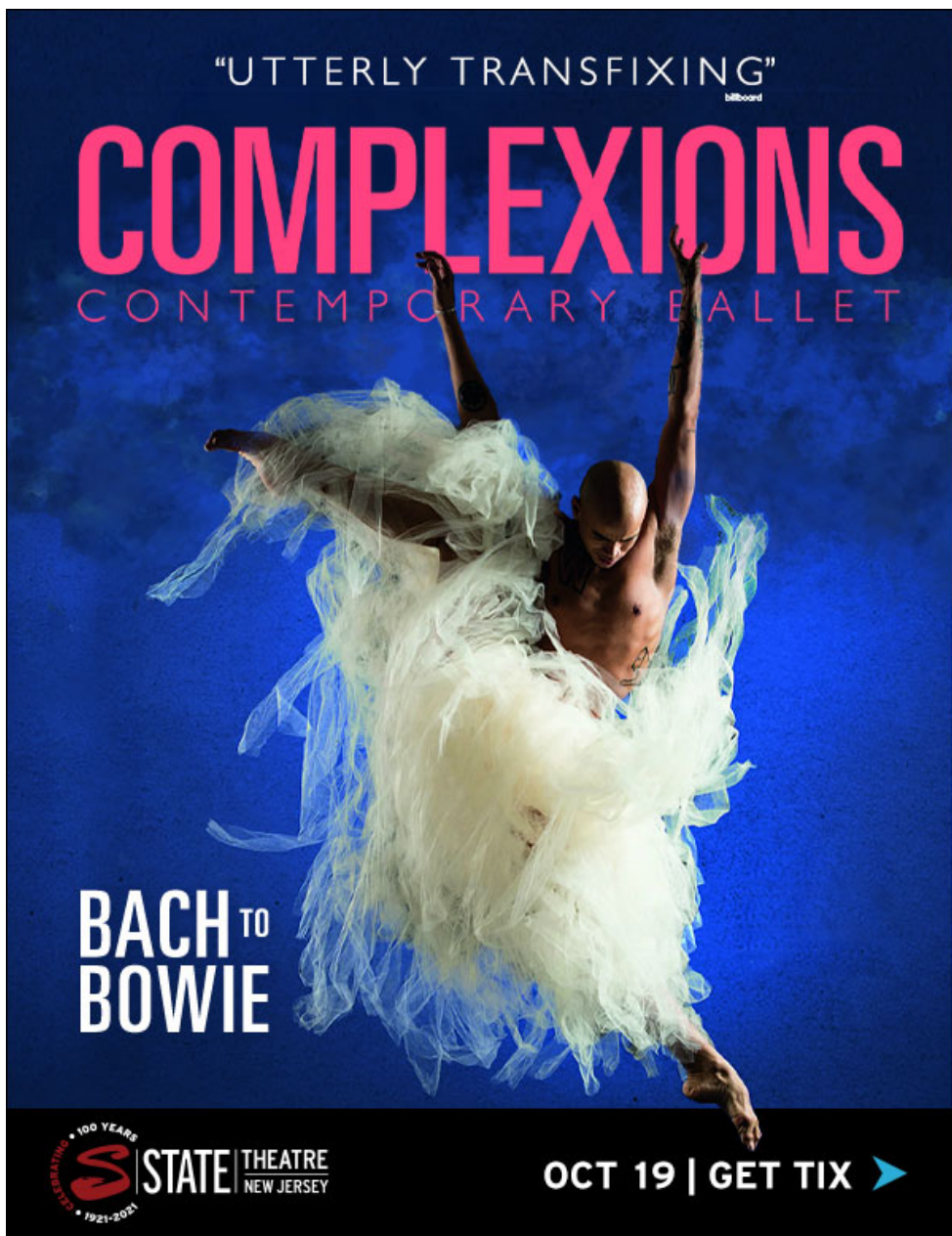
Maestro Milanov says, “I am thrilled to have Kenneth Bean as my artistic partner, and am very excited to welcome him to our team. I believe that his talent, passion for education, and love for music will make a big difference for the Princeton Symphony Orchestra.”

Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey Artistic Director Phillip Pugh adds, “From our first meeting with Kenneth Bean, our staff and students felt an instant connection. He brings a wealth of knowledge and youth orchestra experience; but most of all, he brings a warmth and love for students. We are so excited to have Kenny as our Symphonic Orchestra conductor and to continue our partnership with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra.”

Kenneth Bean is an instructor and conductor in the Philadelphia area, as well as an active freelance trumpeter. He earned a Bachelor of Music from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a Master of Music Education from Jackson State University. He has taught at many festivals and schools, including the School District of Philadelphia, Settlement Music School, the Premier Orchestral Institute of the Mississippi Symphony, and Play On Philly. He has appeared as a guest conductor for the Marywood String Festival, Berks County Orchestra Festival, and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. His past music director/conductor appointments include the Junior String Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley, the Young People’s Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley, and Luzerne Music Center. Kenneth currently serves as assistant conductor of Symphony in C, conductor of the Symphony in C Youth Orchestra in Collingswood, NJ, and director/conductor of the Young Musicians Debut Orchestra, the newest full



Be sure to catch Mr. Bean in action when he conducts the Princeton Symphony Orchestra the weekend of February 5-6 with Armenian violinist Diana Adamyan making her US debut. For further details and information on Spring 2022 Subscriptions, [click here](#).





The **Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO)** is a cultural centerpiece of the Princeton community and one of New Jersey's finest music organizations, a position established through performances of beloved masterworks, innovative music by living composers, and an extensive network of educational programs offered to area students free of charge. Led by Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov, the PSO presents orchestral, pops, and chamber music programs of the highest artistic quality, supported by lectures and related events that supplement the concert experience. Its flagship summer program the Princeton Festival brings an array of performing arts and artists to Princeton during multiple weeks in June. Through PSO BRAVO!, the orchestra produces wide-reaching and impactful education programs in partnership with local schools and arts organizations that culminate in students attending a live orchestral performance. The PSO receives considerable support from the Princeton community and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, regularly garnering NJSCA's highest honor. Recognition of engaging residencies and concerts has come from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the PSO's commitment to new music has been acknowledged with an ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming and a Copland Fund Award. The only independent, professional orchestra to make its home in Princeton, the PSO performs at historic Richardson Auditorium on the campus of Princeton University.