



Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Lewis Arts Complex Forum

Trenton Arts at Princeton

Saturday Morning Arts Winter Showcase

Featuring performances by **Trenton Youth Dancers, Orchestra, Singers, and Theater.**

Directed by Rachel Schwartz, Lou Chen, Solon Snider Sway, and Jamie Goodwin.

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PROGRAM

Trenton Youth Singers

“It’s All Right” from *Soul*
Words and music by Curtis Mayfield
Arranged by Robert T. Gibson

“Here We Come A-Caroling—Abreme La Puerta”
Traditional English carol/traditional Dominican
holiday song
Arranged by Solon Snider Sway and Emma
Hathaway Sway

“This Little Light of Mine”
Traditional spiritual
Arranged by Rollo Dilworth

“Kaze” (A Studio Ghibli Medley)
Music by Joe Hisaishi and Ayano Tsuji
Arranged by Gia Gan and Griffin Strout
Featuring the Princeton Playhouse Ensembles

Trenton Youth Orchestra

“Nimble Feet” from *Dances in the Canebreaks*
By Florence Price
Arranged by William Grant Still, Robin Park, and
Edward Zhang

Trenton Youth Orchestra & Singers (Audience Singalong)

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”
Words and music by Eddie Pola and George Wyle
Arranged by Bob Cerulli and Edward Zhang

Trenton Youth Theater

“What Does It Mean to Grow Up?”
A choreopoem by TYT members
Choreographed by Kate Stewart
“Growing Up” by Alexandria Chery and Britany Masís
“Butterfly” by Carmen Wilson
“Chained Up” by Tajon Wadley
“Too Dramatic” by Ally Rivas
“What Does It Mean to Grow Up?” by Jayla Giddens

Trenton Youth Dancers

“The Museum After Hours”

When visitors leave the world-famous *TAP Museum*, music plays and the sculptures magically come to life. Each artwork transforms into a dance, resulting in a diverse series of original duets and trios.

Ayesha Rashid and Vibha Srinivasan
Saidi Almonte and Ariana Collado
Yuki Chevray and Maura Galvez Guerra
Quason Green and Sttela Jeudy
Karma Diaz, Karla Rodriguez, and Emely Vargas-Arias
Angel Collado and Sandy Garcia

Featuring Rachel Schwartz as The Curator, TYT members as The Visitors, and Samantha Tejada as The Lingering Visitor.

AUDIENCE SINGALONG:
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's the most wonderful time of the year.
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of good cheer,
It's the most wonderful time of the year.

It's the hap-happiest season of all.
With those holiday greetings
And gay happy meetings when friends come to call,
It's the hap-happiest season of all.

There'll be parties for hosting,
Marshmallows for toasting,
And caroling out in the snow.
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories
Of Christmases long, long ago.

It's the most wonderful time of the year.
There'll be much mistletoeing
And hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near.
It's the most wonderful time,
Yes the most wonderful time,
Oh the most wonderful time of the year.

ABOUT TRENTON ARTS AT PRINCETON

Trenton Arts at Princeton (TAP) is the University's coordinator of co-curricular arts engagement activities in Trenton, with a particular focus on the public schools. Our mission is to build a multidisciplinary community of artists across Trenton and Princeton University through student leadership and volunteer opportunities, youth programming, community performances, and more. TAP is a collaboration between the Department of Music, Lewis Center for the Arts, and Pace Center for Civic Engagement.

Our Saturday Morning Arts (SMArts) program was founded to establish a community where Trenton and Princeton University students can gather regularly to create art together. Trenton students and Princeton University student volunteers can participate in one of four SMArts groups: Trenton Youth Dancers, Orchestra, Singers, and Theater. Rehearsals take place every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Lewis Arts Complex.

PROGRAM MANAGER

Lou Chen

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Nancy Agosto

STUDENT CORRESPONDENTS

Chirag Kumar

Danielle Ranucci

ABOUT THE DIRECTORS AND STUDENT LEADERS

Originally from San Bernardino, CA, Trenton Youth Orchestra director **LOU CHEN** graduated from Princeton University, where he received his bachelor's degree in music (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) and certificates in orchestral conducting and American studies. This is his seventh year leading the orchestra since founding it as a sophomore. A strong advocate for accessible arts education, Lou has collaborated with leading artists including conductor Gustavo Dudamel, cellist Sheku and pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason, and dancer Caleb Teicher on increasing opportunities for Trenton students. In recognition of his work with TYO, Lou has received the A. James Fisher, Jr. Memorial Award, the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts, and the Santos-Dumont Prize for Innovation. He also serves as the program manager for Trenton Arts at Princeton, responsible for the stewardship and growth of the program.

Trenton Youth Theater director **JAMIE GOODWIN**, hailing from Cherry Hill, NJ, is a 2022 Princeton University graduate. Majoring in philosophy with a minor in theater, her passion has always been for ideas and art-making. At the heart of both these passions lies her deep desire to create pockets of justice and restorative community even in a deeply unjust and oppressive world. For this reason, she is particularly drawn to devised and experimental theater-making, which she believes allows one to explore complex ideas through collaborative and anti-hierarchical artistic praxis.

While at Princeton, Jamie received the Toni Morrison Prize and the Award for Innovation in Theater Making for her senior thesis show, entitled *SomeBody: Infinite Identities, Troubled Wholeness and the Search for Self*, a devised theatrical performance that tackled the complex reality of living in a marginalized body through poem, story, and movement. In addition to her time in theater, in 2020 she co-founded and led an education initiative in her hometown which attempted to reframe educational inequities through the lens of oppressive systems and ideologies and ultimately support her community to become better questioners and dreamers.

Trenton Youth Dancers director **RACHEL SCHWARTZ**, Princeton University Class of 2018, is an artist, dancer, designer, and educator based in NJ. This is her third year with TYD. She is dedicated to pursuing both her own artistic practice and a career in arts education. Her artistic work includes painting, choreography, puppet-making, and costume design for devised theater works, in collaboration with Nathalie Ellis-Einhorn and GASH Theatre Company in London.

Previously, Rachel has taught in special education settings, such as The Quad Manhattan, and with girls' empowerment organizations throughout NYC. She was also a teaching artist for Art as a Catalyst for Change, a NYC initiative that brings anti-gun violence messaging and opportunities for creative expression to middle and high schools with high incidences of gun violence. Based on these experiences and her study of dance pedagogy at Princeton, she has developed a teaching style that is attentive, compassionate, fun, and rigorous. She believes that dance and choreography have the power to help young people develop personal agency and access powerful modes of self-expression.

Trenton Youth Singers director **SOLON SNIDER SWAY** is Lecturer in Music Directing and Choral Programs at Princeton University, where he also directs the Playhouse Choir and Playhouse Orchestra. In addition to his work at Princeton, Solon is a composer, music director, conductor, singer, actor, accompanist, arranger, and educator.

Recent music direction/conducting projects include shows and events at Second Stage Theater, Avaloch Music Institute, Princeton University, Theater 2020, Infinity Theater Company, Ghostlight Theater Camp, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Ragtag Theater. Recent composition projects include *Thebes* (Rattlestick Theater and Quinnipiac University), *The Swallow and the Tomcat* (Yale Summer Cabaret's "Verano Season"), *The Tempest* (Yale School of Drama), and *Thank You for Trying* (United Solo). Solon's musicals *Crescent City Baby* (music/lyrics/libretto) and *Cupidity* (music/lyrics) were both produced at Yale University, and his original concert music has been performed by the PRISM Saxophone Quartet, The Baltimore Choral Arts Society, UMBC'S RUCKUS Ensemble, The Whiffenpoofs, The Walden School Players, The Peabody Preparatory Percussion Ensemble, and more. He has also written and arranged music for video games, television, choirs, and a cappella groups.

Solon previously taught music and theater at The Dalton School After-School program, American music history through the Road Scholars Program, and voice, piano, and musicianship through his private studio. He was an improv pianist for the Story Pirates comedy group and an accompanist, vocalist, and arranger for The Young People's Chorus of NYC. Solon holds a B.A. in Music (Intensive) and Theatre Studies, with distinction in both majors, from Yale University, where he served as music director for The Duke's Men of Yale and the Yale Whiffenpoofs.

Trenton Youth Dancers student leader **JENNA ELLIOTT** is a Princeton University sophomore from Douglas, MA, hoping to study psychology with certificates in creative writing, entrepreneurship, and neuroscience. When she was two years old, she began taking dance classes at a local studio. Since then, she has studied a variety of different styles from tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop to ballet, pointe, contemporary, and acro. In second grade, she was lucky enough to compete for the first time with a team of other dancers and fell in love with the experience of working to constantly improve a routine based on feedback from teachers, judges, and choreographers. On campus, she takes part in the arts scene as a member of the Performing Arts Council, eXpressions Dance Company, and of course, Trenton Youth Dancers. Outside of dance, she serves as academics chair for the Rocky College Council and participates in the USG Communications Team, the USG Student Life Committee, Princeton Women in Entrepreneurship, and the Mental Health Initiative.

Trenton Youth Theater co-student leader **DESTINE HARRISON-WILLIAMS** is a Princeton University first-year from Miami, FL, by way of Sylacauga, AL. He grew up writing and performing spoken-word poetry and really enjoyed engaging in the theater scene of his high school. Somewhere along the line, he found himself teaching children's theater at a local non-profit and eventually the YMCA. He has come to see theater as a form of both self-exploration and cultural exposure, so he can't help but encourage everyone to try it out...at least once!

Trenton Youth Orchestra student leader **SEAN PARK** is a Princeton University junior from Mahwah, NJ, majoring in molecular biology and pursuing certificates in global health and health policy. Over his musical career, he has participated in numerous youth orchestras and chamber groups around NJ/NY. He has been teaching violin for over seven years now and is excited to continue this journey—this time as the TYO student leader! On campus, he is involved in Princeton Roaring 20 (a cappella) as a bass vocalist and Princeton Camerata (chamber orchestra) as a violinist. Outside of music, he enjoys spending time outdoors, whether that be running, biking, or traveling.

Trenton Youth Theater co-student leader **KATE STEWART** is a Princeton University sophomore originally from Denver, CO, and now based in NYC and Los Angeles. She is an actor, dancer, singer, Brazilian jiu-jitsu practitioner, and songwriter who will follow her love and passions wherever they take her. Her goal is to combine different styles of performance to instigate conversations and understanding that transcends barriers.

Trenton Youth Singers student leader **JULIANA WOJTENKO** is a Princeton University senior from Princeton Junction, NJ, majoring in history and pursuing certificates in Russian and Eurasian studies and medieval studies. She grew up singing in church and school choirs and performing musical theater. At Princeton, she sings in the Playhouse Choir and Glee Club and performs with several campus theater groups, including the Princeton Triangle Club and Princeton University Players. Off campus, she sings in and assistant-conducts St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Choir in Jackson, NJ. She is interested in exploring a variety of musical styles, from medieval chant to big-band jazz to Latin pop to North American folk, and is writing her thesis on the history of Russian opera. After serving as a coach and private teacher for TYS, she is excited to serve as the student leader this year.

TRENTON YOUTH SINGERS

MEMBERS

Kevin Aguilar
Emerson Alberio
Casteñeda Rivas
Laniyha Bishop
Nolen Cepin Bailey
Sunny Hernandez
Tyler I.C. Michael
Carrington Jones
Madelin Lopez
Shanara Moronta Hernandez
Gia Riquelme
Kerry Stephenson
Olivia Strauli-Ellis
Justice Torres
Angelo Villar Ortiz

DIRECTOR

Solon Snider Sway

STUDENT LEADER

Juliana Wojtenko*

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PIANIST

Akiko Hosaki

*Also private teacher

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Sophie Gerchikov
Sydney Hwang
Carrington Johnson
Fatmagül Katmer
Christina Kim
Jenni Lawson
Madeleine LeBeau
AJ Lonski
Austria Merritt

Halle Mitchell
Rosemary Paulson
Danielle Ranucci
Laura Reyes
Charlie Roth
Yinshan Shang
Kate Short
Shreya Sinha
Kate Stewart
Michelle Tang
George Tidmore
Lana Utley
Aaron Ventresca
Jessica Wang
Faith Wangermann
Josie Wender
Juliana Wojtenko
Kevin Yeung

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Violin 1: Isabella Khan
Violin 2: Soonyoung Kwon
Viola: Angie Lumour-Mensah
Cello: Nati Solano
Bass: Jay White
Flute: Audrey Yang and Annette Lee
Clarinet: Allison Yang and Jacob Neis
Bassoon: Conner Kim
Horn: Helen Brush
Trumpet: Devon Ulrich
Percussion: Tommy Kim and Rachel Edelstein
Keyboard: Farrah Rothman and Halle Mitchell
Guitar: Noah Daniel

TRENTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Ashanti Ross+
Collin Thompson+
Francisco Guerra
Olivia Keith-Henry
Perla Díaz
Jeniffer Pinto

VIOLIN II

Evita Vasquez Reyes*
Andre Diaz*
Jonathan Velez
William Santiago
Thomas Heads, Jr.

VIOLIN III

Abigail Peña*
Rose Rivera
Anna Lin

VIOLA

Cindy Lorenzana*

CELLO

Douglas Nguyen*
Hans Jean Gilles
Steven Tiburcio

BASS

Ewan Curtis
Cara Turnbull

FLUTE

Evelyn Marroquin-Medina*
Allison Cifuentes
John Inestroza

CLARINET

Julio Deleon*
Yanely Sajche

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Sorange Rutabairo

TRUMPET

Nancy Agosto

TROMBONE

Michael Chaj

PERCUSSION

Guadalupe Bueno

PIANO

Matthew Nguyen
Roselyn Samayoa

DIRECTOR

Lou Chen

STUDENT LEADER

Sean Park**

FACULTY FELLOW

Anna Lim

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Jacob Jackson
Haram Kim
Irene Kim
Kelly Kim
Julia Kingston
Johanna Linna
Adrian Rogers
Claire Schmeller
Mason Thieu
Alex Tsai
Allison Yang
Madeline Yu
Tienne Yu
Warren Yuan

+Concertmaster

*Principal player

**Also private teacher



TRENTON YOUTH THEATER

MEMBERS

Alexandria Chery
Jayla Giddens
Britany Masís
Ally Rivas
Tajon Wadley
Carmen Wilson

DIRECTOR

Jamie Goodwin

STUDENT LEADERS

Destine Harrison-Williams
Kate Stewart

FACULTY FELLOWS

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Jane Cox
Tess James

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Dominick Tanoh

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GUEST PERFORMERS

BodyHype Dance Company
Opus Chamber Music
Princeton Katzenjammers
Princeton Triangle Club

GUEST DANCE WORKSHOPS

BodyHype Dance Company
eXpressions Dance Company
Princeton Ballroom Dance Club
Raqs: Princeton Belly Dance Company

GUEST TEACHING ARTISTS

Sherry Greenspan
Emily Pietruszka

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT: TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Featuring TCHS and Princeton University musicians

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Rockefeller College Common Room

Free and unticketed

SATURDAY MORNING ARTS SPRING SHOWCASE

Featuring Trenton Youth Dancers, Orchestra, Singers, and Theater

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Lewis Arts Complex Forum

Free and unticketed