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"The theme of this SoundBox is Focus, a notion I'm trying to explore in various senses of the word."

-Nico Muhly



### ESA-PEKKA SALONEN SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MUSIC DIRECTOR

San Francisco Symphony Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen has, through his many high-profile conducting roles and work as a leading composer, shaped a unique vision for the present and future of the contemporary symphony orchestra. Salonen recently concluded his tenure as Principal Conductor & Artistic Advisor for London's Philharmonia Orchestra and he is Artist in Association at the Finnish National Opera and Ballet. He is a member of the faculty of the Colburn School in Los Angeles, where he developed and directs the pre-professional Negaunee Conducting Program. Salonen is the Conductor Laureate for both the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, where he was Music Director from 1992 until 2009. Salonen co-foundedand from 2003 until 2018 served as the Artistic Director for-the annual Baltic Sea Festival.

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#### The San Francisco Symphony string section utilizes revolving seating on a systematic basis. Players listed in alphabetical order change seats periodically.

Second Century Chairs are supported in part by the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Foundation, ensuring the ongoing artistic excellence of the San Francisco Symphony's string sections.

Alexander Barantschik plays the 1742 Guarnerius del Gesù violin, on loan from the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Daniel Stewart's appointment as Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra is generously supported by the Paul L. and Phyllis Wattis Endowment Fund.





# SOUNDBOX: FOCUS

Nico Muhly curator

**ORLANDO GIBBONS** / **NICO MUHLY** *This is the Record of John* 

Carey Bell clarinet Melissa Kleinbart · Helen Kim violins Christina King viola Anne Pinsker cello Marc Shapiro piano

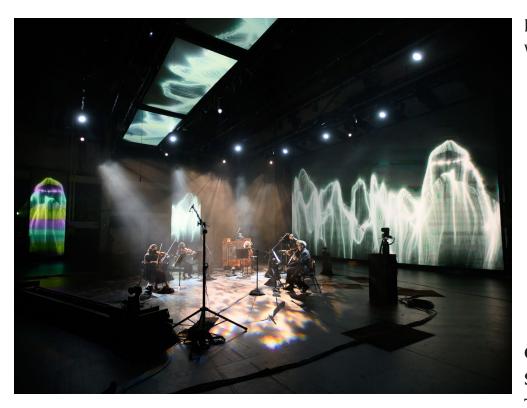
**MEREDITH MONK (arr. Nico Muhly)** *Fat Stream*, from *Key* 

Jerome Simas clarinet Suzanne Leon · Amy Hiraga violins Jonathan Vinocour viola Barbara Andres cello James Lee Wyatt III percussion Nico Muhly organ

### NICO MUHLY Motion

Carey Bell clarinet Melissa Kleinbart · Helen Kim violins Christina King viola Anne Pinsker cello Marc Shapiro piano

INTI FIGGIS-VIZUETA Inbhir (many waters) David Goldblatt cello





### LUKÁŠ JANATA Flux World Bromiero, San Francisco Symphony Comm

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Nico Muhly conductor Emma Lanier choreographer Jerome Simas clarinet Aaron Schuman trumpet Florin Parvulescu · Chen Zhao violins Katie Kadarauch viola Carolyn McIntosh cello Daniel G. Smith double bass Bryce Leafman percussion Jonathan Dimmock · Lukáš Janata keyboards

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### **PROGRAM NOTES**



This program includes two works in which curator and composer **NICO MUHLY** (b. 1981) engages with the music of English Renaissance composer **ORLANDO GIBBONS** (1583–1625). "My piece, *Motion*,

references an anthem by Gibbons, and I thought it right to arrange a *different* Gibbons anthem just for variety," Muhly says. "Here, we have *This is the Record of John*, which, in its original form, was to be sung by soloists who were then replied to, and imitated by, a full chorus. *Motion*, taking as its starting point the anthem *See, See the Word is Incarnate*, buries the tunes and harmonies from the Gibbons and places it in a matrix of ostinatos and little repetitive patterns. The idea is that the Tudor and Jacobean music is constantly coming in and out of focus, and that the ear can use the gridwork to latch onto something decidedly modern, or something beckoning to us from a different time."



MEREDITH MONK (b. 1943) has explored the possibilities of the human voice for close to fifty years, creating theatrical works that meld ensembles in wordless choruses to evoke almost trance-like effects. In

1978 she formed the chamber group Meredith Monk and Vocal Ensemble. For the San Francisco Symphony's centennial season, Monk was commissioned to write *Dream Variations*, which was premiered in March 2012 during the American Mavericks Festival. Monk's *Fat Stream*, originally released on the 1971 album *Key*, is heard here in an arrangement by Nico Muhly for small chamber ensemble. "Fat Stream has the world's simplest accompaniment: an organ playing four arpeggiated chords," observes Muhly. "Over this, in its original version, the composer sings a series of phrases, some delicate and others painfully keening—many of the notes are not found on the piano, which is to say that her economy here is all the delicious spaces between notes, as if the poignancy is to be found always slightly off our traditional sense of the cartography of tonality. It's always reminded me of seeing a three-dimensional object interact with a two dimensional one—a bird flying over a flat road, for instance—with a sense of tragedy, beauty, and power."



Originally from Washington DC and now residing in New York City, **INTI FIGGIS-VIZUETA** (b. 1993) is the 2020 recipient of the ASCAP Foundation Fred Ho Award and is currently in residency at Sō Percussion's

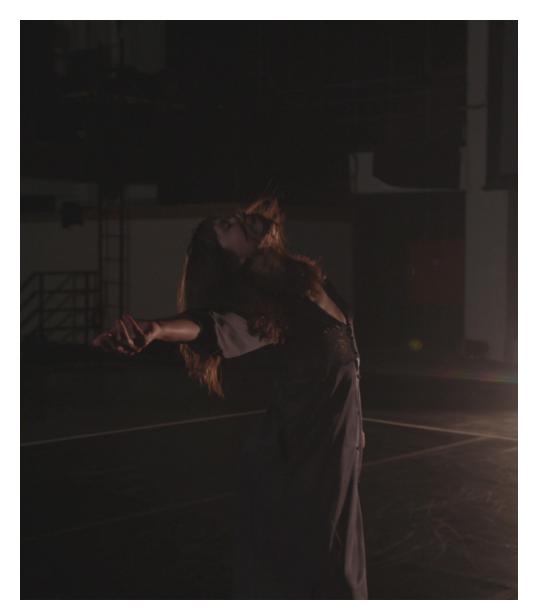
Brooklyn studio for the 2021–22 season. Her musical practice is physical and visceral, attempting to reconcile historical aesthetics and experimental practices with trans and indigenous futures. Recent commissions include works for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Kronos Quartet, Attacca Quartet, JACK Quartet, and Crash Ensemble, as well as Jennifer Koh, Matt Haimovitz, and Andrew Yee. Her *Inbhir (many waters)* was composed for Los Angeles Philharmonic cellist Jason Lippmann in 2020. Nico Muhly notes, "I've always loved inti figgis-vizueta's music, particularly when it vacillates between traditional techniques and more ecstatic, subtle explorations of extended techniques—both in a dance, with the backs and the fronts apparent to the listeners in different ways. Her piece *Inbhir* asks a solo cellist to create a landscape of gorgeous aquatic light, shade, and turbulence."



LUKÁŠ JANATA (b. 1995) is a Czech composer, performer, and educator. He will serve as Composer-in-Residence for San Francisco's International Orange Chorale in the 2021–22 season. A graduate of the San

Francisco Conservatory of Music and the Prague Conservatory, his composition mentors include John Corigliano, David Conte, and Otomar Kvěch. Janata's *Flux*–a San Francisco Symphony commission heard in its world premiere-is a work for chamber orchestra and choreography. The composer notes it "reflects and challenges the individual perception of time that is so different for everyone, especially during social isolation. Its interlocking morphing gestures ought to create a seamless borderline between what is the foreground and the background. The freedom for an ear to gravitate toward small gestures or follow a larger arc reflects time's relativity. While the time passes strictly metronomically, the independent musical lines join in the common flux of chaotic moments that sometimes strive to crystallize in such sought-after togetherness but often do not manage to keep together for long. They become either interrupted by another gesture or are simply cut off, much like the feeling of many of us being at the sea of thoughts, both positive and negative, without the ability to see the horizon in the main course.

"Collaborating with the choreographer and dancer Emma Lanier confirmed for me the basis of my piece; how each of our perceptions of the music's embodiment of time's capriciousness differs. Hence, giving the freedom of choice to which musical aspect is drawn as an inspiration for the motion."



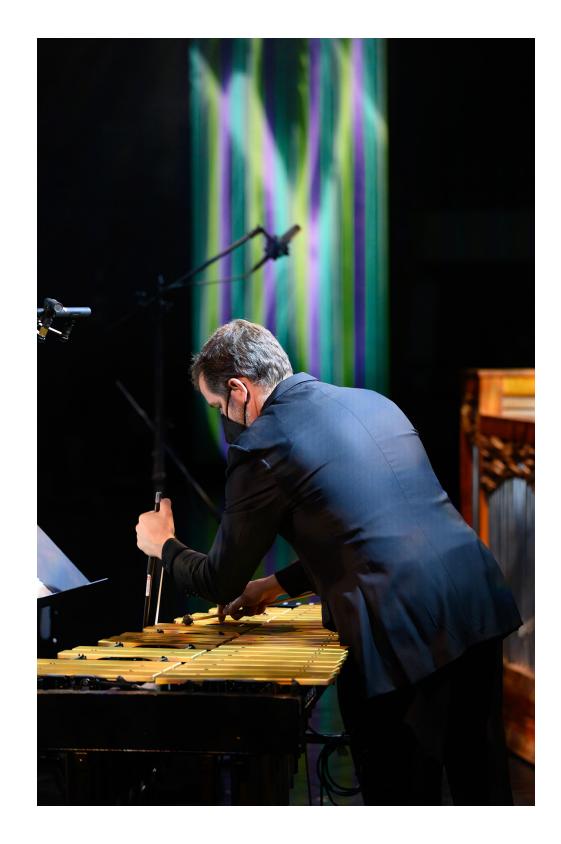
Nico Muhly adds, "*Flux* is all to do with synchronicity and asynchronicity: there are moments where the ensemble functions like a clock, with percussive unisons and almost savage precision, and then suddenly, those elements are out of sync, vexingly close to together but never quite meeting up again. It's a powerful piece, with moments of deeply satisfying instability."

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# ARTISTS



NICO MUHLY is an American composer who writes orchestral music, works for the stage, chamber music, and sacred music. He has received commissions from the Metropolitan Opera: *Two Boys* 

(2011) and Marnie (2018); Carnegie Hall; Los Angeles Philharmonic; Philadelphia Orchestra; San Francisco Symphony; Wigmore Hall; Tallis Scholars; and King's College and Saint John's College, Cambridge, among others. He is a Collaborative Partner at the San Francisco Symphony and has been featured at the Barbican and Philharmonie de Paris as composer, performer, and curator. An avid collaborator, he has worked with choreographers Benjamin Millepied at Paris Opéra Ballet, Bobbi Jene Smith at the Juilliard School, Justin Peck and Kyle Abraham at New York City Ballet; and with artists such as Sufjan Stevens, The National, Teitur, Anohni, James Blake, and Paul Simon. Muhly's work for film includes scores for The Reader (2008) and Kill Your Darlings (2013), and the BBC adaptation of Howards End (2017).

He has written concert works for violin (*Shrink*, for Pekka Kuusisto), organ (*Register*, for James McVinnie), viola (Nadia Sirota), and two pianos (*In Certain Circles*, for Katia and Marielle Labèque), and his vocal collaborators include lestyn Davies, Renée Fleming, and Nicholas Phan. He has collaborated with visual artists Maira Kalman and Oliver Beer, created sitespecific pieces for the National Gallery in London and the Art Institute of Chicago, and written articles for the *Guardian*, *The New York Times*, and *London Review of Books*. Recordings of his works have been released by Decca and Nonesuch, and he is part of the artist-run record label Bedroom Community, which released his first two albums, *Speaks Volumes* (2006) and *Mothertongue* (2008).



**CAREY BELL** became San Francisco Symphony Principal Clarinet and occupant of the William R. & Gretchen B. Kimball Chair in 2007. He has held principal positions with the San Francisco Opera Orchestra and

the Syracuse Symphony, and served as acting principal clarinet of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, and as guest principal clarinet with the Philadelphia Orchestra. A former member of the San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, Mr. Bell received degrees in performance and composition from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After graduating, he continued his clarinet training at DePaul University and was a member of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. He joined the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 2016 and has also taught at Stanford University.



### MELISSA KLEINBART,

occupant of the Katharine Hanrahan Chair, joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1998 after serving as associate concertmaster with the San Francisco Opera orchestra and

assistant concertmaster with the Vancouver Symphony. In addition to solo appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony, and New York Symphonic Ensemble, Ms. Kleinbart has been a participant at the Marlboro and Tanglewood music festivals and has performed with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. A graduate of the Juilliard School, she performs and teaches with the San Francisco Academy Orchestra.



HELEN KIM joined the San Francisco Symphony as Associate Principal Second Violin in 2016. She was previously a member of the Saint Louis Symphony from 2011 to 2016. She has spent her

summers teaching and performing at festivals including Aspen, Yellow Barn, Luzerne, and the Innsbrook Institute. Ms. Kim received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, where she was Presidential Scholar, and a master's degree from the Yale School of Music. Most recently, she collaborated as violin soloist with Post:ballet on Playing Changes, available on SFSymphony+.



**CHRISTINA KING**, a native of Newport Beach, CA, joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1996. She has been a member of the Tucson Symphony and served as principal viola in the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the

training orchestra of the Chicago Symphony. Prior to those positions, she played with various orchestras in Mexico City. Ms. King is a graduate of Barnard College/Columbia University, where she pursued a degree in English while studying violin and viola at the Manhattan School of Music. She was later granted a fellowship to Northwestern University, where she earned her master's degree.



ANNE PINSKER joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1982. She is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, where she studied with Leonard Rose, and she has served as a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago

Orchestra and as a regular substitute in the Chicago Symphony.



MARC SHAPIRO is Principal Keyboard of the California Symphony. From 1984 to 2003 he was San Francisco Symphony Chorus accompanist. In 1998 he accompanied the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus

on tour in the US and Canada. Mr. Shapiro performs frequently with Composers, Inc., Chamber Music Sundaes, Sierra Chamber Music Society, Mainly Mozart Festival (San Diego), and the Mohonk Festival. He holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory and is on the faculty at Mills College.



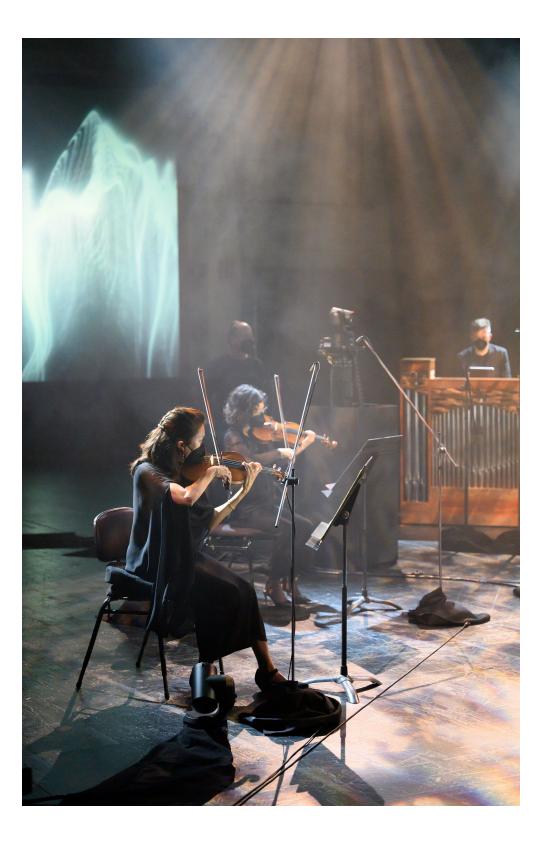
JEROME SIMAS joined the San Francisco Symphony in 2012. Previously a fellow at the New World Symphony, he has held principal clarinet positions with such ensembles as the California, Oakland East Bay,

and Akron symphonies. He is a member of San Francisco's Left Coast Chamber Ensemble. First prize winner of the International Clarinet Society Young Artist Competition and grand prize winner at the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, he received degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He is currently a coach for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra.

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**SUZANNE LEON** joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1990. Following her graduation from the Curtis Institute of Music, she spent five years in France, where she served as concertmaster of the Orchestre

International de Paris and taught at the Sorbonne. Ms. Leon has toured as a member of the Asia Philharmonic Orchestra. She has performed chamber music frequently with her Symphony colleagues, including pre-concert performances and a concert at San Francisco's Chinese Cultural Center. She has two children with her husband, former San Francisco Symphony violinist Dan Nobuhiko Smiley.



AMY HIRAGA studied at the University of Cincinnati and the Juilliard School. She has been a member of the Orchestra of Saint Luke's and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Ms. Hiraga spent one year as a member of

the San Francisco Symphony before returning to the East Coast with her husband, San Francisco Symphony Associate Principal Cellist Peter Wyrick. She worked as a freelance musician in New York and joined the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in 1991, then rejoined the San Francisco Symphony when she and Mr. Wyrick returned to San Francisco in 1999.



JONATHAN VINOCOUR joined the San Francisco Symphony as Principal Viola in 2009, having previously served as principal viola of the Saint Louis Symphony and guest principal viola of the Leipzig

Gewandhaus Orchestra. A sought-after chamber musician, he is a regular guest of such festivals as the Seattle Chamber Music Society, Marlboro, Bridgehampton, Salt Bay, and Cleveland Chamberfest. Mr. Vinocour graduated from Princeton University with a degree in chemistry and from the New England Conservatory where he studied with Kim Kashkashian. A dedicated teacher, he serves on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as well as the Aspen Music Festival and School. He plays on a 1784 Lorenzo Storioni viola on loan from the San Francisco Symphony.



BARBARA ANDRES, occupant of the Stanley S. Langendorf Foundation Second Century Chair, joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1977 upon graduation from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She studied

with Lynn Harrell and Stephen Geber. Ms. Andres has been principal cellist of the Sierra Chamber Society since 1989, and performs with Chamber Music Sundaes and Gold Coast Chamber Players. She was orchestra cello coach for the San Francisco Conservatory of Music for nine years, and cello coach for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra for five years.



JAMES LEE WYATT III joined the San Francisco Symphony in 2001 after serving as principal percussionist of the Honolulu Symphony. A native of Princeton, KY, he received his bachelor's degree from the

University of Michigan and his master's degree from Temple University. Mr. Wyatt has performed with the Santa Fe Opera, National Repertory Orchestra, Sun Valley Summer Symphony, and the Ojai, Tanglewood, Spoleto festivals.



DAVID GOLDBLATT, occupant of the Christine & Pierre Lamond Second Century Chair, joined the San Francisco Symphony cello section in 1978, having previously played in the Pittsburgh Symphony. Mr.

Goldblatt has also been a cellist with the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia (now the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia) and the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. He graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music. He is currently a coach for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra.



### EMMA LANIER is a

choreographer and dance artist who was born and raised in San Francisco. She trained at ODC, where she was a youth company member for five years and attended the Ruth Asawa

San Francisco School of the Arts. She went on to study at the Conservatorio Superior de Danza in Madrid and at Skidmore College in New York. She has presented her work nationally at Pulitzer Arts Foundation, David Zwirner Gallery, and locally at Fresh Festival. James Graham Dance Theatre's Dance Lovers, LevySalon, SAFEhouse for the Performing Arts, SPF12, San Francisco Dance Film Festival, and ODC Pilot71. As a co-director of Kickbal, she received the 2020 ODC Theater Fleishhacker Opportunity Fund to produce *HOMEBODY* at ODC Theater in San Francisco. Her latest research and performance project received a co-production grant from FACT/SF and will premiere fall 2021 in both San Francisco and Strasbourg, France. Lanier is also an artist at RoundAntennae, under the mentorship of KT Nelson.



AARON SCHUMAN joined the San Francisco Symphony as Associate Principal Trumpet in 2018, occupying the Peter Pastreich Chair. A native of Buffalo, NY, he graduated from Northwestern University's

Bienen School of Music before pursuing graduate studies at Rice University.



FLORIN PARVULESCU, a native of Romania, joined the San Francisco Symphony in 1998. He holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music and the Juilliard Preparatory Division. He was

previously a member of the Saint Louis Symphony and Baltimore Symphony, won the 1993 Marbury Competition at the Peabody Conservatory, and was a prizewinner in the 1994 Yale Gordon Concerto Competition. He also attended the American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival.



**CHEN ZHAO** joined the San Francisco Symphony in 2000. A native of Shanghai, he studied with his uncle and gave his first public performance at the Shanghai Children's Palace at age six. He went on to study at

the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Crossroads School for Art and Sciences, Curtis Institute of Music, SF Conservatory of Music, and the New World Symphony. Mr. Zhao has appeared as a soloist with the Curtis Symphony, Oslo Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, SF Symphony Youth Orchestra, and the Stanford Symphony. Currently a violin coach for the SF Symphony Youth Orchestra, Chen Zhao is a violin professor at the SF Conservatory of Music.



KATIE KADARAUCH joined the San Francisco Symphony in 2007 as Assistant Principal Viola. A native of the Bay Area, she was principal viola of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and earned a

bachelor's degree and graduate diploma from the New England Conservatory. She also studied at the Colburn Conservatory of Music, during which time she performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and recorded film scores for movies such as *Get Smart*, *Spider-Man*, and *Avatar*. Ms. Kadarauch was the violist of the former Janaki String Trio, which toured the US and abroad and recorded with the Naxos and Yarlung labels. She plays on a Peter Rombouts viola ca. 1720, on loan from the San Francisco Symphony.



**CAROLYN MCINTOSH** is a graduate of the University of Redlands and the State University of New York at Binghamton. Prior to joining the San Francisco Symphony in 1981, she served as principal

cello of the San Jose Symphony and the Midsummer Mozart Festival Orchestra. She occupies the Elizabeth C. Peters Cello Chair.



DANIEL G. SMITH was appointed Associate Principal Bass of the San Francisco Symphony in 2017. He previously served as principal bass of the Santa Barbara Symphony, and he was a

member of the San Diego Symphony. He has served as guest principal and associate principal bass with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and guest principal of the Lakes Area Music Festival in Brainerd, MN. Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Music from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music under the tutelage of Timothy Pitts.



BRYCE LEAFMAN joined the San Francisco Symphony as Assistant Principal Timpani/ Section Percussion during the 2020–21 season. Previously, he was principal percussion of the Billings Symphony, and he has

performed with the Omaha, Berkeley, Marin, and New World symphonies; the Boston Philharmonic; and Symphony New Hampshire. In 2017 he was the first percussionist to win a solo concerto competition at the Aspen Music Festival, and he returned to the Aspen Music Festival in 2019 as the Charles Owen Memorial Percussion Fellow. Mr. Leafman holds degrees from New England Conservatory, Boston University, and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.



JONATHAN DIMMOCK is the Principal Organist at San Francisco's Legion of Honor Museum and he regularly appears with the San Francisco Symphony. A graduate of Oberlin and Yale, he was the

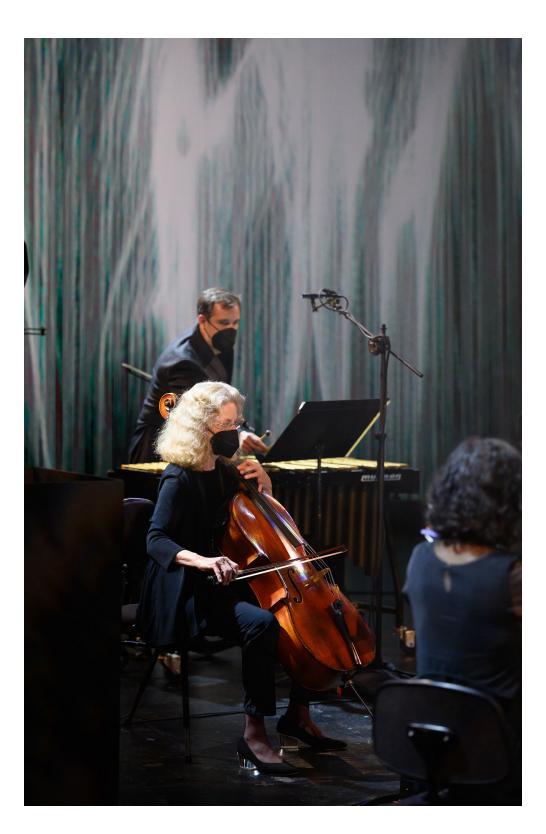
only American to serve as organ scholar of Westminster Abbey. Continuing his career in the United States, he served three Episcopal cathedrals: Saint John the Divine (New York), Saint Mark's (Minneapolis), and Grace (San Francisco). Mr. Dimmock lives in San Francisco, where, for more than twelve years, he was music director at Saint Ignatius Church. He has recorded more than fifty CDs.

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LUKÁŠ JANATA is a Czech composer, performer, and educator. His music has been widely performed in his native country and many countries throughout the world, and he has been commissioned by the

San Francisco Symphony, New York Cantori, Punkt Contemporary Choir (of which he is a founding member), Aries Percussion Ensemble, and the Jablonova Youth String Orchestra. He will serve as Composer-in-Residence for San Francisco's International Orange Chorale in the 2021-22 season. A member of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, he is a cantor and bass section leader for Saint Monica's Catholic Church in San Francisco. He currently teaches at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and is on the composition faculty at the Walden School for the summer of 2021. He is the founder and Artistic Director of Mouthscape, a chamber choir based at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.



**CLYDE SCOTT** is a director and projection designer currently based in Miami Beach, FL. He has created national and international commercials and promos, visuals for stadium concert

tours, short films, and works of video art made to synchronize with live performances of classical music. In the mid-1990s Mr. Scott founded Electric Sheep—a South Beach-based design boutique specializing in motion graphics. In the early 2000s he joined the staff of the New World Symphony where he worked closely with architect Frank Gehry and Gehry Partners on the integration of HD video and projection technology into the New World Center.

Mr. Scott has directed more than 100 live multicamera HD and 4KUHD simulcasts, and as a projection designer he has created original pieces for orchestral and chamber music performances as well as microplays and monodramas, including Shaun Naidoo's Sentient Weather, Luc Ferrari's Sexolidad, George Antheil's A Jazz Symphony, Arnold Schoenberg's Pierrot lunaire, Steve Reich's Violin Phase, Niccolò Castiglioni's Inverno In-ver, Peter Maxwell Davies's Eight Songs for a Mad King, Milton Babbitt's All Set, and Gavin Bryars's One Last Bar Then Joe Can Sing. Recently, he collaborated with choreographer Rosie Herrera and the Rosie Herrera Dance Theatre to create nearly twenty short works of video art. In 2018, Musical America recognized Mr. Scott's innovative contributions to the world of performing arts by naming him one of its Professionals of the Year.



Emmy Award-winning cinematographer and director **STEVEN CONDIOTTI**'s vast and varied body of work includes commercial, narrative, documentary, and visual effects credits. In the past year, his

focus has been on filming online digital content for performing arts organizations, including the San Francisco Symphony's CURRENTS and SoundBox series, Throughline: From Hall to Home, and the Deck the Hall Virtual Celebration; the Sun Valley Music Festival summer broadcast season; and a production with San Francisco Ballet.

His visual effects cinematography credits include media projection material for the San Francisco Opera's staged production of *Heart of a Soldier*. He has traveled worldwide filming content for Google, Salesforce, and Splunk, as well as commercials for the Golden State Warriors, San Francisco Giants, and San Francisco Forty-Niners.

Prior to becoming a cinematographer, Mr. Condiotti worked as chief lighting technician on major feature films and television series on such films as *Blue Jasmine, Milk, Hemingway & Gellhorn,* and *The Matrix Reloaded* and *The Matrix Revolutions*. His photographic works have been included in exhibits in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.



TAYLOR JOSHUA RANKIN is an award-winning filmmaker and composer of new music, based in the San Francisco Bay Area. His music has been performed by ensembles across the United States such as Third

Coast Percussion, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, Friction Quartet, NYU Marimba Ensemble, and at institutions including Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Oakland-based film production company Bone & Gold where he serves as in-house composer and creative collaborator. As a filmmaker, he has collaborated with many Bay Area artists and ensembles and was the video editor for Nico Muhly's *Throughline* with the San Francisco Symphony. Mr. Rankin has a master's degree in music composition from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where he studied with composer Mason Bates.



LUKE KRITZECK has worked with artists from diverse disciplines and backgrounds in theater, dance, music, circus, and opera, on stages around the world as a lighting and production designer. He is

currently the resident lighting designer and technical advisor for the San Francisco Symphony and has been a member of the creative team for numerous multimedia Symphony productions in past seasons. Mr. Kritzeck served as the director of lighting at the New World Symphony for seven years. With Cirque du Soleil, he worked on the touring production *TOTEM*, on its resident show *ZAiA* in Macau, China, and he also served as the lighting director for featured performances at the Venetian Macau. Selected design credits include Chautauqua Opera Company, Cincinnati Ballet, Cincinnati Symphony, Cedar Fair Entertainment, Opera Theatre and Music Festival of Lucca, Lafayette Ballet Theatre, and the Saint Louis Symphony.



ADAM LARSEN is a documentary filmmaker and projection designer. Designs include Hal Prince's *LoveMusik* on Broadway; Esperanza Spalding's *12 Little Spells* national tour; Missy Mazzoli's

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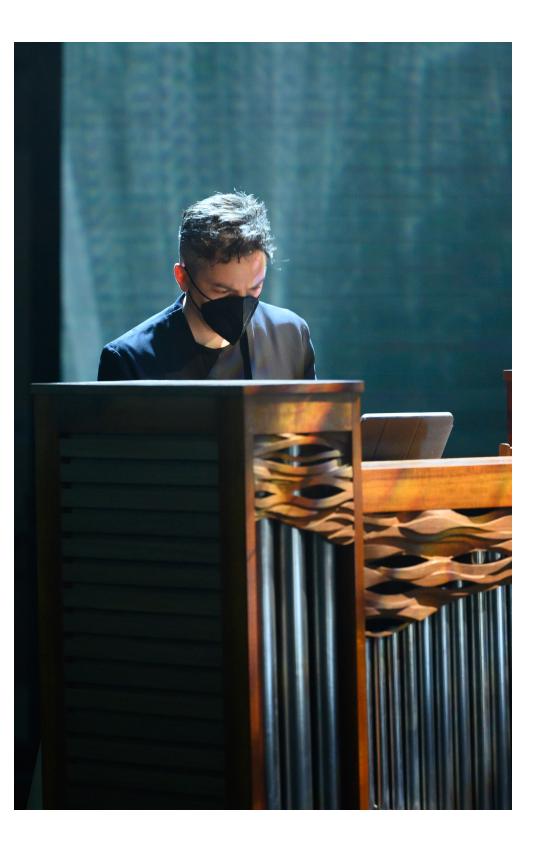
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