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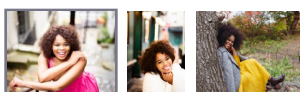
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Opera superstar Pretty Yende starts off Princeton Symphony Orchestra season



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The Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) offers “an exciting start to the new year” with South African opera sensation Pretty Yende.

The widely acclaimed soprano, whose introduction to opera at 16 was through a TV commercial, is coming to Princeton, N.J., to perform arias from Gioachino Rossini’s “Il barbiere di Siviglia” (The Barber of Seville) and Giuseppe Verdi’s “La traviata” as well as Samuel Barber’s “Knoxville: Summer of 1915.”

Under the direction of Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov, the PSO will play overtures from operas by Rossini and Verdi, plus Aaron Copland’s “Appalachian Spring.” Performances take place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Richardson Auditorium on the campus of Princeton University.

Other guest artists appearing with the PSO in 2023 include pianist Inon Barnatan (Feb. 4-5), guest conductor Sameer Patel and violinist William Harvey (“Seven Decisions of Gandhi” – world premiere – March 11-12), and violist Roberto Díaz (May 13-14). The PSO’s 2023 Princeton Festival (June 9-25) will include an opera, orchestral concerts, chamber music, Broadway tunes, a Baroque performance, and much more.



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The January program also serves as a preview of the 2023 Princeton Festival as “The Barber of Seville” is the centerpiece of this year’s event at Morven Museum & Garden.

Prior to the Pretty Yende concert weekend, Austin Stewart explores James Agee and Samuel Barber’s approaches to coloring in their own childhood memories with “Knoxville: Summer of 1915.” The PSO Soundtracks presentation, titled “Knoxville and the Lost Generation,” takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Princeton Public Library’s Community Room. It is free and open to the public. Soundtracks is offered as a PSO BRAVO! community enrichment program in partnership with the Princeton Public Library.

For concert tickets and information about the Princeton Festival, visit princetonsymphony.org or call 609-497-0020.



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