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We are pleased to honor Temple University Chancellor Richard M. Englert with the 2025 Boyer College of Music and Dance Tribute Award in recognition of his enduring support for the arts and arts education at Temple University.

Englert, who joined Temple in 1976 as an assistant to the dean of the College of Education, has a rich history of leadership within the university, including serving as chancellor since his most recent presidential term

concluded in 2021. He continues to contribute to Temple's academic community as a professor in the College of Education and Human Development.

Englert's extensive leadership roles have included president, chancellor, provost and interim senior vice president for academic affairs, deputy provost, dean of University College, interim dean of the Graduate School, acting provost, vice president for administration, acting director of intercollegiate athletics, associate vice president for administration, executive assistant to the vice president for university administration, and chief of staff to the late President Peter Liacouras.

At the college level, Englert has held positions such as dean of the College of Education; acting chief administrative officer of the School of Podiatric Medicine; acting dean of the formerly named College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; associate dean for administration and management at the College of Education; department chair for Policy, Organizational and Leadership Studies; and assistant to the dean of the College of Education.

Englert served as president for the 2023-2024 academic year while a search for a new president took place. This was his third term as the university's chief executive officer, previously serving as president from 2016 to 2021, and acting president for six months in 2012. The Board of Trustees originally appointed him as chancellor in 2012, and again after his service as the 11th president in 2021.

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- Gloria
- II. Laudamus te
- III. Domine Deus
- IV. Domine Fili unigenite
- Domine Deus, Agnus Dei V.
- VI. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris

Felicity Alexandra, soprano Paul Rardin, conductor

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Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture

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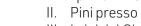
- I pini di Villa Borghese
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Gloria

- Gloria in excelsis Deo Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
- II. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Gorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam goriam tuam.
- III. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
- IV. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesus Christe.
- V. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

VI. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis. Quoniam to solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu In gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will.

We praise thee. We bless thee. We honor thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Conductors



José Luis Domínguez is a prominent talent on international orchestral and operatic stages. His conducting is described as "unrivaled, magnificent and with exemplary gesturing" (*El Mercurio*), and he frequents prominent stages across the globe.

He currently serves as Music Director of the Bucks County Symphony Orchestra and was newly appointed Associate Professor of Orchestral Studies at Temple University, where

he is Music Director of the Temple University Symphony Orchestra and Professor of Conducting. He is a regular guest conductor with the Opéra Saint-Étienne and is artistic director of the Musical Encounters International Music Festival in La Serena, Chile.

Domínguez was Artistic Director of the New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestras from 2017-2023, where he served as a frequent guest conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and is currently an advisor to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestras for the 2023-2024 season. He was Resident Director of the Santiago Philharmonic Orchestra, Chile (Orquesta Filarmónica de Santiago, Chile), at the Municipal de Santiago-Ópera Nacional de Chile from 2003-2016 and was Artistic Director/Principal Conductor, of the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional Juvenil (National Youth Symphony Orchestra of Chile) from 2004-2016.

Recent appearances have included the Houston Symphony, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Colombia (National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia), Orquesta Filarmónica de Santiago (Philharmonic Orchestra of Santiago), Opéra Saint-Étienne, Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Peru (Lima University Symphony Orchestra in Peru), Staatsoper Orchester de Braunschweig in Germany, Orquesta Sinfonica UNCuyo (UNCuyo Symphony Orchestra) in Mendoza, Argentina and the Orquesta Sinfónica del Principado de Asturias (Symphony Orchestra of the Principality of Asturias) in Spain.



Paul Rardin is Elaine Brown Chair of Choral Music and Chair of the Vocal Arts Department at Temple University, where he conducts the Concert Choir, teaches graduate conducting and oversees the seven-choir program at Temple's Boyer College of Music and Dance. He previously taught at the University of Michigan and Towson University and was formerly artistic director of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia. Rardin's choirs have performed at the national conference of the National

Collegiate Choral Organization, and at regional conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and National Association for Music Education.

Rardin has served as a guest conductor for all-state choirs in 18 states, for divisional honor choirs for ACDA and Music Educators National Conference, and for Manhattan Concert Productions at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. He has presented clinics for state, regional and national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association.

Rardin is a graduate of Williams College and the University of Michigan, where he received the MM in composition and the DMA in conducting. His compositions and arrangements are published by Santa Barbara Music Publishing.

Rardin lives in suburban Philadelphia with his wife, Sandy.

Soloist



Music has been a part of **Felicity Alexandra's** life since before she was born. Her parents met through music and have inspired her love of music and all its pursuits. She graduated with a degree in vocal performance from Ithaca College in 2022. After a magical gap year in the Disney College Program, she began her master's degree at Temple in 2023, studying with Dr. Christine Anderson. Most recently, Felicity sang in the chorus of The Opera Comique de Washington's production of *La Grande Duchesse de*

Gerolstein at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., and as one of the Six Spirits in Temple Opera Theater's production of Massenet's *Cendrillon*. Felicity thanks her teachers, past and present, and Dr. Paul Rardin for this opportunity, dedicating this performance to her father, Bob Davis, BYR '72, an avid Kimmel Concert attendee, and former president of the CPCA Board of Visitors.

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PROGRAM NOTES

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) *Gloria* (1959)

By the end of World War I, composers in most European countries were looking for a way out of the Wagnerian morass: overblown forms, moribund functional tonality and huge performing forces were characteristic of the Germanic dominance of music. French composers were particularly eager to assert their Gallic identity, Debussy going so far as to sign himself "Claude, musicien français." Poulenc, Honegger and others were thought of as "Les Six"—a counterpart to Russia's nationalistic "Mighty Five"—an unofficial grouping that, with Jean Cocteau as their spokesman and Satie as a spiritual mentor, attempted witty, melodic, light, and direct musical expression. Of "Les Six," Poulenc came closest to embodying such ideals that, in the hands of lesser lights—true of most of the "Les Six" members—proved to be too ephemeral and parochial to last. Yet, whereas most of the music produced by "Les Six" is seldom heard, considered not only light, but also lightweight, and most of their very names are at best only footnotes in the history books, Poulenc's music has proven durable and continually worthy of our attention.

If Poulenc's work has a certain charm and playfulness to it, his stature as a composer was not achieved without considerable pain and effort. A serious personal crisis-the death in a car accident of his musician friend Pierre Octave-Ferroud-was the direct cause in 1936 of Poulenc's return to Roman Catholicism. From that point on, in fact, Poulenc's spiritual nature became the ruling passion in his life. Musically, the witty mélodiste and clever parodist of various musical styles did not disappear; rather, it joined forces with the composer of serious sacred compositions. By the 1950s, Poulenc was experiencing a severe crisis of confidence caused by these two facets of his musical personality. Inherent in the ideals of "Les Six" was an aphoristic musical style, brief, clever bons mots in music. As his life drew on, Poulenc became concerned that he would leave behind only such musical trifles. Wishing his musical legacy to be more substantial-although here it must be said that his exquisite songs would alone entitle Poulenc to musical fame-in the 1950s he embarked on a number of large works of a religious nature. The most extended of these works is his stunning opera, Dialogues des Carmélites, on which Poulenc spent many arduous years, and the completion of which gave Poulenc a liberating sense of mastery of large-scale forms. This confidence is reflected in the expansiveness and assured manner of the Gloria, finished in 1959, two years after Dialogues. In a 1962 interview, Poulenc was able to point to the "symphonic" character of the *Gloria* and to contrast it with what he called the a cappella style of his Stabat Mater, another large religious work from the same period.

Poulenc the eclectic caricaturist is in undisguised evidence throughout the *Gloria*. Stravinsky is perhaps the most obvious model and indeed the opening of the *Gloria* is a quotation from Stravinsky's *Serenade in A*, material that recurs in the final movement.

Even though the *Gloria* consists of two-bar phrases, Poulenc treats it symphonically; within each movement there is not just repetition of material but also a sense of evolution and even development. Aside from symphonic development, Poulenc wrote very well for the human voice. Many of his songs were fashioned for the baritone voice of Pierre Bernac, but in Dialogues des Carmélites he explores the soprano voice, even having written certain roles with voices such as Renata Tebaldi's as an ideal. In the Gloria, the soprano joins in with the chorus and orchestra, or on top of them, in three movements to add to the celestial effect. Yet when the work was first heard, a number of critics were disturbed by its overtly earthy nature. The second movement, the jazzy "Laudamus te," especially offended. Harold Schonberg of the New York Times, apparently forgetting this is a text of praise and jubilation, considered the choruses "suprisingly lively for its subject." Poulenc, for whom deep religious passion and Gallic high spirits and sensuousness were not separate entities, intended this mixture. He revealed that "In writing this piece, I had in mind those frescoes by Gozzoli where the angels are sticking out their tongues, and also those serious Benedictine monks I spotted one day playing soccer."

Poulenc's *Gloria* was written on commission from the Koussevitsky Foundation. Finished in 1959, it was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on 20 January 1961 under Charles Munch. It was first heard in Paris on 14 February and a recording, supervised by the composer, was made the next day.

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture (1880)

Edward Downes, musicologist and for many years, program annotator for the New York Philharmonic, wrote that "No amount of biography, history, analysis or eve speculation seem able to explain this masterpiece." During its composition, Tchaikovsky was, as usual, suffering the negative effects of one of his numerous passions, but this one was relatively short-lived and painless because it involved a woman, a famous singer, Désirée Artôt, who was visiting Moscow with an Italian opera troupe in the winter of 1868-1869. For awhile, he considered marrying her, such were his self-delusions, but soon she was married to another, a baritone. Many much more painful love affairs were to plague him in the future but this situation was enough to make the emotional young composer imagine himself as a young Romeo, his love affairs always ending unrequited if not fatally.

The other major contribution to this work was the composer Balakirev, purported leader of the Russian nationalist music group known as "The Mighty Handful." Balakirev obviously took a great interest in Tchaikovsky, for he not only suggested the topic but provided very specific suggestions as to the music's content, including the tonal structure. As Tchaikovsky finished early versions of the piece, he submitted them for Balakirev's evaluation. The older composer was both complimentary and very critical. He rejected the slow introduction from the original 1869 version, which was meant to depict the holiness of Friar Lawrence and the peace of his cell: "You need something here along the line of Liszt's chorales. . .with an ancient Catholic character. . .whereas your scene. . .represents quite a different character—the character of Haydn's quartet themes, the genius of petty bourgeois music, awakening a strong thirst for beer." In 1870 Tchaikovsky wrote a new introduction, featuring the woodwinds producing organ-like sounds, of which Balakirev highly approved. The final revisions came a decade later, in 1880, but these changes were relatively minor, mostly involving dynamic shadings.

Romeo and Juliet is Tchaikovsky's first masterpiece. It is decidedly programmatic, yet not in terms of following Shakespeare's plot, the concept of "fantasy" in the title releasing the composer from any close adherence to narrative events. In many of his compositions, symphonies and program works alike, Tchaikovsky used a martial, antiphonal theme for the first key area and a slower-tempoed lyrical melody for the second key area. The music can easily be followed in terms of sonata-allegro format, the two contrasting themes perfectly provided by the strife between the Capulets and the Montagues and the love between Romeo and Juliet. Undoubtedly the high point of the work is the final, gloriously throbbing version of the love theme. It is even more splendid because Tchaikovsky makes the listener wait for it, just as Sibelius did with the hymn tune in Finlandia. After the combative first key area in B minor, the love theme is presented in muted violas and winds in the secondary area of D-flat major, and the effect is suppressed emotion. The antagonistic first theme, combined with the Friar Lawrence music, makes for ideal material for the Development section. In the Recapitulation, the love theme returns in D major, fully lush and thrilling in the strings. A Coda follows with two interruptions, possibly to indicate the separate deaths of the two lovers, first Romeo and then Juliet. Over the drumbeat of a funeral march the shards of the love theme are heard the opening Friar Lawrence music returns, followed by a final reminiscence of the love theme.

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936) *Pines of Rome* (1924)

Although he wrote a number of operas, Ottorino Respighi was part of a post-World War I movement among Italian composers to expand their compositional possibilities by looking back to and emulating their glorious instrumental past, represented by composers such as Vivaldi, Frescobaldi, Corelli, and others. Respighi, whose instrumental music is still played today where that of his contemporaries is not, looked much farther afield for his inspiration than the Italian Baroque. He went back to Gregorian chant and also was open to elements from various of his contemporaries around Europe, especially those composers who were ingenious exploiters of orchestral color: Richard Strauss, Debussy and the French Impressionists, and Rimsky-Korsakov, with whom Respighi had studied composition in St. Petersburg.

The Pines of Rome is the centerpiece of Respighi's Roman trilogy, flanked by The Fountains of Rome and Roman Festivals. Respighi explained that Pines of Rome "uses nature as a point of departure in order to recall memories and vision. The centuriesold trees that dominate so characteristically the Roman landscape become testimony for the principal events in Roman life." The composer chose four scenes that the omniscient umbrella pines have witnessed, memories from the mostly distant past. First are the "Pines of the Villa Borghese," looking down from atop the Spanish Steps at children at play. Brilliant orchestration and excited rhythms in a 2/8 meter depict games such as "Ring around a rosy" and the imitation of soldiers. Suddenly, however, the scene changes to "Pines near a Catacomb." Here the muted orchestration suggests mystery, a distant chat is heard, and the memories are evoked of early Christians who gathered near the catacomb to pray secretly and who lie buried there in subterranean vaults. In the third section, "The Pines of Janiculum," there is, according to the printed score, a tremor in the air and the Pines of the Gianicolo, one of the seven hills of Rome, are profiled in the light of the full moon. A nightingale is heard, but Respighi does not imitate the song of the bird in the orchestra, instead instructing that a recording of an actual bird be played. For some, this was going too far; it prompted the curmudgeonly Ernest Newman to sputter that "We may yet live to see the evening and the "Pastoral" Smphony [of Beethoven] will be given with real running water in the slow movement, nightingale by the Gramophone Company, quail by Messrs. Fortnum and Mason."

As dawn arrives over the eternal city, the "Pines of the Appian Way" seem to see in the misty distance the approach of Roman soldiers who to a tremendous crescendo—this becomes one of the loudest passages in all symphonic music—mount the Capitoline Hill in triumph. The orchestration is colorful, Respighi calling for *bucinae*, ancient Roman war trumpets; these parts may, however, be successfully performed on modern brass instruments.

The *Pines of Rome* throughout uses an especially large battery of percussion, including celesta, pipe organ, harp, and piano. In this country the work was first heard on 14 January 1926 by the New York Philharmonic under Arturo Toscanni. The next day it was given by The Philadelphia Orchestra with Respighi himself conducting.

Program notes by Dr. Stephen A. Willier, Associate Professor of Music History (ret.)

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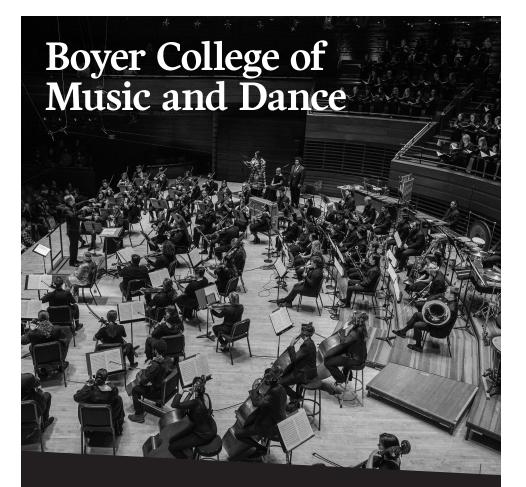
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