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Announcing AUDITIONS for singers for our upcoming production of



Thursday, November 20 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, November 22 from 11:00am – 2:00pm

The production will take place in March 2015 on the mainstage at The Music Center at Strathmore with the 90+ piece Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras Philharmonic and will be directed by Hylton Performing Arts Center Executive Director, Rick Davis.

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YOUNG ARTISTS OF
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the Secret Garden

IN CONCERT

Featuring the
Young Artists
of America
Youth Orchestra &
Vocal Ensemble

Sunday,
November 16, 2014
4:00 pm

Cultural Arts Center at Silver Spring
7995 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

MISSION

Young Artists of America, Inc. was founded to provide talented young instrumentalists and vocalists with exceptional opportunities to perform, train with, and be mentored by professional artists and educators in fully orchestrated performances, including large scale works of opera, musical theatre, oratorio and dance.

Young Artists of America is the first known program of its kind in the nation to bring together high school aged instrumentalists and vocalists to specialize in, study and perform large scale vocal works, and specifically opera. The cornerstone of our organization is our Mentoring Program, in which students are not only coached by professional instrumentalists and singers, but also perform alongside them, as in our performance today.

OUR THANKS

Young Artists of America would like to give special thanks to: Jeanine Tesori and Anthony McGill for sharing her time with our students at their respective masterclasses. Our thanks also to those who have supported YAA financially and artistically in order to bring excellent music education programming to our students, including: Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, MD, The Trawick Foundation, The Helena Foundation & The Music Center at Strathmore. Last, but not least, eternal thanks to our tireless YAA staff for their countless hours in rehearsal and working behind the scenes so that our students can shine, including: Maureen Codelka, Paco Cosio-Marron, Lisa Larragoite, Beth Sanz, Miriam Teitel, Eliot Pfanstiehl, Monica Jeffries, David Phillips, Donna Ely, Jeongseon Choi, as well as all of our parent volunteers for making this performance possible.

THE SECRET GARDEN

Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman / Music by Lucy Simon

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Original Broadway Production produced by Heidi Landesman

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Originally produced by the Virginia Stage Company, Charles Towers,
Artistic Director

THE SECRET GARDEN is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

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Welcome

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the first production of our 2014-2015 season! This season is titled **British Invasion** as the source material for both of our mainstage shows comes from English playwrights, namely Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* and William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

The Secret Garden is a musical based on the beloved 1911 novel of the same name by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The show premiered on Broadway in 1991 and ran for 709 performances. The musical's score is by Lucy Simon (*older sister of rock musician Carly Simon*) who made her Broadway debut with *The Secret Garden*. The book and lyrics are by Marsha Norman (*The Color Purple, The Bridges of Madison County, 'night, Mother*), who is currently the co-chair of the playwriting department at The Juilliard School and Vice-President of the Dramatists Guild of America. *The Secret Garden* won three Tony awards and two Drama Desk Awards in 1991.

Our YAA students were very fortunate to work with Broadway composer, **Jeanine Tesori**, on some of the music from *The Secret Garden* in a masterclass a few weeks ago. While Jeanine is a commanding voice on Broadway in her own right as composer of such noted shows as *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Shrek the Musical, and Caroline, or Change*, one of her earliest jobs on Broadway was as Associate Conductor for the original Broadway production of *The Secret Garden*. Needless to say, she brought wonderful insights and stories to our students about the show from creation to opening.

One of the cornerstones of Young Artists of America that we are most proud of is to be able to bring in professional musicians like Jeanine Tesori, and most recently New York Philharmonic Principal Clarinetist, **Anthony McGill**, to work with our students. We feel that the chance to work with or play alongside a professional musician is a very special and educational experience for a student. And we are pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity at Young Artists of America as we continue to expand our Education Series to bring top-notch musicians to DC to work with our students.

As many of you know, Young Artists of America keeps our tuition costs as low as possible to allow all students, regardless of their financial situation, to be able to participate in our programming. We hope that you will consider a tax-deductible donation to YAA to assist us in our efforts to bring the highest quality musical education to our students.

We hope that you will join us for our return to **The Music Center at Strathmore on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 4:00pm** for **West Side Story + Roméo et Juliette**, featuring over 150 students from all over the Metro DC area.

Thanks again for joining us for *The Secret Garden* in Concert, and we hope that you enjoy today's performance!

Rolando Sanz, Artistic Director

Kristofer Sanz, Music Director

Jennifer Boudrye, Executive Director

THE SECRET GARDEN IN CONCERT

Opening

LILY Marissa Diehl

Understudies: Madison Middleton, Anelia Slavoff

SPIRITS OF INDIA:

Maya Eaglin, Jennie Han, Rachel Heney, Elise Lovett, Jenna Prosen, Sabrina Sadeghian

Understudies: Cassie Mandalou, Jordana Meyer, Samantha Myers, Hayley Segall, Saira Umar, Claire Wilson

There's a girl

ENSEMBLE

Dialogue

NEVILLE Nikolas Krieger

Understudy: Greg Kenney

ARCHIE..... Ari Goldbloom-Helzner

*Understudy: George Perry**

MARY Amanda Primosch

Understudies: Rachel Heney, Jenna Prosen, Josie Weinberg

The house upon the hill

ENSEMBLE

I heard someone crying

LILY Emma Rothfield

Understudy: Marissa Diehl

MARY Amanda Primosch

Understudies: Rachel Heney, Jenna Prosen, Josie Weinberg

ENSEMBLE

Girl in the valley

LILY Sophia Anastasi

Understudies: Ashley Behnke, Maya Eaglin

ARCHIE..... Ari Goldbloom-Helzner

*Understudies: Sebastian Amoruso, George Perry**

Dialogue

ARCHIE..... Ari Goldbloom-Helzner

*Understudies: Sebastian Amoruso, George Perry**

MARY Elizabeth Doerrman

Understudies: Sara Franklin-Gillette, Jennie Han

The girl I mean to be

MARY Elizabeth Doerrman

Understudies: Sara Franklin-Gillette, Jennie Han

Dialogue

MARY Elizabeth Doerrman

Understudies: Sara Franklin-Gillette, Jennie Han

NEVILLE Nikolas Krieger

Understudy: Greg Kenney

ARCHIE..... Ari Goldbloom-Helzner

*Understudies: Sebastian Amoruso, George Perry**

A bit of earth

ARCHIE..... Ari Goldbloom-Helzner

*Understudies: Nikolas Krieger, George Perry**

PROGRAM SELECTIONS

Dialogue & Lily's Eyes

NEVILLE Nikolas Krieger

Understudy: Greg Kenney

ARCHIE..... Adam Goldstein

*Understudies: Sebastian Amoruso, George Perry**

Come to my garden

LILY Isabel Udell

Understudies: Ashley Behnke, Gillian Han

COLIN Sara Franklin-Gillette

Understudy: Samantha Myers

Come spirit, come charm

MARY Sabrina Sadeghian

Understudy: Saira Umar

2 FRIENDS:

Sebastian Amoruso, Jordana Meyer

Understudies: Benjamin Lin, McKenzie McMahon

ENSEMBLE

Where in the world

ARCHIE..... Adam Goldstein

*Understudies: Ari Goldbloom-Helzner, George Perry**

How could I ever know?

LILY Brenna McFarland

Understudy: Sophia Anastasi

ARCHIE..... Adam Goldstein

*Understudies: Ari Goldbloom-Helzner, George Perry**

Dialogue

COLIN Sara Franklin-Gillette

Understudy: Samantha Myers

ARCHIE..... Adam Goldstein

*Understudies: Ari Goldbloom-Helzner, George Perry**

MARY Elizabeth Doerrman

Understudy: Jennie Han

Finale

ENSEMBLE

LILY Chloe Malouf

Understudies: Ashley Behnke, Gillian Han

ARCHIE..... Adam Goldstein

*Understudies: Ari Goldbloom-Helzner, George Perry**

Book & Lyrics by Marsha Norman

Music by Lucy Simon

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

ARTISTIC STAFF



Praised by Opera News for his “warm, strong, highly promising tenor”, **Artistic Director Rolando Sanz** is thrilling audiences with his impeccable technique and musical depth, as well as his “[vocal] color and heartfelt interpretations” (*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*). In the 2014–2015 season, he will return to Florentine Opera as Nemorino in *L’elisir d’amore*, join Baltimore Concert Opera for the U.S. premiere of Franco Faccio’s *Amleto*, and make his Virginia Opera debut as Alfredo in *La traviata*.

Recent and upcoming leading operatic appearances include Seattle Opera, Florentine Opera, Toledo Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Syracuse Opera, Virginia Opera, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Music Academy of the West, the Aspen Music Festival, as well as locally with the Lyric Opera of Baltimore and Annapolis Opera, where he recently performed the Duke in *Rigoletto* in March 2013. Mr. Sanz has also been a prizewinner in numerous international competitions including the Florida Grand Opera/YPO Competition, the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, the Aspen Music Festival Vocal Concerto Competition, and the XIII International Voice Competition in Trujillo, Peru. Most recently, he was awarded First Place at the Florida Suncoast Opera Guild Competition, the Grand Prize as well as the Conductor Award and the Audience Choice Award at the Annapolis Opera Vocal Competition, and First Prize at the Marie E. Crump Vocal Competition. Rolando is a graduate of the Yale University School of Music



Music Director Kristofer Sanz is currently the Music Director of Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras as well as Music Director/Conductor of Instrumental Music at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac. Kristofer’s energy and fervor for music have allowed him to achieve a “passionate, mature and musical sound,” with any ensemble he has conducted. Mr. Sanz has also acted as the Associate Conductor of the Montgomery Philharmonic. During his tenure as Chamber Music Conductor with MCYO, Mr. Sanz

had the honor of conducting the world premiere of “Three Songs Without Words” with violinist/composer Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR).

Most recently, Kristofer was selected as one of the twelve conductors nationwide to participate in the *Syracuse Opera Conducting Masterclasses* where he worked closely with world-renowned conducting pedagogue Kenneth Kiesler. In 2010, Mr. Sanz was one of nine international conductors chosen to participate at the *International Academy of Advanced Conducting After Ilia Musin* where he worked closely with Leonid Korchmar, professor at the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music and conductor at the Mariinsky Theatre and the St. Petersburg State Orchestra.



Narrator William E. (Brit) Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland since August 1, 2002, is a nationally recognized authority on critical issues shaping the higher education landscape. He served as president of Ohio State University for four years (1998–2002) and president of the University of Maryland, College Park for 10 years (1988–1998). Prior to his presidency, he was a member of the University

of Maryland faculty for 24 years. A respected academic leader, Dr. Kirwan is a sought-after speaker on a wide range of topics, including diversity, access and affordability, cost containment, innovation, higher education’s economic impact, academic transformation, and financial aid.

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REHEARSAL PIANISTS

Maureen Codelka †
Donna Ely †

CM = concertmaster

ACM = assistant concertmaster

P = principal

CP = co-principal

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Marissa Diehl
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Emma Rothfield
Anelia Slavoff
Isabel Udell
Saira Umar

ALTO:

Ashley Behnke
Elizabeth Doerrman
Maya Eaglin
Sara Franklin-Gillette
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McKenzie McMahon
Jordana Meyer
Samantha Myers
Amanda Primosch
Jenna Prosen
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Hayley Segall
Josie Weinberg
Claire Wilson

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