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soloist Lauren Roth. A full description of tonight's concert may be found elsewhere in this program booklet.

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Toru Tagawa, Conductor

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Toru has conducted the Interlochen Repertory Orchestra, the Southern Arizona



Symphony Orchestra, and the Wieck Chamber Orchestra among others. He has participated in conducting workshops at the Juilliard School of Music, and Queens College, Symposium in Boston and Chicago, and is a member of the Conductors Guild. He was one of the finalists in the American Prize 2014 as a conductor in community orchestra division.

Toru, from Hiroshima, Japan, started playing the violin at age 6, and joined the Kurashiki Junior Philharmonic Orchestra at age 9. He received his Violin Performance degrees from the University of Tulsa (BM) and the Florida State University (MM), and a Music Education degree (MME) from the University of Arizona. His main violin teachers include Steven Moeckel, Gary Kosloski, Eliot Chapo, Derry Deane, and Mikio Ejima.

As a violinist, he performed with the National Repertory (CO), Tallahassee (FL), Shreveport (LA), Arkansas, Vancouver (Canada), Hiroshima (Japan), AIMS (Austria), Tucson, Tucson Pops, and Arizona Opera Orchestras among others. He was a member of the Sturgis String Quartet as an Arts Partner with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra for three years where he performed chamber music recitals and educational outreach performances.

In October, 2015, he took the Tucson Repertory Orchestra to Hiroshima and Okayama, Japan, and the orchestra premiered his father, Kokichi Tagawa's *Jazz Triple Concerto for Violin, Bass and Piano*, and also performed Sibelius's *Finlandia* and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*.

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Lauren Roth, Guest Violin





Lauren Roth is concertmaster of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and was named Assistant Professor of Violin at the University of Arizona beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Previous to these positions, she was concertmaster of the Canton Symphony.

In May 2013, Ms. Roth earned a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music as a student of William Preucil, concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra. She was a member of the Cleveland Pops orchestra and a substitute with the Cleveland Orchestra.

A native of Seattle, Ms. Roth received a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian studies from the University of Washington. She was a student of Professor Ron Patterson. During that time, she served as concertmaster of the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, Thalia Symphony, Marrowstone Festival Orchestra, and the UW Symphony.

Ms. Roth has appeared as soloist with the Bremerton Symphony, Thalia Symphony, Canton Symphony and the Tucson Symphony. In 2013 she attended the Tanglewood Music Center and received the Jules C. Reiner Violin Prize. An avid teacher and chamber musician, Ms. Roth was an adjunct faculty member at Holy Names Academy in Seattle. She has served on the faculty of Icicle Creek Music Center; Music, Meadows and Mountains; International Lyric Academy in Italy; and she joined the faculty of the Marrowstone Music Festival in 2014.

Ms. Roth has performed at the San Juan Island Chamber Music series, Lexington Bach festival, Mainly Mozart festival, St. Andrew's Bach Society and Tanglewood Music Center and has collaborated and performed with renowned artists including Christoph von Dohnányi, Charles Dutoit, Ron Patterson, William Preucil, Martin Chalifour, André Watts and Lynn Harrell.

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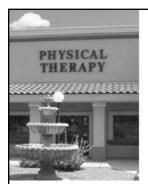
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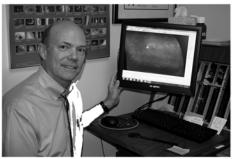
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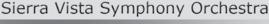
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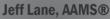
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April 16, 2016

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Toru Tagawa, Conductor

Music for Symphony Orchestra Yasushi Akutagawa (1925-1989)

- i. Andantino
- ii. Allegro

Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in E Minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

- i. Allegro molto appassionato
- ii. Andante
- iii. Allegretto non troppo: Allegro molto vivace

 Violinist Lauren Roth

~ Intermission ~

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Symphony Number 7 in A Major Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

- i. Poco sostenuto: Vivace
- ii. Allegretto
- iii. Presto: Assai meno presto
- iv. Allegro con brio

~ Program Notes ~

By Cristina Reinert, Ph.D.

Maestro Toru Tagawa is the conductor of the third concert of the 21st Season of the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra. The first half of his program opens with a piece composed by Yasushi Akutagawa, followed by Felix Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*, featuring Lauren Roth as solo violinist. The second half is devoted to Ludwig van Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*.

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Yasushi Akutagawa

(July 12, 1925, Tokyo, Japan – January 31, 1989, Tokyo, Japan) Musica per orchestra sinfonica (Music for Symphony Orchestra), 1950

Akutagawa grew up in a very cultured family. His father was Ryūnosuke Akutagawa (1892-1927), one of the most notable Japanese writers of the early 20th Century whose famous short stories "Rashomon" (1914) and "In the Bamboo Grove" (1922) merged in the storyline of the 1950 acclaimed film *Rashomon*, directed by the celebrated Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998).

In the 1940s Yasushi Akutagawa studied with the prominent music teachers Akira Ifukube and Kunihiko Hashimoto at the Tokyo Conservatory of Music and developed a great admiration for the post-Romantic music of the Soviet Union, specifically for the works of Sergei Prokofiev, Dmitri Shostakovich and for the astonishing music of Igor Stravinsky's early ballets. In 1954, Japan did not have any diplomatic relations with the USSR, but Akutagawa managed to enter the country illegally and was able to befriend Shostakovich, Aram Khachaturian and Dmitri Kabalevsky. His passion for Russian music endeared him to the Soviet leaders who gave him recognition and artistic freedom and, quite exceptionally, his works were allowed to be published and performed publicly to great widespread success.

It was his foresight and wisdom that brought him to work, after WWII, towards the rehabilitation of Japan. During the early Cold War years, he continued his role of cultural gobetween among nations and established himself as a composer and a conductor with his Music for Symphony Orchestra which premiered in Tokyo with the NHK Symphony Orchestra (Nippon Hoso Kyokai, also known as Japan Broadcasting Corporation). Subsequently, this piece became a success in the United States and in Europe. Akutagawa wrote a great variety of compositions including one opera (Orpheus in Hiroshima, 1960-67), the famous Ellora Symphony (1958) which was inspired by a visit to the Ellora Caves in Aurangabad in India, six ballets, ensemble music, and scores for Japanese films and TV. Many of these pieces had an Italian title: the ballet Trinità sinfonica (1948), Musica per orchestra sinfonica (1950), Prima sinfonia (1955), Divertimento (1955), Ostinata sinfonica (1967), Concerto ostinato for violoncello and orchestra (1969), Rapsodia per orchestra (1971), Concerto ostinato for analog polyphonic synthesizer organ and orchestra (1974), and Allegro ostinato (1986). His overall body of work was deemed such a substantial and distinctive contribution to the classical art music of the second part of the 20th Century that in 1990 the Akutagawa Composition Award was established in his memory.

Akutagawa's compositions take inspiration from the two musical traditions he grew up with and *Music for Symphony Orchestra* exemplifies a combinatory style where the atmospheric

tones he remembered hearing in the early Stravinsky ballets blend with the sounds he learned from his Japanese teachers. The piece is in two movements: andantino, in ABA form, and allearo, in rondo form. Its skillful scoring for flutes, strings and brass combines the sequential, patterned scales of the western compositional method with the more fluid parameters of the oriental system. The music of the first movement, which would have easily found itself at home in a Kurosawa film, takes us into an array of musical themes we have come to associate with what is, possibly, a mythical idea of Japan. Its minimalist playfulness relies on structured ostinato sequences (repeated note patterns) that replicate rhythmic figures. These disappear during a slower section, only to return in methodic progression until the conclusion of the movement. The second movement allegro opens with Stravinskyan energy and maintains a more Russian sound throughout. Its main theme meanders to various diversionary sections reappearing, in rondo form, periodically. Some ostinato rhythms from the first movement also return. The clear-cut sound is sustained by the stark percussive thrust of the chords and it bears similarities to the impulses of the serial primitivism of Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring (1913). Music for Symphony Orchestra remains an important piece in Akutagawa's repertoire. It appears to be the preliminary blueprint of a bigger musical design he would continue to explore in his later compositions.

Like Kurosawa, Akutagawa had a great affinity for the cultural traditions of the western world. Comparably, he was able to interpret these traditions and reach great artistic creativity while remaining true to his own Japanese identity to the core. It is a pity that the two artists never worked together on a movie soundtrack. It would have been a wonderful collaboration.

Felix Mendelssohn

(February 3, 1809, Hamburg, Germany – November 4, 1847, Leipzig, Germany) Violin Concerto in Eminor, Op. 64 (1844) Featuring Lauren Roth, violin soloist

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was not only a musician. He was also a fine writer, a talented painter, and a brilliant conversationalist in four languages. His grandfather was the distinguished German-Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn. His father Abraham converted to Christianity and added the Bartholdy part to their last name to make it appear less Jewish. While Felix was baptized and married Cécile Jeanrenaud, the daughter of a French clergyman, he maintained strong ties with his Jewish ancestry. A true child prodigy to the point that many started to think of him as a new Mozart, he began to compose at a very early age, continuing his music education in Berlin after the family left Hamburg to escape Napoleon's armies.

In 1835 Mendelssohn was appointed to the permanent position of director of the revered cultural institution of the Leipzig Concert Hall, the Gewandhaus (literally, Cloth/Textile Hall, in reference to the previous use of the building by textile merchants). As concertmaster, he employed the violinist Ferdinand David who had been a close friend since 1825. In 1843 Mendelssohn founded the Leipzig Conservatory. As head of the violin faculty he appointed David and added to the piano faculty Robert Schumann and his wife Clara. As a music educator Mendelssohn greatly valued the study of music history. His systematic study of previous composers and their works proved to be instrumental in restoring an interest in J. S. Bach's more challenging and complex works that, unlike his easier pieces, had been almost completely forgotten. Deplorably, Mendelssohn's own place in music history would be denied during the years leading up to WWII. Considered a Jew, his name was erased from the music history books and his iron statue was removed from the grounds of the Gewandhaus.

Mendelssohn had David in mind for what was going to be his only violin concerto. A July

1838 letter from composer to David reads: "I should like to write a violin concerto for you next winter. One in E minor is running in my head, and the beginning does not leave me in peace." Unlike most of his music, the piece did not come easily to Mendelssohn. He had started writing some of the concerto's themes soon after his letter to David, but had to put it aside several times and was able to write regularly only in 1844. With his work on this piece Mendelssohn modified the conventional configuration of the concerto by envisioning three movements without a pause – a novelty for the audience of the time accustomed to applaud at the end of each concert section.

Technically challenging and seamlessly conceived, his Concerto also bypasses other expectations. The first movement, *allegro molto appassionato* (fast and impassionate) is in the home key of E minor and in sonata form. Against a tradition that would have an initial and long orchestral exposition (first the orchestra, then the solo) the violin soloist appears immediately after the orchestra's few opening measures and starts embroidering, with formal precision and clarity, the ornamental filigree of the unforgettable main theme. Later in the movement, Mendelssohn offers another innovation by directing the audience's attention to the immediate beginning of the second movement by placing the solo instrumental cadenza between the development section and the recapitulation. The cadenza he wrote was a contrapuntal affair of great difficulty and was left open to the interpretative freedom of the soloist. Ferdinand David did not play Mendelssohn's cadenza (which did not actually appear in the first publication of the concerto) and over time, some violinists continued to play the original, but some others, like Joshua Bell, choose to perform their own. Tonight Lauren Roth will be playing Mendelssohn's.

The second movement originates from a single bassoon's tone sustaining the B from the very final chord of movement one. Occasioning a 'sound bridge,' the bassoon moves up a semitone to the middle C note that takes us into the key of C major of the second movement which is durchkomponiert, i.e. through-composed, without repetitions. Marked andante, in ABA form, it contains some melodic references to the previous movement. The slower tempo has a more songful quality that leaves great freedom to the expressive voice of the violin. The transition to the following movement is channeled through fourteen measures in an E minor melody that recalls the melody of the very beginning of the piece. On the other side of this modulating sound bridge, reserved only for the solo violin and the strings, we arrive to the third movement marked allegretto non troppo-allegro molto vivace (moderately fast, but not too much-fast and very lively). This last movement, in sonatarondo form, returns to the home key of E minor. The violin's fast and animated opening makes us think of the weightlessness that Mendelssohn injected in his A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture of 1826. After a brief theme change in B major played by the soloist, then a return to E minor, the final section of the concerto concludes with a strong, vivace and dynamic coda where the soloist and the orchestra share the spotlight equally.

Mendelssohn belongs to the exclusive club of composers who have written one single violin concerto. In this group we find Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Stravinsky who incidentally all wrote theirs in D major, and also Alan Berg who wrote his in the serialistic, twelve-tone mode. Mendelssohn's violin concerto was played in public for the first time in March 1845 at the Leipzig Gewandhaus. Debilitated by a minor illness, Mendelssohn was unable to direct his friend Ferdinand David during the premiere which was conducted by the Danish composer Niels Gade, but was able to do it a few months later. The Concerto has been successful since then and has remained one of Mendelssohn's most recognizable pieces and one of the most popular *concerti* of all time.

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Ludwig van Beethoven

(December 16, 1770, Bonn, Germany – March 26, 1827, Vienna, Austria) *Symphony No. 7 in A major*, Op. 92 (1812)

The years between the Sixth Symphony (1808, premiered the same evening of the Fifth) and the Seventh, turned out to be one of the most challenging and taxing in Beethoven's life. This was the period of the Napoleonic wars that reshaped the geographical map of Europe. It also marked the phase of the tumultuous "Immortal Beloved" affair and it was the time when Beethoven's hearing deteriorated drastically.

The autographed manuscript of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony that belonged to the Mendelssohn family of Berlin bears the inscription "Sinfonia, L. v. Beethoven, 1812, 13 ten." After the number thirteen we can only see the loop of a letter indicating the name of the month that was cut off by a poor binding job. Begun in late 1811 and probably completed in early May 1812, the symphony was dedicated to the Count Meritz Reichsgrafen von Fries. It premiered a year and a half later, on December 8, 1813 in Vienna, in the Redoutensaal, the large hall of the University, and was conducted by Beethoven himself. It was a concert given to honor the Austrian and Bavarian soldiers wounded in the Battle of Hanau, in Germany, which resulted in the defeat of the French Army (October 30, 1813). The Seventh Symphony, which is also referred to as "Battle Symphony," shared the billing with another work by Beethoven, Wellington's Victory, a military work he had composed to commemorate a recent British victory over the French Napoleonic army in Vitoria, in Northeast Spain. The players in the orchestra included Ludwig Spohr, Johann Hummel, Giacomo Meyerbeer and Antonio Salieri (once Beethoven's teacher), among others. By 1813 Beethoven was still performing as a pianist, with good and bad days, and could rely on his fantastic ability of improvising, but when it came to conducting, he was starting to show the consequences of his progressive hearing loss. Spohr, who was playing among the violins during the premier of the symphony, has left us the most vivid account of that evening. He recounts that Beethoven directed with his whole body. He would lunge his arms in the air to convey a sforzando (sudden strong accent), then he would crouch low to communicate a piano, and later would rise again, jumping in the air to express a forte.

The pieces performed that evening were received with great enthusiasm (although now *Wellington's Victory* is considered the one miss in the whole Beethovenian repertoire), but it was the Seventh Symphony that demanded an almost instant encore of the second movement, and continued to be encored during several following performances. Beethoven himself described it as "one of my best works." It was published in 1816 and its successful public's reception prompted the publication of various arrangements for woodwinds, string quartets, piano, and piano quartet. A solo piano edition was dedicated to "Elizabeth Alexievna, Tsarina of All the Russias."

The first movement, *poco sostenuto – vivace*, in A major, is in sonata allegro form. A long introduction establishes a main theme which is sustained by a series of ascending scales. In the *vivace* portion, the theme in dance-like triple meter, is repeated several times with sudden tempo changes, a favorite practice by Beethoven, later to be considered a "romantic" musical feature. The coda contains a distinctive twenty-measure section that is repeated eleven times. The persistent repetitions and the jolting changes of the movement seem to have prompted, allegedly, the rather unfortunate remark by Carl Maria von Weber (or Anton Schindler as some critics say today), that described Beethoven as "ripe for the madhouse."

Marked *allegretto*, the second movement is in A minor and in ABABA form. Its very beginning seems to evoke the great *marcia funebre* of the "Eroica," Beethoven's Third Symphony. But the solemn, somewhat funereal mood of the minor-key opening is soon

left behind to be replaced by a sense of anticipation and yearning. The violas and the cellos introduce the ostinato main melody then leave it to the second violins while they pick up a second melody. Then the first violins take the first melody as the second violins take the second. In a gradual slow crescendo, the wind section takes the first melody and the first violins move to the second melody. This instrumental dialogue continues fuguelike until the end of the movement. The awe-inspiring beauty of this movement proved very influential for the following generation of Romantic composers. It became so popular that it helped make the Seventh Symphony Beethoven's biggest financial success and has continued to be performed as a stand-alone piece to this day. In the 20th Century it has also made several appearances in film scores, most memorably in Bernard Rose's Immortal Beloved (1994) and in Agnieszka Holland's Copying Beethoven (2006). More recently it was employed by Tom Hooper's The King's Speech (2010) in the long scene that gives the film its title. The music of the Allearetto underscores the king's radio speech when George VI is preparing England to enter into an unavoidable war with Nazi Germany. Colin Firth's performance as the king is superb and won him a best actor Oscar, but it is the emotional impact of Beethoven's second movement that steals the scene and makes it unforgettable.

The third movement in F major substitutes the traditional 'minuet and trio' with a 'scherzo (joke or humorous piece, in Italian) and trio.' Maybe the joke is in the meaning of the movement marking, assai meno presto (literally, "much less very fast"). The scherzo is in F major, and the trio in D major was probably inspired by an Austrian hymn. The minuet quality of the movement is underlined by the use of numerous repetitions that emphasize the rotating and gyrating motion of a dance. The fourth movement, allegro con brio in A major is in sonata allegro form. The obsessive repetitions in 2/4 meter lead to the harmonic space for the coda. Never an afterthought for Beethoven, the coda displays the dynamic marking of fff (fortississimo or forte fortissimo). Rarely used in his music, the triple f sign was probably meant to carry the enthusiasm of the dance-like music to a maximum point of conceivable excitement. Richard Wagner heard in the music of Beethoven's Symphony the ensconced magic of dance and described it as "the apotheosis of the dance."

Not having to conform to the demands of the aristocratic patronage system, Beethoven remained free to use music as an ever changing form of self-expression. He made sure that each one of his nine symphonies would be very personal and distinctly unique. Brilliantly, the essence of the Seventh remains singularly all its own.

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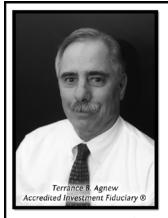
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There were thirty-six orchestra members for that first concert. Roger Bayes conducted, and Beverly Wright served as concertmaster. The program included Rossini's *Overture to L'Italiana in Algeri*, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, K. 550*, and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Opus 21*

The second season welcomed Debbie Dinkel as concertmaster. Programs included John Williams' Olympic Fanfare and Theme, Robin Hood Prince of Thieves and Main Theme and excerpts from An American Symphony by Michael Kamen, music from Apollo 13 by James Horner, selections from Les Misérables by Claude-Michel Schoenberg, selections from Cats and The Phantom of the Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Entertainer by Scott Joplin, An der Schönen Blauen Donau by Johann Strauss, Jr., and the traditionally popular finale, John Phillip Sousa's Washington Post March.

The Orchestra Today

Currently the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra consists of nearly 60 community members and professional musicians. The Sierra Vista Symphony Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the ongoing mission of the Orchestra. Comprising over 100 members, the Association raises over \$100,000 each year in order to operate the orchestra. Four paid staff members support our Board of Directors in overseeing the day-to-day operations and developing long-range plans and goals. Our 20th Anniversary Season featured a wide variety of repertoire, ranging from pops favorites like "Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings" to classical gems like Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5.

Music Director/Conductor, Maestro Roger Bayes, retired at the end of last season after 20 years of dedicated service and inspiring leadership. A Conductor Search Committee comprised of Board members and community representatives has been formed and has chosen three candidates from a slate of applications. The three 21st season concerts will each be conducted by one of these candidates, allowing audiences to express their comments and preferences in a survey to be distributed at each concert.

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