

Independence Sinfonia

Gabriel Gordon

Conductor and Musical Director

Jeffrey Bradbury

Assistant Conductor

Yuki Koyama, Cello

Sunday February 4, 2007

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The Program

Overture to "Cosi fan Tutti", K. 588

W.A. Mozart

Jeffrey Bradbury, Conductor

Variations on a Rococo Theme *P.I. Tchaikovsky*

Yuki Koyama, Cello

Symphony #2 in D Major, Opus 36

Ludwig van Beethoven

Music for today's performance is on loan from the Edwin Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music, Free Library of Philadelphia.



Violin I

William Phillips, Concertmaster

Eden Kainer Marjorie Hesney Laura Vidmar Ii-Su Yun

Violin II

Kim Dolan* Amanda Godshall Steve Kadlecek Diane Makofka

Viola

Margot Cohn* John Aumann Jeff Bradbury Richard Lyon

Cello

Julie Wiberg* Faith Baldwin Tara Dougherty Tony Gizzi Megan Stauffer

Bass

Jennifer Stulman* Heather Dickson Larry Jones

Flute

Lisa Davis* Anders Hanson

Oboe

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Clarinet

William Fullard* Harriet Ranney

Bassoon

Edward Zeigman* Judy Frank

French Horn

Kim Newell* Rashida Nannetti

Trumpet

Jim Edwards*

Timpani

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Personnel Manager

Jeffrey Bradbury

*section leader

About the Sinfonia

The Independence Sinfonia, now in its eleventh season, is a non-profit community orchestra comprised of a select group of volunteer musicians who attend weekly rehearsals and participate in a series of concerts each year.

The ensemble's flexible instrumentation allows the group to explore and perform a wide range of music written for the chamber orchestra repertoire.

Rehearsal space for the orchestra is graciously provided by the board of All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, Mark Ainsworth, Rector.

Gabriel Gordon, conductor, is now in his fifth year as music director of The Independence Sinfonia. He is also music director of several youth, community, and professional orchestras in the Tri-state area, including the Old York Road Symphony. Mr. Gordon is also a cover conductor for the Manhattan School of Music, and is the Assistant Director of the Strings International Music Festival featuring members of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

As one of the founding members of the DaPonte String Quartet, he spent ten years honing his musical craft in the art of chamber music. "I am a much better conductor for having spent those years in a string quartet. Rather than just beating time and giving orders, I feel a conductor is much more like a chamber music partner with the orchestra. This creates an amazing connection between the conductor and the players." New Jersey's Star Ledger confirms this by writing ... "Mr. Gordon has a wonderful rapport with his musicians."

In response to the events of September 11th 2001, Mr. Gordon formed an orchestra within two weeks' time to benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was rehearsed in one day, and the concert was described as "Incredibly moving." The concert raised over thirty thousand dollars, and everyone associated still speaks of it as a highlight of their careers.

Dedicated to commissioning and performing American music as well as being a prolific composer himself, Gabriel Gordon has premiered works by composers such as Alan Krantz, Philip Lasser, Joe Trapanese, Joan Tower, and William Henry Curry.

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