

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

# CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

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**GIUSEPPE PIETRAROIA**

Orchestra Conductor

**KINZA TYRRELL**

Chorus Conductor

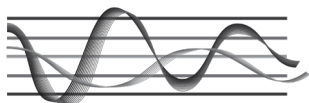
**ARTURO GARCÍA CUÉLLAR**

Graduate Student Conductor

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UVIC  
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FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025 • 8 PM

The Farquhar Auditorium  
University of Victoria

# PROGRAM

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**Ryomen** (World premiere)

Koshi Thompson

Arturo García Cuéllar, Graduate Student Conductor

**Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 56 “Scottish”**

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

*I. Introduction. Andante con moto; Allegro un poco agitato*

*II. Scherzo. Vivace non troppo*

*III. Adagio*

*IV. Finale guerriero. Allegro vivacissimo; Allegro maestoso assai*

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INTERMISSION

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**Magnificat**

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

*I. Magnificat anima mea*

*II. Of a Rose, a lovely Rose*

*III. Quia fecit mihi magna*

*IV. Et misericordia* (soloists: Samantha Fullerton, Alie Norine Zidehi)

*V. Fecit potentiam*

*VI. Esurientes* (soloists: Celeste Lingas, Olivia Pryce-Digby)

*VII. Gloria Patri* (soloists: Sadie Karlsson)

**“Nessun Dorma” from *Turandot***

Giacomo Puccini  
(1858–1924)

## BIOGRAPHIES

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### GIUSEPPE PIETRAROIA

Giuseppe Pietraroia is Principal Conductor for Pacific Opera Victoria and Associate Conductor of the Victoria Symphony. As a guest conductor he has been engaged by l'Orchestre Métropolitain, Orchestra London, Vancouver Symphony, Toronto Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, Hamilton Philharmonic, Okanagan Symphony, Regina Symphony, Kingston Symphony and Thunder Bay Symphony.

His extensive opera engagements with Pacific Opera include productions of *Il Barbiere Di Siviglia*, *La Traviata*, *La Boheme*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *Norma*, *Rigoletto*, *Manon Lescaut*, *Madama Butterfly*, *La Cenerentola*, *Tosca* and *Let's Make an Opera/The Little Sweep*. In addition, he has conducted productions for l'Opéra de Montréal, l'Opéra de Québec, Opera Lyra Ottawa, Edmonton Opera, Opera New Brunswick, Calgary Opera's Emerging Artist Program, and l'Institut Canadien d'Art Vocal in Montreal.

With Victoria Choral Society where he was Music Director for 7 seasons, Maestro Pietraroia conducted performances of Handel's *Messiah* and Mozart's *Mass in C minor* with the Victoria Symphony, a choreographed production of Orff's *Carmina Burana* in collaboration with Ballet Victoria, Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*, David Fanshawe's *African Sanctus*, and the Duruflé and Fauré *Requiem*.

Maestro Pietraroia has recorded a CD with soprano Marie-Josée Lord and l'Orchestre Métropolitain for the ATMA label, which won a Felix award granted by l'ADISQ and was also nominated for a Juno award.

Giuseppe Pietraroia is the recipient of the George and Jane Heffelfinger Pacific Opera Victoria Artist of the Year Award and the Canada Council's Jean-Marie Beaudet Award in Orchestral Conducting.

### KINZA TYRRELL

The year 2025 marks the 48th year that Kinza Tyrrell has been tickling the ivories. She is one of Canada's finest collaborators and is also a steadily rising figure in the world of Canadian Opera. She has extensive experience in choral conducting, vocal coaching and accompaniment, and is an alumna of the International Mozarteum Summer Academy in Salzburg, the Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Graz, the Merola Opera Program, the Tanglewood Festival and the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble Studio.

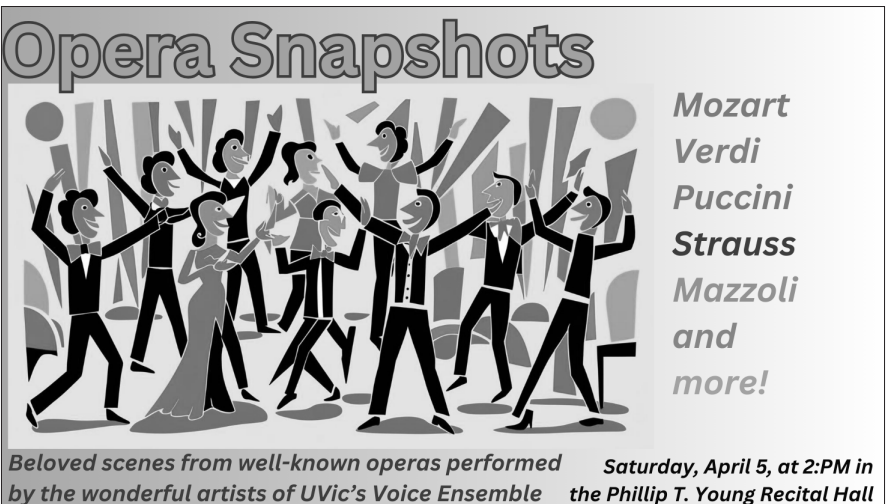
Kinza is the Music Director Emeritus of South Island Harmony, an a cappella 4-part male Barbershop choir in Victoria. For the past 15 years, she has been the Principal Répétiteur, Assistant Chorus Director and Assistant Conductor at Vancouver Opera. She has also been on the music faculty at the Canadian Opera Company, has worked as Conductor, Assistant Conductor and Senior Répétiteur at Opera Nuova in Edmonton and the Opera As Theatre Program at the Banff Centre, and has held conducting and teaching positions at the University of Victoria, Vancouver Summer Opera Studio,

Center for Opera Studies (COSI) in Sulmona Italy, Opera Kelowna, the Vancouver International Song Institute (VISI) and the Charlie Creek Vocal Workshop in Wabash, Indiana.

Some career highlights include singing with the UofT Gospel Choir for Aaron Neville and Roberta Flack, touring with operatic tenor Richard Margison and the violin/fiddle duo Bending the Bows, performing with Measha Brueggergosman at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, recording Hollywood movie soundtracks with the Vancouver Film Orchestra, being the organist on IZombie, conducting Nico Muhly's polygamist opera *Dark Sisters* at Vancouver Opera and translating Maxime Goulet's new opera *Flight of the Hummingbird* into the German language.

## ARTURO GARCÍA CUÉLLAR

Arturo García Cuéllar is a dynamic and versatile musician who started his musical studies at an early age. With a focus on piano, he pursued a bachelor's degree in music composition at the University of Texas at San Antonio. His continuous desire to grow as a musician urged him to attend the National University of Cuyo in Argentina to learn about 20th century Latin-American music, earning a master's degree that has helped him gain over twenty years of teaching experience on piano. In parallel, he has created distinct musical organizations overseas, some of them immersing him into a conducting career — a new episode in his life which led him to acquire conducting skills at the Wiener Meisterkurse, European Music Institute Vienna and the University of Victoria. Some of his most important achievements were the creation of Tambojazz, Zacatecas State Chamber Orchestra, Zacatecas State Choir, and Zacatecas State Youth Orchestra. He is currently attending the conducting graduate program at the University of Victoria under the guidance of Ajtony Csaba.

A graphic titled "Opera Snapshots" featuring a stylized illustration of opera performers in black and white. The performers are shown in various dynamic poses, some with arms raised, against a background of vertical lines and circles. To the right of the illustration is a list of composers: Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Strauss, Mazzoli, and more!. Below the illustration and list, text provides details about the event: "Beloved scenes from well-known operas performed by the wonderful artists of UVic's Voice Ensemble" and "Saturday, April 5, at 2:PM in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall".

**Opera Snapshots**

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# UVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Conductor

**Giuseppe Pietraroia**

## **VIOLIN I**

Katherine Peter\*  
Kira Gill  
Peter Meyrick  
Jade Chu  
Theo Latta  
Anise Buelow

## **VIOLIN 2**

Tamsyn Klazek-Schryer\*  
Joyce Tsai  
Olivia Crowhurst  
Catharine Hume  
Ivy Baker

## **VIOLA**

Sophie Hilstrom\*  
Helen Young  
Andrew Loe  
Cavin Cornelius  
Gabi Epp  
Magdaline Ferland  
Bennett Chiu

## **CELLO**

Gabi Haslett\*  
Jayda Thor  
Garron Stuart  
Victor Marrugat  
Matteo Toyata  
Curtis Vetter  
David Kim

## **DOUBLE BASS**

Luca Carbone-Smith\*  
Dylan Syrnyk  
Rob Neufeld

## **PICCOLO**

Sophia Adames

## **FLUTE**

Ainsley Mercer\*  
Cleary Manning

## **OBOE**

Dominic Calderer\*  
Hazel Gue

## **CLARINET**

Carlos Hernandez Santos\*  
Luke Ongman

## **BASSOON**

Eilish McAree\*  
Julian Lao

## **CONTRABASSOON**

Elijah Lyons

## **HORN**

Natalie Ciurysek\*  
Shanna Deforest  
Karlee Messer-Todd  
Max Niiranen

## **TRUMPET**

Ben Parker\*\*  
Tark Kim<sup>+</sup>

## **TROMBONE**

Jules Dawkins\*  
Owen Engstrom  
Amaya Sydor

## **TUBA**

Takumi Hayashi<sup>+</sup>

## **TIMPANI**

Ethan Page\*

## **PERCUSSION**

Ethan Page  
Andrew Canil  
Kieran Stephen

## **KEYBOARD**

Simi Luttrell

## **ORCHESTRA ASSISTANT & MUSIC LIBRARIAN**

Arturo García Cuéllar

## **STAGE MANAGER**

Joyce Tsai

\* *Principal*

+ *Community member*

# UVIC CHORUS

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**Kinza Tyrrell** Director

**Meeghan Shillington** Teaching Assistant

Emma Aizer	Alex Gilreath	Kaedon Penty
Joshua An	Hailey Godfroid	Kristians Persevics
Lucas An	Chesta Goel	Elio Petersen
Hanna Andersen	Dahlia Greeve	Ethan Petty
Belle Avery-Girard	Claire Gummeson	Chiara Pirritano
Alicia Bai	Ivy Hawkey	Lee Porteous
Svenja Baigent	Christina Hilgartner	Tessa Pretto
Adam Baines	Emrik Holtmann	Olivia Pryce-Digby
Lucy Bannard	Jimin Jeong	Marcus Purwanto
Pieter Barnard	Isabel Johnston	Michael Qu
Sofie Magda Bayer	Shay Joseph	Kiara Reain
Terra Bernabeu	Bella Kershaw	Genevieve Reimer
McKecknie Bishop-Nicol	Kwanwoo Kim	Talya Rosenfeld
Carol Bissky	Bruce Kingham	Easton Roy
Alisha Boome	Akina Kishiyama	Sheila Ruffell
Madison Brecht	Rhiley Klein	Sonja Ruffell
Jasmine Brenton	Kiernan Koebel-Pearce	Carolyn Rymes
Sidonie Buicliu	May Kong	Talietha Sangha
Amber Burbidge	Kalia Kryvenchuk	Laura Schack
Emma Caldwell	Karla Kukuk	Adrienne Scott
Jason Campbell	Ian Lam	Joey Seeman
Niko Cantas	Quin Lang	Noshika Shahrokhi
Julia Chalifour	Ewen Larsen	Meeghan Shillington
Ren Cheng	Jay Lee	Yoon Joo Shin
Joshua Chong	Jenny Lin	Alvin Shum
Leah Cook	Linda Lord	Ferris Smart
Bella Copic	Lauren MacDonald	Saffron Sobkin
Sadie Corne	Nathan Malzon	Carson Soltzer-Finishen
Elizabeth Craig	Jesse Marshall	Maddie Steel
Rachel Darts	Mira Martini	Victor Su
Freya Dixon-Reusz	Graeme Matsuo	Sandra Taylor
Mya Doerksen	Ben McGowan	Bianca Thomas
Kevin Du	Penny McLean	Shan Thomas
Dick Dueck	James Meyer	Skyla Thomas
Laurie Duncan	Gloria Miao	Kai Thompson
Maggie Dyck	Stephen Middleton	Carol Thompson
Mackenzie Eaton	Minami Momi	Jennifer Thomson
Nelson Tamias Elder	Sophie Moore	Sofya Toyota
Casey Farrell	Rolands Muiznieks	Yenay Verdun
Lucinda Ferber	Patricia Murray	Cosette Victores Armas
Rachel Folland	Nicole Nelson	Lisa Wasilewski
Alliyah Fortier	Addie Nikula	Jane Whiteley
Tina Frame	Heather Noakes	Brian Whitman
Rylee Francis	Alie Noruzi Zidehi	Aidan Wiebe
Sam Freer	Josephine Nurse	Madielyn Wong
Samantha Fullerton	Claire O'Carroll	Sakura Yeung
Brigitte Gabrielle-Simpson	Ciara O'Kelly	Lynne Young
Richenda Garcia	Sun Oh	Hanjun Yu
Dexter Gilbert	Rylan Peebles	Eric Yvorchuk