



ProMusica Chamber Orchestra

David Danzmayr, Music Director

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ProMusica returns to Franklin Park Conservatory in August for a music-filled weekend

Fourth Annual Summer Music Series Mixes Popular Favorites with the Classics

(Columbus, OH) – ProMusica Chamber Orchestra is pleased to announce the lineup for its fourth annual Summer Music Series to take place on Thursday, Aug. 6; Saturday, Aug. 8; and Sunday, Aug. 9. Presented by PNC Arts Alive, the concerts are free of charge and performed outdoors on the grounds of Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Each concert begins at 8 p.m.

“We treasure this opportunity to share our world-class live music with the Columbus community,” said ProMusica Executive Director Janet Chen. “Last year, more than 3,000 people came out to enjoy this classical music festival. Everyone is invited! Bring the family, kids, and friends — pack a blanket and a picnic, and come hear these enjoyable concerts in a casual and relaxed, but elegant atmosphere.”

This August, ProMusica will be performing a variety of music styles while featuring ProMusica’s own musicians as soloists. Music Director **David Danzmayr** will serve as conductor all three nights. The festival opens on Thursday evening (August 6) with selections from Bernstein’s *West Side Story*, featuring Music Director David Danzmayr’s wife Kathrin Danzmayr as the soprano soloist with tenor Stephen Keyes (who currently serves as ProMusica’s Board of Trustees President). A variety of Viennese Strauss Waltzes, which thanks to his Austrian roots are a specialty for David Danzmayr to conduct, will complete the second half. Saturday’s (August 8) concert showcases ProMusica’s principal timpanist and percussionist Renée Keller on a marimba concerto, and also includes Mendelssohn’s “*Scottish*” Symphony—which paints a sonic landscape of the Scottish Isles. The festival closes Sunday (August 9) evening with classical standards from Mozart and Schubert, and featuring ProMusica concertmaster Katie McLin on John Williams’ music from *Schindler’s List*.

All performances include pre-concert children’s activities that start at 7 p.m. on the West Terrace. Children will be able to explore the Franklin Park Conservatory grounds in an Orchestra Scavenger Hunt, create their own music with a Glass Bottle Xylophone and engage in other fun activities and crafts inspired by music and nature.

ProMusica’s Summer Music Series at Franklin Park Conservatory is presented by PNC Arts Alive and sponsored by the Crane Family Foundation, Fox Foundation, Cardinal Health Foundation and L Brands Foundation, in partnership with Franklin Park Conservatory. Media sponsorship is provided by WOSU.

In an additional effort to share live music with the community, small ensembles of musicians from ProMusica are planning several pop-up concerts at various locations throughout downtown during the first week of August, leading up to the festival.



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For more information on the Franklin Park Conservatory summer concerts, including food, wine and reserved table seating options, please contact ProMusica at (614) 464-0066.

Thursday, August 6

Kathrin Danzmayr, soprano

Stephen Keyes, tenor

Bernstein's West Side Story Overture and Selections

Viennese Strauss Waltzes, including *Emperor Waltz, Tick Tack Polka, and Blue Danube*

Saturday, August 8

Renee Keller, marimba

Koppel - Marimba Concerto No. 1

Mendelssohn - Symphony No. 3 "Scottish"

Sunday, August 9

Katie McLin, violin

Mozart - Overture to Don Giovanni

John Williams - Three Pieces from "Schindler's List"

Schubert - Symphony No. 3

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ABOUT PROMUSICA

ProMusica Chamber Orchestra delivers a unique classical music experience that enriches and inspires people in Central Ohio and beyond – through innovative chamber orchestra programming, educational outreach, audience intimacy, and artistic excellence. Recognized for its commitment to performing new and contemporary repertoire, ProMusica has commissioned 63 new works and has presented more than 100 premieres.

Bringing worldwide talent to Columbus since 1978, ProMusica offers an adventurous musical experience through intimate performances on the stages of the Southern Theatre and the Pontifical College Josephinum. The orchestra, comprised of 35 musicians, showcases homegrown talents, rising stars, and guest artists of international acclaim. Beyond the concert hall, the orchestra is equally at home throughout the community, serving thousands of individuals through key education and outreach programs. Known for its dual traditions of artistic integrity and fiscal responsibility, ProMusica is now in its 37th season.

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