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Conductor and Music Director

2026-2027 SEASON

FALL CONCERT

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 3:00 PM



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FALL CONCERT PROGRAM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026, 3PM

Daniel Matsukawa Conductor & Soloist
Paul Roby Concertmaster

BEETHOVEN: *Egmont Overture, Op. 84*

MOZART: *Concerto in B-flat for Bassoon and Orchestra, K.491*

I. Allegro
II. Andante ma adagio
III. Rondo: Tempo di Menuetto

—INTERMISSION—

BEETHOVEN: *Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 36*

I. Adagio molto – Allegro con brio
II. Larghetto
III. Scherzo: Allegro – Trio
IV. Allegro molto



MUSIC DIRECTOR DANIEL MATSUKAWA is also the Principal Bassoonist of the Philadelphia Orchestra and is on the faculty at both Curtis Institute of Music and Temple University. Born in Argentina to Japanese parents, he moved with his family to New York City at age three and began studying the bassoon at age 13. Mr. Matsukawa studied at Juilliard for two years before attending the Curtis Institute of Music.

Mr. Matsukawa studied conducting privately with Otto Werner Mueller, former head of the Conducting Department at Curtis. His orchestral conducting debut took place in Japan in 2009 at the Pacific Music Festival's 20th anniversary concert, garnering Maestro Christoph Eschenbach's appraisal of Mr. Matsukawa as a "new conducting star."

Since then, he has been invited back to conduct in Japan every year, receiving glowing reviews. He regularly conducts the PMF Link Up Concerts, based on the partnership program with Carnegie Hall and has also conducted concerts at the Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. Matsukawa made his American professional conducting debut with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra in the 2016-17 season.

Mark Your Calendars For Our Upcoming Concerts:

February 28, 2027 at 3PM—soloist Juliette Kang, Violin
(Philadelphia Orchestra First Associate Concertmaster)

May 2, 2027 at 3PM—soloist James Vaughen, Trumpet
(Philadelphia Orchestra Principal Trumpet)

At the Learning Center Auditorium, Temple University Ambler

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Violin I
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Amy Miller
Diane Makofka
Frank Wang
Eugenio Torres

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Marka Stepper

Cello
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Neeta Sonalkar
Rachel Collins
Ilene Poses
Becky Horner
Faith Watson

Double Bass
Chris Horner
Leslie Rickert

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Lisa Davis
Kathy Brown

Oboe
Marde Meek
Cynthia Robinson

Clarinet
Ken Weiner
Michael Smith

Bassoon
Timora Thurston
Bill Woodward

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Jim Edwards
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