BERNARD HERRMANN: SCREEN, STAGE, AND RADIO

APRIL 1 – 26, 2016

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AFI SILVER THEATRE AND CULTURAL CENTER
Herrmann's pioneering radio work as composer and conductor is a necessary ingredient in appreciating Herrmann's film genius, and is a starting point of the present festival, which includes premiere live performances of two classic Herrmann/Norman Corwin radio plays, as well as the DC premiere of the Psycho symphonic narrative.

The festival's participants include John Mauceri, who was responsible for rescuing the Psycho narrative from undeserved oblivion; Dan Gediman, a peerless authority on Norman Corwin and the golden age of radio drama; Christopher Husted, a leading Herrmann authority; Dorothy Herrmann, the elder daughter of Bernard; and Norman Corwin's daughter Diane. The festival agenda, in addition to the radio plays, includes a concert, a two-part “Interplay” at Georgetown University, an hour-long exploration of “The Music of Psycho” with live orchestra; and screenings of twenty-one Herrmann-scored films and TV shows.

We are thrilled to collaborate on this landmark celebration. Thank you for joining us.
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART (FREE ADMISSION):

The Man Who Knew Too Much
Saturday, April 2 (4:00 pm)

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The Day the Earth Stood Still
introduction by Neil Lerner
Sunday, April 3 (4:00 pm)

Walking Distance (from The Twilight Zone)
followed by The Wrong Man
introduction by Bruce Crawford
Sunday, April 10 (4:00 pm)

Psycho
Saturday, April 16 (3:00 pm)

Vertigo
introduction by Christopher Husted
Saturday, April 23 (2:30 pm)

SCREENINGS:
FILMS AND TV PROGRAMS
SCORED BY BERNARD HERRMANN
APRIL 1 – 26
AFI SILVER THEATRE AND CULTURAL CENTER:

Citizen Kane
Friday, April 1 (7:15 pm); Monday, April 4 (7:15 pm);
Wednesday, April 6 (9:15 pm)

Taxi Driver
Friday, April 1 (9:45 pm); Wednesday, April 6 (6:30 pm,
post-screening discussion with Montgomery College film
professor); Thursday, April 7 (9:45 pm)

The Magnificent Ambersons
Saturday, April 2 (5:05 pm); Sunday, April 3 (11:05 am)

North by Northwest
Saturday, April 2 (7:00 pm); Sunday, April 3 (7:45 pm);
Tuesday, April 5 (7:15 pm); Thursday, April 7 (7:15 pm)

Sisters (1973)
Monday, April 4 (9:45 pm); Tuesday, April 5 (9:45 pm)

The Bride Wore Black
Friday, April 8 (7:40 pm); Thursday, April 14 (9:00 pm)

Fahrenheit 451
Friday, April 8 (9:45 pm); Monday, April 11 (9:20 pm);
Wednesday, April 13 (9:20 pm)

Marnie
Sunday, April 10 (9:00 pm); Tuesday, April 12 (6:45 pm)

Cape Fear (1962)
Saturday, April 9 (5:30 pm); Wednesday, April 13 (6:30 pm, post-
screening discussion with Montgomery College film professor)

Jason and the Argonauts
Saturday, April 9 (10:30 pm); Sunday, April 10 (6:45 pm);
Tuesday, April 12 (9:20 pm)

Mysterious Island (1961)
Sunday, April 10 (4:30 pm)

Hangover Square (1945)
Saturday, April 16 (4:30 pm, introduction by Christopher Husted);
Thursday, April 21 (9:10 pm)

On Dangerous Ground
Sunday, April 17 (5:30 pm); Tuesday, April 19 (7:00 pm)

5 Fingers
Sunday, April 17 (7:15 pm); Monday, April 18 (7:00 pm)

The Ghost and Mrs. Muir
Sunday, April 24 (3:30 pm); Tuesday, April 26 (7:10 pm)

The Devil and Daniel Webster
Sunday, April 24 (5:45 pm); Monday, April 25 (7:00 pm)
PERFORMANCE/DISCUSSION:  
INTERPLAY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 15

GEOGETOWN UNIVERSITY, MCNEIR AUDITORIUM  
(FREE ADMISSION)

11:15 – 2:45 pm  
PART ONE  
Dan Gediman on radio drama (with audio clips)

Corwin/Herrmann: “Untitled” (1944), radio play with live actors and GU Orchestra (world premiere of the reconstruction by Christopher Husted). Directed by Anna Celenza. Featuring: Alexander Blackwood, Caitlin Cleary, Demetrius Cooper, Rachel Linton, Sarah Martin, Thomas Moakley, and Thomas Shuman

Dorothy Herrmann on her father’s magnum opus, the opera Wuthering Heights (with audio clips and a film clip from The Ghost and Mrs. Muir)

Discussion: Dan Gediman, Dorothy Herrmann, Christopher Husted, Neil Lerner, Anna Celenza, Angel Gil-Ordóñez; Joseph Horowitz, host

7:30 pm  
PART TWO  
Dan Gediman on the legendary Norman Corwin/Bernard Herrmann collaboration, illustrating an organic interpenetration of script and music (with live excerpts from “Untitled” performed by the GU Orchestra)

Intermission

8:45 pm  
Christopher Husted on the CBS Symphony, created by William Paley and conducted by Herrmann, as a showcase for new and unfamiliar music, the antithesis of David Sarnoff’s NBC Symphony with Toscanini (with audio clips)

9:15 pm  
Neil Lerner on Herrmann the film composer: how his collaborations with Orson Welles and Alfred Hitchcock built on his radio work with Corwin (with film clips)

9:45 pm  
Discussion: Dan Gediman, Dorothy Herrmann, Christopher Husted, Neil Lerner, Anna Celenza, David and Diane Corwin Okarski, Angel Gil-Ordóñez; Joseph Horowitz, host
CONCERT/SCREENING: SATURDAY, APRIL 16

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, EAST BUILDING
AUDITORIUM (FREE ADMISSION)

1:00 pm
Concert
PostClassical Ensemble conducted by Angel Gil-Ordóñez
Dan Gediman introduces the classic Norman Corwin/Bernard Herrmann radio play, “Whitman”

1:15 pm
“Whitman” (1944) with Sean Craig as Walt Whitman and PostClassical Ensemble conducted by Angel Gil-Ordóñez (world premiere of the reconstruction by Christopher Husted). Directed by Anna Celenza

1:45 pm
“The Music of Psycho,” a presentation by Neil Lerner and Christopher Husted, with live musical excerpts (Herrmann and Bartók) performed by PostClassical Ensemble, conducted by Angel Gil-Ordóñez (60 min)

2:45 pm
Intermission

3:00 pm
Psycho (1960) (110 min)

5:00 pm
Discussion (Dorothy Herrmann, Dan Gediman, Neil Lerner, Christopher Husted, Anna Celenza, David and Diane Corwin Okarski, Angel Gil-Ordóñez, Joseph Horovitz, host)
CONCERT: POSTCLASSICAL ENSEMBLE
SUNDAY, APRIL 17

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WEST GARDEN COURT
(FREE ADMISSION)

3:30 pm
Concert
PostClassical Ensemble conducted by Angel Gil-Ordóñez
Commentary by John Mauceri

David Jones, clarinet
Natalia Draiblate and Eva Cappelletti-Chao, violins
Phillipe Chao, viola
Benjamin Capps, cello

Bernard Herrmann: Souvenirs de Voyage; Quintet for Clarinet and Strings (1967)
Lento; Allegro moderato
Andante (Berceuse)
Andantino (Canto amoroso)

Bernard Herrmann: Sinfonietta for Strings (1935)
Prelude: Slowly
Scherzo: Presto
Adagio
Interlude: Allegro
Variations

Bernard Herrmann: Psycho: A Narrative for String Orchestra
(1968, restored and edited by John Mauceri in 1999). DC Premiere

Discussion: Festival Wrap-Up with John Mauceri, Christopher Husted, Angel Gil-Ordóñez, and Joseph Horowitz
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In fact, Herrmann the man was notoriously melancholy and eruptive, intractable and unkempt. He fought with directors and studio heads, with conductors and orchestra musicians. Caught between the two worlds of mass media and classical music, he fit into neither.

Herrmann's distinctive compositional style was a suffusion of his morbid Romantic self. His musical signatures include nervous ostinato patterns, irresolute motivic scraps, and lurid colors. Working for radio and Hollywood, he was not confined to a generic "symphony orchestra." *Psycho* is scored for an orchestra of strings; *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951) calls for electric violin, electric bass, two theremins, four pianos, four harps, and thirty-odd brass instruments. Hollywood adored the upholstered Romanticism of Max Steiner and Erich Korngold; Herrmann was a marginal fit, specializing in aching anxiety and loneliness. Applied to the concert hall, the Herrmann idiom was potent and yet hopelessly out of fashion.

*Vertigo*, arguably Herrmann's highest achievement with Hitchcock, was a film ahead of its time. A box office failure in the waning of modernism and of the high value once placed on conspicuous complexity and originality, the topography of twentieth-century music is rapidly changing. One of the chief American beneficiaries is certain to be Bernard Herrmann.

Everyone appreciates Herrmann for his singular achievements as a film composer. Without him, there would be no Psycho, North by Northwest, or Citizen Kane would be a far lesser film. But Herrmann also produced a substantial catalog of concert works in the same style. He was as well a great figure in the forgotten history of radio. Though he clung to tonality, he created a palette of mood and sonority that is instantly recognizable and wholly his own. Defining himself in opposition to contemporary taste-makers, he once wrote, "Musically I count myself an individualist. I believe that only music which springs out of genuine personal emotion is alive and important. I hate all cults, fads, and circles."
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1958, it was re-released in 1983 and 1996 to such acclaim that in 2012 it was voted "the greatest film of all time" in the British Film Institute's *Sight and Sound*, a once-a-decade poll. The theme is obsession. Scotty yearns for the elusive Madeline, herself possessed by the deceased Carlotta. From the opening credits, Herrmann launches a hypnotic vortex of erotic languor and foreboding. Long stretches of the film omit dialogue. Typically these are sequences showing Scotty at the wheel of his car on winding journeys of pursuit. The maudlin love theme establishes a different reality from that of Jimmy Stewart's concentrated features or the Bay Area roads and landscapes he traverses: a tone of introspective, insatiable quest. Herrmann's pièce de résistance is a seven-minute "scène d'amour." "[When] we go into the love scene we should let all traffic noises fade because Mr. Herrmann may have something to say here," reads a Hitchcock production note. Mr. Herrmann's something, with its shuddering tremolos and tender four-note melodic turn, secures his stature as a major American composer as potently as anything could.

Kindred to this cinematic love scene is the music that may be Herrmann's supreme achievement for the concert hall—the 1967 clarinet quintet *Souvenirs de Voyage* that we hear on April 17. It is a stubbornly inward work, suffused with nostalgia and melancholy. The intoxication of this score is never in question. Its possible weaknesses are two: Is there variety enough to sustain a half-hour span? Is there structure enough to establish trajectory and shape? In Southern California seven years ago, curating a Hollywood festival for the Pacific Symphony, I had occasion to find out. For the musicians, the Herrmann quintet was a revelation. The audience was hypnotized. I cannot think of a more seductive, more finished chamber work by an American.

That Herrmann's concert music—including also a string quartet (*Echoes*), a wartime symphony, an oratorio,(*Moby Dick*), and an opera (*Wuthering Heights*)—went unheard and unknown was a source of bitterness and frustration for the composer. He knew the dimensions of his talent, and also knew what it was not. He once confessed, "My feelings and yearnings are those of a composer of the nineteenth century. I am completely out of step with the present." His favorite composers, an unfashionable twentieth-century list, included Debussy, Ravel, Elgar, Delius, Holst, and Ives.

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It is sad and unfair that the Sinfonietta is routinely discussed only in relation to Psycho, however interesting that relationship may be. A 1932 string quartet that has long remained untraced may have served as a point of departure: it, too, was atonal in style. There are clear allusions to similar works of this period: for instance, the opening of the of the Sinfonietta’s scherzo and its several prominent glissandi readily recall the second movement of Bartok’s Fourth String Quartet, which became an enthusiastic topic of comment in Cowell’s circle after Ruth Crawford brought news of it from a concert she attended in Europe in 1931. The Sinfonietta has marked expressionist qualities that grew naturally out of Herrmann’s youthful fascination with Schoenberg: its atonality is lyrical and romantic; there is a tendency toward aphorism, with abrupt shifts of mood and texture; movements are terse, or conspicuously segmented, as in the closing variations. Though Herrmann’s acquaintance with Cowell and the Seegers ensured that he would have been well aware of their advocacy of formal dissonant counterpoint, the Sinfonietta is not painstaking in its methods. The manuscripts do, however, make clear that several important passages were revised from simpler formulations into denser, more imitatively contrapuntal alternatives. Admiring of Herrmann’s mature style will find little of that in the freely atonal contrapuntal textures that dominate this work, and the composer was quick to depart from it subsequently. As the Sinfonietta’s first print run was mailed to Cowell’s subscribers in the summer of 1936, CBS’s pioneering ColumbiaShop challenged Herrmann’s inventiveness adroitly, and laid the foundations for his unique approach to scoring narrative films. The version of the Sinfonietta presented at this festival is the one published by Henry Cowell’s New Music Edition in June 1936, and has been corrected by the present writer. In 1948, eight years after Bernard Herrmann had completed his score to Alfred Hitchcock’s Psycho, the composer was living part of the time in London, hoping there to find greater respect for his music and more opportunities to conduct. It was then that he prepared performing editions of a number of his greatest film scores. Before this, the music remained unplayed and unplayable, since it was unpublished and existed only as a series of raw film cues. Probably the most important creation of this period was Psycho: A Narrative for String Orchestra. In this new work, he took multiple cues, reordered and recomposed them, changing hundreds of details, making internal cuts, adding repeats, and linking the elements together so as to create a single concert work. It is not a suite, nor is it a sequence of short cues to accompany film clips; it is intended to free the music from the visual elements of the film. In this sense it is not unlike Prokofiev’s Alexander Nevsky cantata and Vaughan-Williams’s Sinfonia Antartica — musical material from a film score adapted into a concert work. Herrmann never performed the work live, though he did record it. For over thirty years, the only orchestral material available for performance was the individual cues upon which the Narrative was based. In 1999, when I was preparing for a Hitchcock Centennial concert in Los Angeles, the discrepancies between the published materials and the Herrmann recording led me to surmise what I believe had happened: the cues that had been photocopied for Herrmann for his use in composing the new work were then rented as if they constituted the work itself. Those cues are Prelude, The City, The Rainstorm, The Madhouse, The Murder, The Water, The Swamp, The Stairs, The Knife, The Cellar, and Finale. It was later ascertained that composer/arranger Fred Steiner had pulled these cues from an archive in Los Angeles.
BERNARD HERRMANN: “NO SUCH THING AS ‘STANDARDIZATION’”

Bernard Herrmann scored fifty-one films, yet his relationship with Hollywood was embattled. His letters include such pronouncements as “I will never do a movie again. . . . I now understand that it was the movies that exhausted me and sapped my strength. I sincerely hope that I will never see Hollywood as long as I live.” (1948)

The actor/producer John Houseman once recalled Herrmann as “consumed with rage and envy and malice and hatred. It got so that he was virtually unfrequentable; you couldn’t spend an evening with Benny without his spending half of it in a terrible diatribe about one of the young musicians who’d gotten a job.”

At war with himself, Herrmann was proud and frustrated, fulfilled and thwarted. He fought with directors and studio heads. He defended film music when it was slighted or overlooked. Caught between two worlds, he sought recognition as a concert composer in the midst of his peak influence and success in film.

and sent them to Herrmann for the express purpose of creating a new orchestral work.

In discussing the matter with Mrs. Norma Herrmann, she remembered her husband working on this new concert piece in London. She kindly retrieved his manuscripts and we were able to get color photocopies of Herrmann’s work on the old cues, marked with black, and red-inked emendations of the original cues for the film. By comparing those manuscripts with his recording, it was possible to reconstruct a new score, which is now published and can supplant the unedited cues that have been used all these years.

The world concert premiere of Psycho: A Narrative for String Orchestra took place at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on February 9, 2000, with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. The European premiere took place on January 19, 2001, with the Gewandhaus Orchestra in Leipzig. Both performances were under my direction.

A second 2013 edition (used for today’s concert) is based on more than a decade of performances and a further comparison of sources. Herrmann’s bowings, many of which were not used in his recording, have been adjusted to better conform to his intentions, as heard on that performance.
Of Mice and Men... Serge Prokofiev's terrifying Battle of the Ice sequence in Alexander Nevsky... [are] classics of their kind... Contrary to all rumor, there is no such thing as the "standardization" of motion-picture music. The only "standard" for film music is that it be dramatic. Perhaps this is something Mr. Leinsdorf does not understand when he deplores the fact that many of our modern composers have given up working for the screen. Might it not be, simply, that these composers, though their talents are of sterling quality, lack the dramatic flair? In 1973, at the close of his career, Herrmann gave a talk on the function of film music. His reflections included these remarks: I have the final say about my music; otherwise I refuse to do the music for the film. The reason for insisting upon this is that all directors — other than Orson Welles, a man of great musical culture — are just babes in the woods. If you were to follow the taste of most directors, the music would be awful. They really have no taste at all... The screen itself dictates musical forms: the way a picture is cut, or the way it's shaped. I myself am very flexible to the demands of the screen itself. I don't think, for example, that one can do a film score that has the musical vitality of, say, a work by Richard Strauss, and get away with it. I mean that in all seriousness. If you could do a score for a picture, and really play Strauss's Don Juan, no one would watch the picture... Now I must discuss a terrible thing, namely, most of the people who write music for films! I would say — and I'd go to the gallows for saying it—that [Alfred] Hitchcock generally was very sensitive about the use of music. He sometimes said to me, "I'm shooting this scene tomorrow. Can you come down to the set?" I'd come to the set and watch, and he'd say, "Are you planning to have music here?" I'd say, "Well, I think we should have it." "Oh, good," he would say, "Then I'll make the scene longer." Some directors are considerate about things like that. Hitchcock, at least, likes people to work with him through the shooting of a film. So do Welles and [Francois] Truffaut. But there are many directors whom I never even met until the picture was completely shot. They're not even interested enough to care... In the first place, he seems upset by the fact that music in films must of necessity be incidental. He declares that music in any "subordinate" place is "tasteless" to a musician. I fail to see what he means by the word "subordinate." If film music is subordinate, so is music in the theatre and the opera house. Music in the films is a vital necessity, a living force. Had Mr. Leinsdorf ever seen a film in the projection room before the music was added, he would understand thoroughly how important the score is. Music on the screen can seek out and internally the inner thoughts of the characters. It can invest a scene with terror, grandeur, gaiety, or misery. It can propel narrative swiftly forward, or slow it down. It often fills more dialogue into the realm of poetry. Finally, it is the communicating link between the screen and the audience, reaching out and enveloping all into one single experience... Film music is necessarily written to supply a particular moment of drama, and it is memorable only when it remains wedded to the screen. As such, the music has produced masterpieces. Aaron Copland's satiric commentary on the monotonous supper of the bored married couple in Of Mice and Men... Serge Prokofiev's terrifying Battle of the Ice sequence in Alexander Nevsky... [are] classics of their kind... Contrary to all rumor, there is no such thing as the "standardization" of motion-picture music. The only "standard" for film music is that it be dramatic. Perhaps this is something Mr. Leinsdorf does not understand when he deplores the fact that many of our modern composers have given up working for the screen. 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ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

Violinist Eva Cappelletti Chao is a longtime member of PostClassical Ensemble. She also plays with the Baltimore Symphony, the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, the National Symphony, and the Grand Teton Music Festival. Her prior positions include concertmaster of the Kennedy Center’s Washington Chamber Symphony, assistant concertmaster of the Virginia Symphony, and assistant concertmaster and faculty for Eastern Music Festival.

Benjamin Capps is principal cellist of PostClassical Ensemble. His recent performance highlights include an unaccompanied recital tour in the Midwest, a recital tour of China, and recital appearances in New York, Greece, and Spain, as well as a performance of all five Beethoven sonatas in Vermont. His most recent CD, with pianist Vassily Primakov, features the cello sonatas of Rachmaninoff and Chopin.

Anna Harwell Celenza is the Thomas E. Caestecker Professor of Music at Georgetown University, where she also serves as an
Performing Arts. He is an occasional freelance writer, and you can read some of his most recent work at DCTheatreScene.com.

Netanel Draiblate is a concertmaster for PostClassical Ensemble. This season he performs concertos with Brasilia Concert Society Orchestra, Lancaster Symphony, Lake Forest Symphony, and Annapolis Symphony. His recent solo engagements include the American Symphony at Carnegie Hall, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, and Turkey’s Bursa Symphony Orchestra. As a chamber musician, he has collaborated with Pinchas Zukerman, Yo-Yo Ma, and Itzhak Perlman.

Dan Gediman is a longtime public radio producer whose work has been heard on All Things Considered, Morning Edition, Marketplace, Jazz Profiles, Fresh Air, and This American Life. During his long radio career he has won many of public broadcasting's most prestigious awards for works such as Breaking the Cycle: How Do We Stop Child Abuse and I Just Am Who We Are: A Portrait of Multiple Personality Disorder, including the DuPont-Columbia Award for his collaboration with Norman Corwin, Fifty Years after 14 August. He also coproduced the Corwin public radio documentary On a Note of Triumph, as well as an anthology series of Corwin's best work, This I Believe. He is currently the executive director of This I Believe, Inc., a nonprofit organization that produces the public radio series of the same name. He has also edited nine This I Believe books, including the New York Times Bestseller This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women, and the latest book, This I Believe: Philadelphia.

Diane Corwin Okarski is an artist, producing photorealist portraits and xerographic prints. As a fine arts instructor, she has worked with students of all ages, including seniors and severely emotionally disturbed teens. In 1972 she provided publicity stills for her father’s TV series, Norman Corwin Presents. At age five she taught Carl Sandburg how to hula-hoop, an occasion preserved on film. The Corwin family enjoyed numerous visits with Bernard Herrmann, his wife Lucy, and their golden retriever-affiliated faculty member in the Film & Media Studies Program. Her most recent book Jazz Italian Style: From Its Origins in New Orleans to Fascist Italy and Sinatra will be published by Cambridge University Press later this year. In addition to her scholarly work, she has served as a writer/commentator for National Public Radio’s Performance Today and published eight award-winning children's books. Her work has been featured on nationally syndicated radio and TV programs, including the BBC’s Music Proms and Prom Broadcasts, and C-Span’s Book-TV. Past collaborations with PCE include Stravinsky's The Tale in 2011.

Bruce Crawford is a film historian, documentary producer, and promoter and organizer of film tributes in Omaha, Nebraska. He also is a writer, orator, and entrepreneur. He has produced two nationally and internationally broadcast radio documentaries on Bernard Herrmann and Mikloss Rozsa: Bernard Herrmann: A Celebration of His Life and Music and Ben-Hur: The Epic Film Scores of Miklos Rozsa. Crawford was a guest of Robert Osborne and Turner Classic Movies in Los Angeles in 2011 as a speaker for the Bernard Herrman Centennial tribute. Also in 2011, he hosted the Minnesota Opera's performance of Herrman's Wuthering Heights. He hosts and produces a biannual film salute to classic Hollywood in Omaha: www.omahafilmevent.com

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Twi’. Her husband David Okarski is an actor and radio and television journalist. He has won an Emmy and a California Teachers Association award for his reporting. In 1993 he worked as a reporter at KNX radio in Los Angeles where, decades earlier, Norman Corwin had produced and directed several of his most memorable radio dramas for CBS. That same year, with David’s assistance, Norman made arrangements with KNX for a new live broadcast of his 1938 radio play, The Plot to Overthrow Christmas. After marrying Diane in 1987, David grew to know Norman not only as his father-in-law, but also as teacher, mentor, and friend.

The former associate conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Spain, PostClassical Ensemble Music Director Angel Gil-Ordéñez has conducted symphonic music, opera, and ballet throughout Europe, the United States, and Latin America. In the US he has appeared with the American Composers Orchestra, Opera Colorado, the Pacific Symphony, the Hartford Symphony, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, and the Orchestra of St. Luke’s. He is also principal guest conductor of New York’s Perspectives Ensemble, and music director of the Georgetown University Orchestra. In 2006 the king of Spain awarded him the country’s highest civilian decoration, the Royal Order of Queen Isabella.

Dorothy Herrmann is the elder daughter of Bernard Herrmann. With her younger sister Wendy, she was present when their father composed some of his iconic film scores, among them The Ghost and Mrs. Muir, Psycho, and Vertigo. At present she remains the proud caretaker of her father’s Oscar, which he gave her as a present when she was fourteen; he won it in 1941 for Best Music, Scoring of a Dramatic Picture for All That Money Can Buy (also entitled The Devil and Daniel Webster). Dorothy is the author of several biographies and nonfiction books. She lives in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

PostClassical Ensemble Executive Director Joseph Horowitz has long been a pioneer in classical music programming. As executive director of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra, resident orchestra of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, he received national attention for festivals exploring the folk roots of concert works. Now an artistic advisor to half a dozen American orchestras, he directs his own New York-funded symphonic consortium, “Music Unwound.” As artistic advisor to California’s Pacific Symphony for more than a dozen years, he has enjoyed two occasions to promote the concert music of Bernard Herrmann. He is also the award-winning author of ten books mainly dealing with the institutional history of classical music in the United States. Both his Classical Music in America: A History (2005) and Artists in Exile (2008) were named best books of the year by The Economist. His blog is artsjournal.com/uq.

Christopher Husted is an independent scholar and development consultant best known for his work with Bernard Herrmann’s legacy. He has also worked with the estates of Franz Waxman, Erich Korngold, and the British modernist Peter Racine Fricker. His interests focus on twentieth-century history, especially early modernism in the arts; and on critical theory, especially narrative, historiography, and editing. In recent years he has turned more to writing projects, and divides his time between Hollywood, Santa Barbara, and his family home in northwestern Illinois.

David Jones is principal clarinetist and a founding member of the PostClassical Ensemble. He has also served as principal clarinetist for the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra since 1998. He has performed extensively with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well being a member of the Contemporary Music Forum and a featured artist with the American Chamber Players, and the 20th Century Consort.

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Georgetown University’s Music Program is distinctive for its emphasis on the study of music as both a reflection of multiculturalism in the Americas and a creative activity within contemporary society. The program specializes in all forms of music from jazz, rock, film, country, and folk music around the world to the music traditions of Western Europe (classical music). The liberal arts degree in American Musical Culture integrates the university’s strengths in film/media, public policy, and politics and is designed for students interested in pursuing careers and/or graduate study in arts management, entertainment law, media studies, music business, music journalism, or musicology. For well over a century GU students have participated actively in ensembles such as orchestra, chamber music, chamber singers, concert choir, gospel choir, jazz band, world percussion ensemble, a cappella groups, and the guild of bands (contemporary pop music).

Concerts at the National Gallery of Art began during World War II when the first director, David E. Finley, kept the Gallery open on Sunday nights to accommodate the armed forces personnel who were in Washington at the time. The first concert took place in the John Mauceri is an internationally recognized conductor whose many causes include the foremost composers of Hollywood and Broadway. He has edited and performed a vast catalog of restorations and first performances, including a full restoration of the original 1943 production of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Oklahoma!, performing editions of the Phoebe. A Narrative for String Orchestra in 2000 at the Hollywood Bowl, and also the European premiere with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra in 2001. He is the recipient of a Tony, a Grammy, and two alumni achievement awards from Yale University. PostClassical Ensemble, called “one of the country’s most innovative music groups” (Philip Kennicott) and “wildly ambitious” (Anne Midgett), was founded in 2003 by Angel Gil-Ordóñez and Joseph Horovitz as an experimental orchestral laboratory. PCE programming is thematic and cross-disciplinary, typically incorporating art, film, dance, or theater, exploring unfamiliar works and composers, or recontextualizing standard repertoire. The topic of music and film has long been a PCE specialty. With the National Gallery of Art Film Division, PCE has produced a festival of films scored by Shostakovich (with the participation of Tony Palmer and Solomon Volkov), a full cycle of Stravinsky (including the American premiere of Richard Leacock’s Straynsky Portraits), and many other such events. PCE’s best-selling Naxos DVDs of The Plow that Broke the Plains (1936), The River (1938), and The City (1939) feature fresh recordings of the classic Virgil Thomson and Aaron Copland soundtracks. A third PCE Naxos DVD, to be released this spring, is Redes (1936), with a score by Silvestre Reventlau, a peak achievement in the history of music and the moving image; the launch is May 13, 2016, at the Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, DC.
East Garden Court on May 31, 1942. Finley’s idea of adding music to the museum’s service to the public was inspired by renowned pianist Myra Hess’s recitals for troops and the public at London’s National Gallery during the Blitz, 1940–1941. The National Gallery of Art concert series has provided a rich and distinguished service to music not only in Washington but also on the national and international levels. Many musicians who appeared at the Gallery early in their careers have gone on to worldwide fame, including pianists Claudio Arrau, Eugene Istomin, Earl Wild, Philippe Entremont, Jean Casadesus, and Menachem Pressler; singers Axel Schiotz and Martina Arroyo; and the Tokyo and Juilliard String Quartets. The concerts were broadcast live from 1950 to 1992 and continue to be broadcast frequently on National Public Radio.

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