

VENTURA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:30 PM

VENTURA COLLEGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
& VENTURA COLLEGE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Ashley Walters, Director

CORELLI: "Christmas Concerto" Op. 6, No. 8

BRAHMS: Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80

LAWSON: Tumaini ("Hope")

MÁRQUEZ: Danzón No. 2

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IN HONOR OF ROBERT LAWSON ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Concerto Grosso in G minor (cir. 1680).....Arcangelo Corelli
Op. 6, No. 8 "Christmas" (1653-1713)
I. *Vivace - Grave*
II. *Allegro*
III. *Adagio - Allegro - Adagio*
IV. *Vivace*
V. *Allegro*
VI. *Largo*

Short Intermission

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80 (1880).....Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)
Tumaini "Hope" (2008).....Robert Lawson
(b. 1952)
Danzón No. 2 (1994).....Arturo Márquez
(b. 1950)

SPECIAL THANKS: Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz, Bernard Gibson, Brent Wilson,
Noelle Neal, Simanu Fa'asua, Jamie Birkett, Robert Lawson, Brian Hotchkin,
Jeanne Tanner, Janeene Nagaoka, Lisa Smith, Susan Royer, David Howarth,
Jake Phillips, Benjamin Johnson & Tyson Sauthoff

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

FLUTE
Melissa Flores

SOLO VIOLIN I
Eric Clark^

SOLO VIOLIN II
Jack Warwar

VIOLIN II
Brianna Rendon

VIOLA
Diane Gilbert*
Natalie Lefevre
Joseph Parcher

CELLO
Alanm Magana
Gonzalez
Ashley Walters*

BASSOON
Nicholas Akdag*

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I
Tarah Brown
Concertmaster/solo
Eric Clark^
Tracy Clark, solo
Xaman Kryger^
Andrew McIntosh^
Jack Warwar

VIOLIN II
Irene Kim^
Annette Halpern
Hunter Klotz
John Lyons
Anna Papikian^
Brianna Rendon

VIOLA
Diane Gilbert*
Connie Hood
Laura Jesson^
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Joseph Parcher^

CELLO
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Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick^
Liam Ellison^
Alanm Magana Gonzalez
Angela Marvin^

BASS
Barry Newton*^
Donovan Rutledge

PIANO
Alex Curry, solo

HARP
Liska Yamada^

o Principal
* Faculty
^ Guest

FLUTE
Danielle Bonnici
Melissa Flores^
Bonnie Griffin
Mary Peterson
Dori Riggs

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN
Kimaree Gilad*^
Christopher Santizo^

CLARINET
Jose Hernandez^
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Brad Close^
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TUBA
Luke Storm^

PERCUSSION
Dustin Donahue*
Matthew Haramia
Alexander Lewis

CONDUCTOR
Ashley Walters*

PROGRAM NOTES:

Tonight we celebrate friendship, hope, and the holidays. First, our Chamber Orchestra presents Arcangelo Corelli's most beloved concerto grosso. His inscription "Fatto per la notte di natale" (written for Christmas Eve) has earned the piece the nickname "The Christmas Concerto." The Symphony Orchestra will then present music by Johannes Brahms, Arturo Márquez, and Robert Lawson. The latter two went to school together and were friends, with Lawson conducting the west coast premiere of *Danzón No. 2*. In addition, we present Lawson's work *Tumaini*, which means "hope" in Swahili. Lawson says this about the work: "This work was based on the hope for humanity and our new generation. To develop an optimistic connecting community across the Planet. Uniting all people on earth and our Planet's environment. The composition follows the journey of life, beginning with a sparkle of light over stillness, slow-moving rich harmonic movement, developing through challenges and resolutions, and finally resolving into the ever-flowing, calming motivic and harmonic motion that drifts into infinity." ~ Ashley Walters



Tonight, we also honor Robert Lawson for his dedication to Ventura College. Professor Lawson retired in 2021 after a remarkable career in music and education. In addition to his 40-year contribution at Ventura College, which includes supporting and growing the performing arts department and launching the Schwab Academy of Music in 2019, Lawson has been an important voice in our music community for many decades. He was Music Director/Conductor of the Santa Clarita Symphony, Symphony of the Canyons, Santa Clarita Valley Youth Orchestra, Director of the Ventura City Hall Chamber Music Concert Series, and founding Director/Conductor of the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra. He mentored and inspired many students and will always be remembered for his service to the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 11 / 2:30pm

VC Chamber Music

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