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October 4, 2014
FALL 2014 calendar highlights

September
- September 18
  Keyboard Conversations Jeffrey Siegel: The Power and Passion of Beethoven

October
- October 2-4, October 9-11
  Hot Mikado
  Book and Lyrics Adapted by David H. Bell; Music Adapted and Arranged by Rob Bowman; Based on The Mikado by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan
  Directed by Nina LeNoir Music Direction by Bill Brown

- October 4
  The Chapman Orchestra
  Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director and Conductor John Elias Kaynor ('13), cello

- October 12
  Big Band Bubbly Brunch
  Part of the Chapman Family Homecoming Celebration.

- October 17-19, October 24-26
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  Peter Atherton, Artistic Director; Carol Neblett, Associate Director; Christian Nova, Assistant Director; Janet Kao, Musical Direction

November
- November 6-8, November 13-15
  Anna in the Tropics
  by Nilo Cruz Directed by Nicholas C. Avila

- November 7
  Chapman University Singers in Concert
  Stephen Coker, Conductor

- November 8
  The Chapman Orchestra
  Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director and Conductor

- November 9
  Chapman University Choir and Women’s Choir in Concert
  Angel Vázquez-Ramos, Conductor
  Stephen Coker, Conductor

- November 14
  Chapman University Wind Symphony: Tributes, Memorials, and Celebrations
  Christopher Nicholas, Music Director and Conductor

December
- December 5 and 6
  51st Annual Wassail Banquet and Concert
  University Choir Angel Vázquez-Ramos, Conductor
  University Choir and University Singers Stephen Coker, Conductor. Chapman Orchestra Daniel Alfred Wachs, Conductor

- December 10-13
  Fall Dance Concert: Re/invented
  Directed by Jennifer Backhaus

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presents
The Chapman Orchestra
44th Season
Come. Hear. Chapman
John Elias Kaynor, ’13
Soloist
DANIEL ALFRED WACHS
Music Director

October 4, 2014 • 7:30 P.M.
Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall
Dear Friends:

Welcome to the first concert of The Chapman Orchestra's 2014-15 Season. We last saw each other on the stage of the Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall when TCO made its debut alongside the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra on that magnificent stage in front of a capacity house and garnered rave reviews.

This past summer, in growing anticipation of the opening of the Musco Center for the Performing Arts, TCO launched its “Come. Hear. Chapman” initiative, which invites members of the community to audition for a place in our highly selective orchestra. If you yourself might be interested or might know of someone, please do come find me at the conclusion of our performance.

Our soloist this evening, John Elias Kaynor, served as our Principal Cello during his studies at Chapman Conservatory of Music and is currently pursuing his Master’s Degree at my own alma mater, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. We couldn’t be more proud of him. However, Eli is not the only talented member of his family: Last Spring, his brother, Nickolas (see if you can spot him among our ranks...) won the Francis Walton Competition along with his Chapman Duo partner, concertmistress Chloe Tardif. (Come hear Ms. Tardif perform Prokofiev’s First Violin Concerto on our next concert on November 8.)

Please enjoy our musical offering and I look forward to meeting you personally.

Musically yours,

Daniel Alfred Wachs
Director of Orchestral Activities, Chapman University Conservatory of Music
Music Director, Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra

Program

Symphony No. 5

I. Allegro
II. Andante con moto
III. Menuetto
IV. Allegro Vivace

Franz Schubert
(1797–1828)

Concerto for Violoncello in A minor, Op. 129

Nicht zu schnell
Langsam
Sehr lebhaft

Robert Schumann
(1810–1856)

John Elias Kaynor, cello

In support of

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Wachs guided the ensemble with energy, precision, and a welcome sense of clarity and poise. The performance wasn’t just good by standards for younger performers, but forceful and exuberant by any standard: genuinely inspiring, technically proficient, structurally sound. The combined choruses were a powerhouse.

-Orange County Register, May 2014
About the Artists

DANIEL ALFRED WACHS, Music Director & Conductor
Director of Orchestral Activities, Chapman University Conservatory of Music
Music Director, Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra

Conductor Daniel Alfred Wachs emerged on the international scene following his debut with the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in November 2010, leading a world première by Toshio Hosokawa at the Grosses Festspielhaus. The Austrian press praised: “Engaging, rhythmically inspired, precise in its execution, the “Mambo” was equal to a performance by Gustavo Dudamel and the Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra!” Wachs has been entrusted with preparing orchestras for Valery Gergiev to Vladimir Spivakov, and has served as Assistant Conductor to Osmo Vänskä at the Minnesota Orchestra and at the National Orchestra of France under Kurt Masur. He has served as cover conductor for the Houston Symphony and the Rotterdam Philharmonic.

Wachs has guest conducted Orange County’s Pacific Symphony, the Auckland Philharmonia, the National Symphony Orchestra (as part of the National Conducting Institute), the Sarasota Orchestra, the Fort Worth Symphony, Sinfonia Gulf Coast, the Oakland East Bay Symphony, the Monterey Symphony, the Spartanburg Philharmonic, and New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center. Wachs has also served as assistant conductor at the Cincinnati Opera and for the French première of Bernstein’s Candide at the Théâtre du Châtelet, a co-production with La Scala and the English National Opera, directed by Robert Carsen.

A pianist as well as a conductor, Wachs’ performance with the Minnesota Orchestra “proved a revelation, delivering a technically impeccable, emotionally powerful performance of two Mozart piano concertos and a pair of solo works,” raved the St. Paul Pioneer Press. With the encouragement of Zubin Mehta, Wachs began his studies with the late Enrique Barenboim in Tel Aviv before pursuing studies at the Zürich Academy and graduating from the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School. He has also participated at such festivals as Aspen, Tanglewood and Verbier.

Committed to the cause of music education, Wachs leads the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra (OCYSO) and is Music Director of The Chapman Orchestra at Chapman University. Of a recent OCYSO performance, The Los Angeles Times states, “The performance was smashing thanks in no small part to the exceptionally well-practiced pre-professionals.” Both orchestras were finalists for the 2012 American Prize in Orchestral Performance and OCYSO was the 2012 winner in the youth category. In May 2014, OCYSO will present the West Coast première of a new work by Mark Anthony Turnage on a special subscription concert presented by the Philharmonic Society of Orange County at the Renee & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in a performance that includes Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. During Wachs’ tenure, the Chapman Chamber Orchestra completed a survey of Mahler song cycles with baritone Vladimir Chernov and initiated a partnership with LA Opera’s Domingo-Thornton Young Artist Program including a performance with up-and-coming opera star Janai Brugger. Wachs’ expertise and experience in developing and infusing new life into education concerts has resulted in an ongoing collaboration with the Monterey and Palm Beach Symphonies.

An accomplished opera conductor and collaborative pianist, Wachs has led Albert Herring, Così fan tutte, Le Nozze di Figaro, The Impresario, Suor Angelica, Gianni Schicchi, Amahl and the Night Visitors, acts from La Traviata and Die Fledermaus and the operas La Divina and Signor Deluso by Pastieri, performances of which were lauded by the composer himself. He has accompanied tenor William Burden in recital and recently made his debut on the LA Philharmonic Chamber Music Series at Walt Disney Concert Hall. For more information, please visit www.danielalfredwachs.com

JOHN ELIAS KAYNOR, ‘13

John Elias Kaynor began his professional career as a free-lance cellist throughout Southern California and maintained an active teaching studio of his own in Orange County. He performed as Principal Cellist of the Chapman Chamber Orchestra from his first semester and was featured in prominent principal and soloist capacities. For the past three summers he performed as a chamber musician at the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music in New Hampshire, where he was also hired as a Director. Eli has won major competitions as a soloist, including the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston, which featured him in a debut appearance in Sanders Theatre performing the Haydn C Major Cello Concerto. Currently he is a member of the Chancellor’s String Quartet at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts where he is earning a Master of Music degree, as a scholarship student of cellist Brooks Whitehouse. Eli earned his Bachelor of Music degree with honors from Chapman University as both a Cello Performance Major in the Conservatory of Music with cellist Roger Lebow and as a Presidential Scholar in the University Honors Program under Dr. Carmichael Peters. Eli will always be grateful for his numerous wonderful teachers and coaches, including Eugene Kim, Robert Becker, William Fitzpatrick, Daniel Alfred Wachs, and James Kreger.
About The Chapman Orchestra

The Chapman Orchestra (TCO), under the direction of Music Director Daniel Alfred Wachs, is considered among the finest university ensembles on the West Coast. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel lauded TCO following An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance, an interdisciplinary collaboration with Chapman University’s Rogers Center for Holocaust Studies. In May 2014, TCO and Chapman University Choirs joined forces with the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra and international soloists in a performance of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony and the West Coast premiere of Mark Anthony Turnage’s Prisms at a sold-out Renee & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, presented under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. This concert was selected by the Orange County Register as a “Must See” performance of the 2013-2014 Season and was also selected as a top pick by the Los Angeles Times for spring 2014. Of the performance, the Orange County Register raved, “The performance wasn’t just good by standards for younger performers, but forceful and exuberant by any standard: genuinely inspiring, technically proficient, structurally sound.” TCO kicked off its 2013-14 season in collaboration with Orange County’s Pacific Symphony, presenting an ancillary concert as part of its acclaimed Music Unwound Series. In the fall of 2009, a live recording of Milhaud’s La Creation du Monde was selected by the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. to accompany its exhibit, “Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens.” In February of 2008, TCO joined forces with the Pacific Symphony as part of its Eighth American Composers Festival. TCO recently completed a survey of Mahler song cycles with baritone Vladimir Chernov and initiated a partnership with the LA Opera Domingo-Thornton Young Artist Program.

Chapman University Orchestras have received national recognition when presented the coveted ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) award at the American Symphony Orchestra League Annual Conference for performances of music by American composers and The Chapman Chamber Orchestra was a finalist in the American Prize in Orchestral Performance. In frequent demand, the orchestras have performed at the Music Educators National, Divisional, State, and Southern Section Conferences. The Chapman Orchestra has been the featured performing ensemble for the CMEA (California Music Educators Association) Southern Section Conference. The Chapman Orchestra has toured extensively on the West Coast of the United States and has performed on international tours in Europe, China, Hong Kong, and Japan. Closer to home, TCO performs an annual series of concerts at the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda and St. John’s Lutheran Church in Orange, and serves as the orchestra in residence for Opera Chapman.

Program Notes

Concerto for Violoncello in A minor, Op. 129

Robert Schumann

(1810–1856)

Robert Schumann was born in Zwickau, Saxony on June 8, 1810 and died on July 29, 1856. In the later years of his life, Robert and his wife, Clara Schumann, moved from Dresden to Düsseldorf in September 1850. This new life made Robert Schumann feel uneasy and disturbed, but eventually he grew accustomed to the new atmosphere. In Robert’s diary, he wrote that he had an “urge to compose” and, within a “year after, produce several new compositions, including his cello concerto, the Rhenish Symphony, two violin sonatas, and a revised version of his D minor symphony. After many years of mental instabilities and an attempted suicide, in 1854 Schumann asked to be taken to an asylum for the insane. He was taken to a sanatorium in Endenich and remained there until his death at the age of 46. His Cello concerto was written in the span of two weeks at the beginning of Robert’s creative year on October 10, 1850 and finishing on October 24, 1850. It is orchestrated for two flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, and trumpets with timpani and strings. This concerto is a musical representation of the sanity struggles that Schumann faced in his later years of life. He intertwines a romantic quality with that of humor and intensity all within three connected movements. Schumann was interested in compressing everything into one connected piece and gives each part more than just a local function. The second movement and the finale are bridged together by a beautiful duet-like passage between the solo cello and a solo cello from the orchestra. He then shifts into 6/8 time to bring the piece to its finale. It is said that before this he incorporates an accompanied cadenza, an inspiration to Elgar and possibly Schoenberg and Walton which they later used in their violin concertos. This concerto was written in the span of just two weeks however it was not performed until after Robert Schumann’s death. The first performance was given by Ludwig Ebert at the Leipzig Conservatory on June 9, 1860 on the composer’s 50th birthday.

-Stephanie Calascione
Program Notes

Symphony No. 5

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Considered to be one of the greatest composers of the late Classical and early Romantic eras, Franz Schubert proved himself as such with his numerous compositions which includes seven complete symphonies, operas, chamber and piano music, and over 600 vocal works, most of which were German Lied. Schubert was born on January 31st in Vienna, Austria, and began his musical career playing piano under the tutelage of his older brother Ignaz. At the age of seven, he was sent to study with Antonio Salieri who is often incorrectly associated with the death of Mozart. Even early on in his life, Schubert showed much promise and potential as a composer, with Salieri reportedly remarking that “he can write anything: songs, masses, string quartets...” but omitted the symphony, as it was the genre that interested his friends and supporters the least. Despite the negative opinions of his symphonies by his friends and supporters, they continue to be some of his more prominent works today. Schubert passed away at the age of 31 at 3:00pm on November 19th, 1828 with the cause of death at the time being Nervenfieber (nervous fever). Today however, his cause of death is believed to be from mercury poisoning from the medication prescribed to him to treat his tertiary syphilis.

Schubert’s began writing his 5th Symphony in September 1816 and completed it on October 3rd, 1816. It was written at a time of his great infatuation with the works of Haydn, Beethoven and especially Mozart. The symphony was orchestrated almost identically to Mozart’s 40th Symphony, which also notably excludes the trumpet and timpani. Even during the 19th century, Schubert’s 5th symphony was known as “the symphony without trumpet or drums”. Other hints of Mozartean influences include the main theme in the second movement, which is quoted nearly verbatim from Mozart’s Violin Sonata in F Major, K.377. The premiere of the symphony was performed by a private orchestra in the house of a friend. The symphony was not initially met with enthusiasm, though it remained popular and is considered to be one the best of his six “early symphonies”.

-Alvin Ly

The Chapman Orchestra

Violin I
Chloe Tardif
Kimberly Levin
Rachele Schouten
Arturo Balmaceda
Suzanne Hainz
William Parker
Marc Rosenfield

Violin II
Michael Fleming
Gabrielle Stetz
Austin Phillips
Lara Schildbach
Alayne Hsieh
Alicia Correa

Viola
Nickolas Kaynor
Javier Chacon Jr.
Stephanie Calascione
Leehyon Kuen
Ariel Chien
Christine Anderson
Priscilla Peraza

Cello
Connor Bogenreif
Christopher DeFazio
Nathaniel Cook
Jordan Perez
Devin Marcus

Double Bass
Ethan Reed
Rafael Zepeda

Flute
Joshua Roberson
Karen Yu

Oboe
Emilia Lopez-Yañez
Cynthia Navarrette
Alex Cowan

Clarinet
Sam Ek
David Scott

Bassoon
Elizabeth Low-Atwater
Austin Liang

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Music Director & Conductor

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Vaughan Williams – Symphony No. 5

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Dale A. Merrill
Dean
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