



Saturday, April 23, 2022, 1:00 PM  
Lewis Arts Complex Forum

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## **Trenton Arts at Princeton**

# **Saturday Morning Arts Spring Showcase**

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

Directed by Rachel Schwartz, Lou Chen, Mariana Corichi Gómez, and Victoria Davidjohn.

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## PROGRAM

### **Trenton Youth Orchestra**

*Bio Rhythms*

By Richard Meyer

Featuring vocalist Nason St. Clair

*Oblivion*

By Astor Piazzolla

Arranged by Robert Longfield and Edward Zhang

Featuring violinist Ashanti Ross

### **Trenton Youth Dancers**

“Chasing Serotonin”

Improvisational score created by TYD members  
and coaches

Featuring violinist Ashanti Ross

Costumes by Rachel Schwartz

### **Trenton Youth Theater**

“High School, 2022”

Montage created by TYT members and coaches

### **Trenton Youth Singers**

“Down to the River to Pray”

Arranged by Sheldon Curry

Conducted by Hannah Bein

“Proud Corazón” from *Coco*

Music by Germaine Franco

Lyrics by Adrian Molina

Arranged by Mac Huff

Featuring guitarist Andrew Kaneb

### **Trenton Youth Singers & Theater**

“Seasons of Love” from *Rent*

Words and music by Jonathan Larson

Arranged by Roger Emerson

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## 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 sixth 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 Singers director **MARIANA CORICHI GÓMEZ** is a conductor, vocalist, and composer from Morelia, Mexico. A 2021 graduate from Princeton University, Mariana majored in music with concentrations in choral/orchestral conducting, Latino studies, and music theater. For three years, she served as conductor of Princeton Camerata, a chamber orchestra dedicated to new orchestral repertoire. As a singer, Mariana has had the pleasure of performing with the prestigious choir Tenebrae as part of its Russian Treasures program. Recently, Mariana presented her original song cycle, *La Casa del Arbol: An Immigrant's Story of Loss and Forgiveness*, as her senior thesis, for which she received the top academic prize in the arts: the Louis Sudler Prize. Mariana has conducted multiple choral ensembles both at school and abroad, including a performance with the Princeton Glee Club in Centro Cultural Ollin Yoliztli, Mexico City. During the summers, she has worked as a teaching artist at the Yale School of Music, Music in School's Initiative, and has studied conducting at Curtis Summerfest and Miami Music Festival. Mariana also serves as the program associate for both the choral department and Trenton Arts at Princeton.

Trenton Youth Theater director **VICTORIA DAVIDJOHN**, Princeton University Class of 2019, is a writer, theater director, and lighting designer. A recipient of the Martin A. Dale Fellowship and the New York Women's Foundation Directing Apprenticeship, she is writing and composing a musical on the Black women of the Civil Rights Movement while based in NYC. At Princeton, she was the recipient of the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts and directed a 75-person community-based production of *The Odyssey* at the Berlind Theatre (McCarter Theatre), which included members of Trenton Circus Squad, Trenton Children's Chorus, and HomeFront NJ, as well as current Princeton University students. Her past projects include lightning designer of *Janet Wide Awake* at Passage Theatre and dramaturg and co-lighting designer of *OK Trenton* at Passage Theatre. She currently serves as associate director of *Into the Woods* at New York City Center.

Trenton Youth Dancers director **RACHEL SCHWARTZ**, Princeton University Class of 2018, is an artist, dancer, designer, and educator based in NYC. Since graduating, she has been pursuing both her own artistic practice and a career in education. In addition to TYD, she currently works at The Quad Manhattan, an extracurricular program for twice-exceptional students, meaning kids who are talented/gifted and possess learning differences such as Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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Previously, she has taught with girls empowerment organizations, such as Curious Jane Summer Camps in Brooklyn, Groove With Me, Inc., in East Harlem, and 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 kind, 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. She is honored to be a part of the TYD team.

Trenton Youth Singers student leader **HANNAH BEIN** is a senior from Riverside, CT, majoring in history and pursuing a certificate in vocal performance. She dedicates herself to the music community on campus, having served as the president of the Princeton University Glee Club and the music director of the Princeton Tigerlilies a cappella group. Hannah also enjoys singing in opera and musical theater performances on campus. She is so grateful to be part of the TAP community and has been really enjoying watching the incredible singers in TYS continue to grow and learn this year.

Trenton Youth Theater co-student leader **LYDIA GOMPPER** is a senior from Falls Church, VA, concentrating in history with a certificate in theater. She began performing in the sixth grade and has loved the stage ever since. At Princeton, she has worked as a costume designer, director, writer, and performer in productions through Theatre Intime, Princeton University Players, Triangle Club, and the Lewis Center for the Arts. Lydia returns to Princeton this year after a pandemic-induced leave of absence, which she spent writing novels and braiding challah. She is so thrilled to be a part of the TAP team.

Trenton Youth Orchestra student leader **ANDREW KANEB** is a senior from Cambridge, MA, studying ecology and evolutionary biology with a certificate in music composition. His first instrument is the violin, which he started playing in elementary school. He played in various different youth orchestras before coming to Princeton, where he played in Sinfonia for one year. During his time at Princeton, Andrew has focused on composition and songwriting, and he recently took a one-year leave of absence from school in order to record some original music. He is a fan of a variety of musical styles and loves being exposed to new genres and artists. On campus, he is a vocalist in the Princeton University Rock Ensemble and enjoys both performing and watching others perform. Outside of music, Andrew is passionate about the environment and likes going for runs and hikes.

Trenton Youth Dancers student leader **GIGI PACHECO** is a junior from Denver, CO, concentrating in sociology and receiving certificates in American studies and dance. She fell in love with ballet at a young age, training first at Colorado Academy of Ballet and then at Denver Academy of Ballet in classical ballet, contemporary, modern, and jazz. After spending a summer training with the Alonzo King LINES Ballet Company in San Francisco, she developed a passion for contemporary dance, improvisation, and choreography. These passions have inspired her to pursue the dance certificate at Princeton and to serve as the artistic director of eXpressions Dance Company and a member of Princeton University Ballet. In addition to dance, Gigi is interested in educational equity, mental health reform, and utilizing the arts as a practice of holistic care. Gigi first joined TYD out of a desire to bridge arts and equitable education through service, and she has been volunteering as a coach since her first year at Princeton. She is constantly inspired by the Saturday Morning Arts students!

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Trenton Youth Theater co-student-leader **WASIF SAMI** is a freshman from Hillsborough, NJ, hoping to learn as much as he can about people, society, art, justice, and theater while at Princeton. He's a graduate of the honors theater program at Somerset County Vo-Tech, as well as the academic program at Hillsborough High School. Wasif credits all the great teachers he's met along the way for showing him what the arts can do for himself and for others, and he hopes to do his part to pass along the gifts of art-making: exploration, risk-taking, messiness...the list goes on. He's beyond grateful to have the opportunity to work with TYT and loves spending his Saturday mornings immersed in a community of creation.

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## ABOUT TRENTON ARTS AT PRINCETON

Trenton Arts at Princeton (TAP) is the University's coordinator of co-curricular arts engagement activities in the greater Trenton area, with a particular focus on the public schools. Our mission is to build a multi-disciplinary community of artists across Trenton and Princeton University through youth programming, student leadership and volunteer opportunities, 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 ASSOCIATE**

Mariana Corichi Gómez

### **PROGRAM ASSISTANT**

Natalia Arbelaez Solano

### **STUDENT CORRESPONDENTS**

Chirag Kumar  
Cammie Lee  
Danielle Ranucci

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## TRENTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA

### VIOLIN I

Ashanti Ross  
Collin Thompson  
Deborah Htu  
Francisco Guerra  
Melki Garcia-Perez  
Ana Lopez  
Olivia Keith-Henry

### VIOLIN II

Evita Vasquez Reyes  
Andre Diaz  
Jonathan Velez  
William Santiago  
Alicia Dixon

### VIOLIN III

Perla Díaz  
Jeniffer Pinto  
Sherly Hernandez-Rodas

### VIOLA

Cindy Lorenzana

### CELLO

Douglas Nguyen  
Martha Ramirez  
Steven Tiburcio

### BASS

Chaz Bethel-Brescia

### FLUTE

Yaquelyn Rivera  
Evelyn Marroquin-Medina  
Allison Cifuentes  
John Inestroza

### CLARINET

Gisela Bramonte  
Julio Deleon  
Yanely Sajche

### ALTO SAXOPHONE

Sorange Rutabairo

### TRUMPET

Nason St. Clair

### TROMBONE

Michael Chaj

### PERCUSSION

Guadalupe Bueno

### PIANO

Matthew Nguyen

### DIRECTOR

Lou Chen

### STUDENT LEADER

Andrew Kaneb\*

### FACULTY FELLOW

Anna Lim

### PEDAGOGY FELLOW

Magdalena Parlin

### TEACHER PARTNERS

Ted Plunkett (TCHS)  
Joseph Pucciatti (TCHS)

### COACHES

Katie Cappola  
Roberto Haubold  
Neerav Kumar\*  
Emily Liushen\*  
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Robin Park  
Sean Park  
Claire Schmeller\*  
Jack Shigeta\*

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Sharv Dave  
Arjun Guthal  
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Irene Kim  
Joanna Kuo  
Johanna Linna  
Allie Mangel  
Adrian Rogers  
Bryant So  
Mason Thieu  
Alex Tsai  
Allison Yang  
Warren Yuan  
Anthea Zhang  
Albert Zhou

\*Also serves as private teacher

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## TRENTON YOUTH DANCERS

### MEMBERS

Martee Brown  
Ariana Collado  
Kayla Diaz  
Quason Green  
Stella Jeudy  
Jalisa Jones  
Karla Rodriguez

### DIRECTOR

Rachel Schwartz

### STUDENT LEADER

Gigi Pacheco

### FACULTY FELLOW

Rebecca Stenn

### TEACHER PARTNER

Elizabeth Zwierzynski (TCHS)

### COACHES

Jenna Elliot  
Tierra Lewis  
Arianne Smith

## TRENTON YOUTH THEATER

### MEMBERS

Alexandria Chery  
Jayla Giddens  
Jahaira Lopez  
Britany Masís  
Asita Sylla  
Tajon Wadley  
Carmen Wilson

### DIRECTOR

Victoria Davidjohn

### STUDENT LEADERS

Lydia Gompper  
Wasif Sami

### FACULTY FELLOWS

Shariffa Ali  
Jane Cox  
Tess James

### TEACHER PARTNER

Felicia Brown (TCHS)

### COACHES

Nathalie Charles  
Tanaka Dunbar Ngwara  
Ethan Luk

## TRENTON YOUTH SINGERS

### MEMBERS

Kevin Aguilar  
Johnathan Gonzalez  
Madelin Lopez  
Shanara Moronta Hernandez  
Valeria Rengel  
Olivia Strauli-Ellis  
Angelo Villar Ortiz

### DIRECTOR

Mariana Corichi Gómez

### STUDENT LEADER

Hannah Bein\*

### FACULTY FELLOW

Rochelle Ellis

### TEACHER PARTNERS

Daniel Hall (Hedgepeth-Williams)  
Gary Taylor (TCHS)  
Alan Wilkins (Hedgepeth-Williams)

### COACHES

Marley Jacobson  
Ishani Kulkarni\*  
Ashwin Mahadevan  
Haaris Mian\*  
Allyssa Noone\*  
Katelyn Rodrigues\*  
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Juliana Wojtenko\*

### PIANIST

Allison Yang

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### **GUEST PERFORMERS**

Ashanti Ross, violin, and Lou Chen, piano  
Ballet des Porcelaines  
Berlin Chen, violin, and Lou Chen, piano  
Ellipses Slam Poetry  
Julien Chang and the Deep Green  
Princeton Tigerlilies  
Sabrina Kim, spoken word

### **GUEST DANCE GROUPS**

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Más Flow Dance Company  
TapCats