## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

presents

## Fall Concert

## Philharmonic Orchestra



## CHRISTOPHER THIBDEAU CONDUCTOR

featuring

Quintessential! Woodwind Quintet

Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 8 pm Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall Sixteenth Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season

# program

### JACQUES IBERT (1890-1962) Trois Pièces brèves

- I. Allegro
- II. Andante
- II. Assez lent, Allegro scherzando, Vivo

Quintessential! Woodwind Quintet

### CARL NIELSEN (1865-1931) Kvintet, Op. 43

I. Allegro ben moderato II. Menuet III. Prelude: Adagio - Tema con Variazioni

Quintessential! Woodwind Quintet

## intermission

*The Salley Gardens* (Irish Tune) arranged by Benjamin Britten adapted for strings by Robert Longfield

ARAM KHACHATURIAN (1903-1978) *Adagio* (Theme from *Spartacus*) arranged by Robert Longfield

GABRIEL FAURÉ (1845-1924) Élégie, Op. 24

> Nathaniel Parker, conductor Christopher Thibdeau, cello

### GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934) St. Paul's Suite for String Orchestra

I. Jig IV. Finale (The Dargason)



#### CHRISTOPHER THIBDEAU, conductor

VIOLIN I Jackson Brischler Jessica Casasola Julie Donn Alee Fisher Sarah Halverson William Merritt Francesca Ramas Kayla Scott Michael Thomas VIOLIN II (cont.) Kamrynn Johnson Matthias Kosse Ciarra Whisenhunt

VIOLA Huijeong Lee Anthony Newman Jack Smith Jaime Williams

CELLO Stephen Barr Rachel Miller

BASS Kristi Derouen

## Jenny Bonilla

**VIOLIN II** 

Sarah Brown Ashleigh Burkes Zoë Cesar Taylor Gonding Jared Homer

## quintessential! woodwind quinter

Corinne Veale, flute Amelia Lee, oboe Brenden Ayestaran, clarinet Hayden McAfee, horn Dustin Price, bassoon



KSU Philharmonic is an orchestra for string players from across the university, including players who are non-music majors or music majors wishing to perform on a secondary string instrument. Playing in the Philharmonic is a great way for KSU students to continue enjoying musical experiences throughout their college years. The orchestra performs a wide variety of string orchestra literature from different time periods.

The orchestra is under the direction of Professor Christopher Thibdeau and rehearses on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15 p.m. in the Bailey Performance Center. Each semester the orchestra performs approximately two concerts and collaborates with members of the KSU Wind Symphony to form a full symphony orchestra.

# about the conductor

### Limited-Term Assistant Professor of Music Education

**C**hristopher Thibdeau, recently named Limited-Term Assistant Professor of Music Education (Strings) at Kennesaw State University (KSU), is also the Music Director of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestras of Atlanta, the Assistant Conductor of the Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra and the Conductor of the Atlanta Chamber Music Festival. Christopher has previously served as the Interim Music Director of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the Conductor & Artistic Manager of Orchestras for the Atlanta Music Project, Associate Conductor of the Brighton Symphony Orchestra, and Cover Conductor of the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and Firelands Symphony Orchestra. At KSU, Mr. Thibdeau teaches courses in strings pedagogy and education, leads the KSU String Project, and serves as the conductor of the KSU Philharmonic.

As an educator, Christopher has presented workshops and educational concerts in New York, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, Texas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and other areas across the U.S. He was a panel speaker at the 2007 Connecticut State Music Teachers Association State Convention and has been featured as a guest speaker and moderator for the Eastman School of Music "Polyphonic.org" webinar series. Most recently Mr. Thibdeau spent ten days as a guest artist at the Afghanistan National Institute of Music in Kabul where he taught cello and conducting lessons and also had the opportunity to instruct the first ever female Afghan conductor, Negin Khpolwak.

Christopher has participated in many conducting workshops and seminars, including the Conductors Retreat at Medomak under the direction of Kenneth Kiesler, the New England Conservatory Summer Institute where he studied under Frank Battisti and Charles Peltz, and the International Conducting Institute with the Round Rock Symphony under Maestro Peter Bay.

Christopher Thibdeau began studying the cello at the age of 8 and conducting at the age of 13. As an undergraduate student at the Eastman School of Music, Christopher was accepted into the conducting studio of Neil Varon and twice conducted the Eastman School Symphony Orchestra in the prestigious Eastman Theater. Mr. Thibdeau holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Cello Performance from the Eastman School of Music where he studied cello with Alan Harris and orchestral conducting with Neil Varon, and a Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting from the Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied with Carl Topilow.

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Robert Cronin, *Flute* Todd Skitch, *Flute* Christina Smith, *Flute* Cecilia Price, *Flute, Chamber Music* Elizabeth Koch Tiscione, *Oboe* John Warren, *Clarinet, Chamber Music* Andrew Brady, *Bassoon* Sam Skelton, *Saxophone* Luke Weathington, *Saxophone* 

#### Brass & Percussion

Doug Lindsey, *Trumpet, Chamber Music* Mike Tiscione, *Trumpet* Anna Dodd, *Horn* Jason Eklund, *Horn* Tom Gibson, *Trombone* Nathan Zgonc, *Trombone* Brian Hecht, *Bass Trombone* Martin Cochran, *Euphonium* Bernard Flythe, *Tuba / Euphonium* John Lawless, *Percussion* 

#### Strings

Helen Kim, Violin Kenn Wagner, Violin Justin Bruns, Chamber Music Catherine Lynn, Viola Paul Murphy, Viola Charae Krueger, Cello James Barket, Double Bass Joseph McFadden, Double Bass Elisabeth Remy Johnson, Harp Mary Akerman, Classical Guitar

#### Voice

Stephanie Adrian Jessica Jones Eileen Moremen Oral Moses Leah Partridge Valerie Walters Todd Wedge Jana Young

#### Piano

Judith Cole, *Collaborative Piano* Julie Coucheron Robert Henry John Marsh, *Class Piano* Soohyun Yun

#### Jazz

Justin Chesarek, *Jazz Percussion* Wes Funderburk, *Jazz Trombone, Jazz Ensembles* Tyrone Jackson, *Jazz Piano* Marc Miller, *Jazz Bass* Sam Skelton, *Jazz Ensembles* Rob Opitz, *Jazz Trumpet* Trey Wright, *Jazz Guitar, Jazz Combos* 

#### **Ensembles & Conductors**

Leslie J. Blackwell, Choral Activities Alison Mann, Choral Activities Cory Meals, University Band, Marching Band Oral Moses, Gospel Choir Eileen Moremen, Opera Nathaniel Parker, Symphony Orchestra Christopher Thibdeau, Philharmonic Orchestra Debra Traficante, Wind Symphony, Marching Band David T. Kehler, Wind Ensemble

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# about the school of music



Welcome to the Bailey Performance Center. We are thrilled that you are here!

The School of Music at Kennesaw State University is an exciting place to live, work and learn. Housed in the College of the Arts, the School is infused with masterfully skilled and dedicated performing teachers who care deeply about their profession, our programs, our community, and every student involved in music and the arts. This Performance Center is the jewel in our crown! We are so excited about the musical and

artistic events that happen here, and we are excited that you are here with us to enjoy them! The School of Music is busy preparing our students to be productive artists. We want them to be accomplished and creative leaders of the arts world of tomorrow, professionals who are diversely trained and wellpracticed. Diverse in their backgrounds, our students hail from many of the leading musical arts and honors organizations from across the southeast, and as a School of Music, we are dedicated to the purpose of furthering the arts and cultural offerings to our region and beyond.

Please take a look through our program book and notice those who advertise with us. They support us financially and help make this performance possible. I know that they will appreciate your patronage and support! Also, please note our "Name a Seat Campaign" listed within this program book. In preparation of our tenth anniversary, we have established a goal of naming 100 seats. Perhaps there is someone you would like to see honored in this way!

I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you. With your continued support of music and the arts, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish together!

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Stephen W. Plate, DMA Director, KSU School of Music

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