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DANIEL MATSUKAWA

Conductor and Music Director

2025-2026 SEASON

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM



Today's concert is in memory of Marion Zebovitz

Temple University Ambler
The Learning Center Auditorium

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SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026, 3:30PM

Daniel Matsukawa Conductor and Music Director
Paul Roby Concertmaster

BARBER: *Adagio for Strings*

SCHUBERT: *Symphony No. 8 in B Minor "Unfinished"*

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante con moto

—INTERMISSION—

MENDELSSOHN: *Symphony No. 5 in D minor "Reformation"*

- I. Andante – Allegro con fuoco
- II. Allegro vivace
- III. Andante
- IV. Andante con moto – Allegro vivace – Allegro maestoso



MUSIC DIRECTOR DANIEL MATSUKAWA is also the Principal Bassoonist of the Philadelphia Orchestra and is on the faculty at both Curtis Institute of Music and Temple University. Born in Argentina to Japanese parents, he moved with his family to New York City at age three and began studying the bassoon at age 13. Mr. Matsukawa studied at Juilliard for two years before attending the Curtis Institute of Music.

Mr. Matsukawa studied conducting privately with Otto Werner Mueller, former head of the Conducting Department at Curtis. His orchestral conducting debut took place in Japan in 2009 at the Pacific Music Festival's 20th anniversary concert, garnering Maestro Christoph Eschenbach's appraisal of Mr. Matsukawa as a "new conducting star."

Since then, he has been invited back to conduct in Japan every year, receiving glowing reviews. He regularly conducts the PMF Link Up Concerts, based on the partnership program with Carnegie Hall and has also conducted concerts at the Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. Matsukawa made his American professional conducting debut with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra in the 2016-17 season.

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**November 1, 2026, February 28, 2027
 and May 2, 2027 at 3:00PM**

At the Learning Center Auditorium, Temple University Ambler

SPRING 2026 CONCERT MUSICIANS

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| Violin I Paul Roby concertmaster William Phillips Margery Hesney Ethan Frankel Laura Vidmar Amy Miller Diane Makofka Frank Wang Eugenio Torres | Viola Kevin Aires Steve Zebovitz Walter Singer Jeremy Spielman Gina Rico | Flute Lisa Davis Phyllis Salinger | French Horn Nathan Odhner Julie Rivers |
| Violin II MuChen Hsieh Lois Rosenberg Carl Hemmingsen Gail Greenspan Meghan Holman Sandra Saull Max Aires | Cello Rachel Goldstein Neeta Sonalkar Julie Wiberg Ilene Poses Matthew Schlitte Faith Watson | Oboe Marde Meek Cynthia Robinson | Trombone Jim Wehner Bruce Solomon Susan Moxley |
| | Double Bass Leslie Rickert Adam Silverman | Clarinet John Frazier Ken Weiner | Timpani Bill Priebe |
| | | Bassoon Timora Thurston Bill Woodward | |
| | | Trumpet Greg Geleta Michael Bromberg | |

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