



Empire State
Youth Orchestras

HELEN CHA-PYO,
MUSIC DIRECTOR

presents

**Empire State Youth &
Repertory Percussion Ensembles**

Richard Albagli, John Antonio, Mark Foster,
and Genoveffa Vitale, Directors

with

Brandon Zhou, *pianist*

in the

Twenty - Sixth Annual

Holiday Festival Concert

Wednesday, December 23, 2015, 7:00 pm
Picotte Recital Hall
Massry Center for the Arts
The College of Saint Rose

PROGRAM

Eagles Repertory Percussion Ensemble

- Yuletide Festival Arr. Phillip Gregory
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Arr. James Gallagher

Falcons Repertory Percussion Ensemble

- Shipoopi Rag (1957) Meredith Wilson
(From *The Music Man*) Arr. Richard Albagli
Coventry Storm (2010) Edward Witt

Youth Percussion Duo

- Into the Air (2010) Ivan Trevino
Cooper Martell & Eric Chang, *marimba*

Falcons Repertory Percussion Ensemble

- Christmas Time is Here (1966) Vince Guaraldi & Lee Mendelson
Arr. Chris Brooks & Kevin Madill
Cooper Martell, Philip Ruggirello, Carly Anders, Savannah Byrne, narrators

Youth Percussion Ensemble

- Caliente Christmas (2014) Arr. Rick Dior

*Now Christmas is come
Let's beat up the drum
And call all our neighbors together;
And when they appear
Let us make them such cheer
As will keep out the wind and the weather.*

Youth Percussion Ensemble

- Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 102 (1957) Dmitri Shostakovich
1. Allegro Arr. Richard Albagli
2. Andante
3. Allegro

Brandon Zhou, *piano*

- The Gift of Peace (1983) Richard Albagli
Jim Stagnitti, *Principal marimba*

*Are you willing to believe that
Love is the strongest thing in the world...*

In consideration of the performers and audience, please switch off cell phones and all electronic devices and do not take photographs during the concert.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Richard Albagli

Youth & Falcons Repertory Percussion Ensembles Co-Conductor

Richard Albagli is principal percussionist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra and a member of the music faculty of the University at Albany.

A graduate of RPI (physics) and the Eastman School of Music (percussion performance), he has written more than twenty-five works for solo percussion and percussion ensemble as well as a timpani concerto. As a co-founder of Associated Solo Artists, he has designed and performed interdisciplinary programs in music, the sciences, and the humanities as well as programs in leadership and creativity in more than twenty states, Europe, Mexico, and Canada. Mr. Albagli has been conducting ESYO ensembles since 1983.

Mark Foster

Youth Percussion Ensemble Co-Conductor

Mark Foster is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. A member of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, he also performs with the Empire Jazz Orchestra and is on the music faculty at The College of Saint Rose. He is a member of the Percussive Arts Society (PAS), Vic Firth Education and Hudson Music Teacher Integration Programs. One of the premier drum set players in the region, he also has a private percussion studio in Glenmont. Mr. Foster has been conducting ESYO ensembles since 1987.

John Antonio

Repertory Falcons Percussion Ensemble Co-Conductor

Until his retirement in June 2004, John Antonio taught music in the Albany City School District and was the program coordinator of the district's summer music program. As a teacher he has been responsible for starting many of the area's top percussion players including Matthew Ward and Grammy nominee Stefon Harris. Mr. Antonio has been a guest conductor at numerous Area All-District music festivals. He is currently the co-conductor of the Empire State Repertory Falcons Percussion Ensemble – a position he has held since 1995. He also coaches the percussion sections of ESYO's Repertory and Youth Orchestras. Mr. Antonio received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Music Education from The College of Saint Rose.

Genoveffa Vitale

Repertory Eagles Percussion Ensemble Conductor

Genoveffa Vitale is a local music educator in the Bethlehem Central School district and also gives master classes on four mallet marimba. She holds degrees from Onondaga Community College (A.A.S), SUNY Potsdam, Crane School of Music (B.M.E.), and Walden University (M.S.). While at Crane, Ms. Vitale won the Crane Concerto Competition, conducted and performed in the two percussion ensembles, and obtained a Performance Certificate in percussion. Ms. Vitale joined ESYO in 2010.

Youth Percussion Ensemble

Jimmy Stagnitti	Eugene Lorini
Cooper Martell	Joshua Marcil
Eric Chang	Richard Sitterly
Philip Ruggirello	Adam Winne
Quentin Witherell	Seth Roberts

Parent Liaisons: Mary Chang, Clea Stagnitti

Falcons Repertory Percussion Ensemble

Brittany Johnson
Daniel Curry
Michael Yuzynko
Francis Criscione
Hannah Smith
Paul Munson
Benjamin Yao

Parent Liaison: Teresa Munson

Eagles Repertory Percussion Ensemble

Max Su
William Kreienberg
Carly Anders
Claire Deihl
Drew Sirago
Jacob Fanto
Savannah Byrne

Parent Liaisons: Colleen Anders

Percussion Ensemble Coordinator, Beth Antonio

*You're not such a bad little tree. You just need a little love.
And if for a day, why not always...*

Message to Musicians

To Claire Deihl, Eagles Repertory Percussion Ensemble

So proud of you, Claire!

---Love, Mom

To members of ESYO's Percussion Ensembles

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without."

– Confucius

Thank you all for bringing us such wonderful pleasure this evening!

--- Empire State Youth Orchestras Board of Directors & Staff