

Interlochen, Michigan 173rd Program of the 95th Season

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WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Robert Trevino, conductor

with guest artist Randall Goosby, violin

Sunday, July 31, 2022 7:30pm, Kresge Auditorium

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PROGRAM

Violin Concerto No. 2	.Florence Price
	(1887-1953)
Randall Goosby, violin soloist	
Concerto for Orchestra, Sz. 116	Béla Bartók
Introduzione. Andante non troppo	(1881-1945)
Presentando le coppie. Allegro scherzando	
Elegia. Andante non troppo	
Intermezzo Interrotto. Allegretto	
Finale. Pesante-Presto	

The audience is requested to remain seated during the playing of the Interlochen Theme.

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PROGRAM NOTES

by Amanda Sewell

Violin Concerto No. 2

Florence Price

Instrumentation: two flutes, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp, celesta, strings, solo violin

Duration: 15 minutes

Florence Price's compositional output is vast and diverse, including everything from art songs to four symphonies to a piano concerto. She wrote two violin concertos, organ music, chamber music, and choral music. Apart from a few piano works and some of her art songs, though, most of Price's music wasn't published before her death in the 1950s. If a score hasn't been published, it can be much more difficult for an orchestra to find and perform it. For most orchestral performances today, a music library either rents or buys the score and the parts from the publisher for the orchestra to play. The score must be published before it is available for rental or purchase.

It is very hard to publish music if nobody knows where to find the score, which was the case for both of Price's violin concertos. Although Price was known to have composed two violin concertos, they were thought to have been lost. Then, in 2009, the new owners of a house in Illinois discovered Price's music manuscripts, journals, letters, and other priceless documents in their attic. These papers were given to an archive and are now available for any interested researcher to access. In addition, more of her music is now being published.

A common but false narrative about Florence Price is that she and her music were "forgotten" until the 21st century. In fact, Marian Anderson regularly performed Price's songs throughout her career, including at her famous Lincoln Memorial Concert. She also included Price's music on several albums, as did Leontyne Price (no relation).

Florence Price was also known here at Interlochen during her lifetime. Her music has been performed here for nearly eight decades. You may know that Price was the first African American woman to have her symphony performed by a major American orchestra. What you might not know is that its premiere by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Frederick Stock. Frederick Stock was also a guest conductor of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra (then called the National High School Orchestra) at Interlochen, and he is the namesake of Frederick Stock Avenue on campus.

Frederick Stock is not the only connection between Florence Price and Interlochen. The earliest known performance of her music here was in 1942, when Clarence Sawhill conducted Price's "Three Little Negro Dances" with the National Music Camp Band. We also know that Howard Hanson, who taught at Interlochen over the summers for half a century, was impressed by Price's music when he heard it performed at the Eastman School of Music and invited her to share more scores with him. Leslie B. Dunner, conductor of the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra, recorded Price's Piano Concerto and Symphony No. 1 with the New Black Music Repertory Ensemble and pianist Karen Walwyn in 2011.

Price's music has been gaining popularity nationally and internationally: a recording of her symphonies recently won a Grammy Award, and there was a feature about her on *The Kelly Clarkson Show* earlier this year.

Concerto for Orchestra

Béla Bartók

In response to the outbreak of World War II, composer, pianist, and ethnomusicologist Béla Bartók refused to give concerts in Germany and broke ties with his German-based publisher. Since Bartók's home country of Hungary had sided with Germany during the war, Bartók quickly became unwelcome in Hungary. In 1940, he and his wife fled for New York, where they remained until his death from leukemia only five years later. The last years of Bartók's life were marred by illness, which greatly impeded his composition. One of the few works he completed in this period was the *Concerto for Orchestra*.

In his brief program notes for the *Concerto for Orchestra*, Bartók explained that the title reflected the piece's "tendency to treat the single orchestral instruments in a soloistic manner." Unlike a piano concerto or a violin concerto, in which a single instrument is treated soloistically, Bartók opted to showcase the entire orchestra's capabilities in the *Concerto for Orchestra*. Each of the piece's five movements blends elements of traditional orchestral composition, such as fugato (imitative melodic lines) and sonata form, with the rhythms and harmonies Bartók had internalized during his decades of recording and studying Eastern European folk music. No listener would mistake the *Concerto for Orchestra* for folk music, of course, but Bartók incorporated musical characteristics such as asymmetrical meters, melodic modes, and instrumental drones into new and unexpected contexts.

The first movement of the *Concerto for Orchestra* has a slow introduction, leading a sonata-form movement with several fugato passages. The folk music influences are notable in the drones played by the horns and strings as well as in the oboe's theme, which has a narrow melodic range and jagged rhythms. The second movement, "Game of Pairs" has five sections. Each section features a different pair of instruments separated by a different interval—the two bassoons are a minor sixth apart, the two oboes are a minor third apart, and so on. Bartók's use of pairs of wind instruments in this movement was inspired by Yugoslavian folk music. The third movement is slow and returns to three themes that had been presented in the first movement. The fourth movement's theme is a parody of "Da geh' ich zu Maxim" from Franz Lehár's 1905 operetta *The Merry Widow*. This movement also includes frequent meter changes, a gesture common to several types of Eastern European folk music. The final movement, like the first movement, is in sonata form and includes frenzied, whirling melodies that alternate with frequent passages of fugato.

Bartók's final years were marked by financial as well as health problems. The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) paid for his medical tests and treatments, and he made a living on a few commissions for new works, including the *Concerto for Orchestra*. Serge Koussevitsky commissioned the *Concerto for Orchestra* in 1943 and conducted the piece's premiere with the Boston Symphony the following year. With the exception of the Violin Sonata, the *Concerto for Orchestra* was the last piece Bartók completed before his death. It remains his most popular and frequently performed orchestral composition.

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ROBERT TREVINO, Music Director of the Basque National Orchestra, Principal Guest Conductor of the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della RAI, and Artistic Advisor of the Malmö Symphony Orchestra, has rapidly emerged as one of the most exciting American conductors performing today, as well as one of the most in-demand talents of the younger generation.

His multi-year recording contract with the leading classical label, Ondine, has resulted in an internationally praised release of complete Beethoven Symphonies

(Malmö), and a highly acclaimed Ravel album (Basque). Ondine will release works of Einojuhani Rautavaara with Trevino and Malmö in 2022. At the end of 2021 *Americascapes*, a selection of overlooked American masterpieces by Carl Ruggles, Howard Hanson, Charles Martin Loeffler, and Henry Cowell, brought Trevino and the BNO an Editor's Choice (Gramophone) and Record of the Year (Presto Music).

Having won the James Conlon Conducting Prize at the Aspen Music Festival & School, and subsequently serving as Associate Conductor for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and New York City Opera, Trevino burst into the international spotlight at the Bolshoi Theater in December 2013, leading a new production of Verdi's *Don Carlo* at short notice. The Russian press wrote, "There has not been an American success of this magnitude in Moscow since Van Cliburn." He was subsequently nominated for a *Golden Mask* award for Best Conductor in a New Production.

In recent seasons, Trevino's European engagements have included the London Symphony Orchestra, Munich Philharmonic, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Tonhalle Orchester Zurich, Gewandhausorchester, Wiener Symphoniker, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic, Orchestre de Paris, and Radio-Sinfonieorchester Berlin. In America he has conducted the Cleveland Orchestra, the symphony orchestras of San Francisco, Toronto, and Detroit, and led Washington National Opera's new production of *Evgeny Onegin*. In 2021-22, he made his debut with the Utah Symphony and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Filarmonica della Scala, and Orchestra national du Capitole de Toulouse.

Robert Trevino has commissioned, premiered, and worked closely with many leading composers, among them John Adams, Philip Glass, Sofia Gubaidulina, Jennifer Higdon, Andre Previn, Augusta Read Thomas, Shulamit Ran, and John Zorn.

Signed exclusively to Decca Classics in 2020 at the age of 24, American violinist **RANDALL GOOSBY** is acclaimed for the sensitivity and intensity of his musicianship alongside his determination to make music more inclusive and accessible, as well as bringing the music of under-represented composers to light.

Highlights of Goosby's 2021/22 season include debuts with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under Gustavo Dudamel at the Hollywood Bowl, Baltimore Symphony under Dalia Stasevska, Detroit Symphony under Jader Bignamini, London Philharmonic Orchestra and Philharmonia Orchestra. He makes recital appearances at London's Wigmore Hall, New York's 92nd Street Y, San Francisco Symphony's Davies Symphony Hall, and Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

June 2021 marked the release of Goosby's debut album for Decca entitled *Roots*, a celebration of African-American music which explores its evolution from the spiritual through to present-day compositions. Collaborating with pianist Zhu

Wang, Goosby has curated an album paying homage to the pioneering artists that paved the way for him and other artists of color. It features three world-premiere recordings of music written by African-American composer Florence Price, and includes works by composers William Grant Still, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, and Xavier Foley.

Randall Goosby was First Prize Winner in the 2018 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. In 2019, he was named the inaugural Robey Artist by Young Classical Artists Trust in partnership with Music Masters in London; and in 2020 he became an Ambassador for Music Masters, a role that sees him mentoring and inspiring students in schools around the United Kingdom. Goosby made his debut with the Jacksonville Symphony at age nine. At age 13, he performed with the New York Philharmonic on a Young People's Concert at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and became the youngest recipient ever to win the Sphinx Concerto Competition. He is a recipient of Sphinx's Isaac Stern Award and of a career advancement grant from the Bagby Foundation. A graduate of The Juilliard School, he continues his studies there, pursuing an Artist Diploma under Itzhak Perlman and Catherine Cho. Goosby plays a 1735 Giuseppe Guarneri del Gesu on generous loan from the Stradivari Society.

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Po-Chuan Chiang (staff)

The musicians are listed alphabetically after principals in the roster.

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