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Concert: Ithaca College Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, & Choir - Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Building the Center for Music at Ithaca College
More than a century ago, master violinist W. Grant Egbert boldly announced plans to "build a school of music second to none in the excellence of its faculty, the soundness of its educational ideas, and the superior quality of its instruction." His vision became a reality in 1892 when the Ithaca Conservatory of Music opened. From the beginning, the Conservatory fulfilled his promise, and today the Ithaca College School of Music is acknowledged as one of the best schools in the nation for professional music study and music teacher education.
We announced in December 1996 the exciting plans for expanding the School of Music with the building of the Center for Music at Ithaca College. The building project will nearly double the size of Ford Hall, enabling the school to enhance its current programs and provide each music student the best opportunity for professional and artistic development.

Our groundbreaking for the Center for Music marks the dawning of a new era for the Ithaca College School of Music.
4:00 P.M.

**FANFARE**
From Stone to Shining Star ..........Gregory Woodward

**Faculty Brass Quintet**
D. Kim Dunnick, trumpet
Frank Gabriel Campos, trumpet
William Bernatis, horn
Mark Babbitt, trombone
Dave Unland, tuba

**Introductions**
Bonnie J. Gordon '77, Vice President for College Relations and Resource Development

**Welcome**
Arthur E. Ostrander, Dean of the School of Music

**Building the Center for Music**
Marjorie Rooke Schwab ’69, P ’93, Chair, the Campaign for the School of Music

**Tribute**
David W. Sass ’57, P ’83, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

**Closing Remarks and Groundbreaking**
James J. Whalen, President of Ithaca College

Proceed to Ford Hall Auditorium via south and west entrances. For your convenience there are School of Music student ambassadors available to assist you.

4:30 P.M.

**ANDIAMO! A CONCERT FOR A NEW BEGINNING**

**FORD HALL AUDITORIUM**

Overture to *Tannhauser* ..............Richard Wagner

Concerto for Horn and Orchestra ..........Dana Wilson
   *Gail Williams ’73, soloist*

Ithaca College Symphony Orchestra
   *Grant Cooper, Conductor*

Finale “Ode to Joy” from
Symphony No. 9 .................Ludwig van Beethoven
   *Carol McAmis, soprano*
   *Beth Ray, mezzo-soprano*
   *David Parks, tenor*
   *Randie Blooding, baritone*

Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra
   *Grant Cooper, Conductor*
and
Ithaca College Choir
   *Lawrence Doebler, Conductor*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY RECEPTION IN THE FORD HALL LOBBY FOLLOWING THE CONCERT TO MEET THE CONDUCTORS, SOLOISTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR.**
Biographies
Randie Blooding, a lyric baritone, joined the faculty of Ithaca College in 1990. Before moving to Ithaca he maintained a private teaching studio in New York City, where he established a professional singing career. The Colorado native holds degrees from Colorado State University, Southern Methodist University, and Ohio State University, where he received a doctor of music arts degree. Widely acclaimed for his performances of opera, oratorio, and recital literature, Blooding is the winner of numerous national singing awards. Most notable among his awards are winning the National Federation of Music Clubs Artist Competition, placing as a finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Award competition, and being a regional winner of the Metropolitan Opera auditions.

Grant Cooper is director of orchestras at the Ithaca College School of Music. He was born in Wellington, New Zealand, and completed a degree in pure mathematics at the University of Auckland. He came to the United States in 1976 to further his study of music. In January 1990 Cooper was guest conductor of the XIVth Commonwealth Games closing ceremonies, with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa as soloist. He has been honored by the State University of New York College at Fredonia as the 1990 recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1993 received a William T. Hagan Award for excellence in creative activity. Grant Cooper currently serves as music director of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra and of the Fredonia Chamber Players. 1992 marked his debut conducting the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and in 1995-96 he appeared as guest conductor of the Erie Philharmonic and the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. This year he makes his debut with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He also returns to the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, where he was recently named associate conductor.

Carol McAmis, soprano, a professor of voice, has been a member of the voice faculty at Ithaca College since 1979. A native of Kansas, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas. She is an active performer in opera, oratorio, and recitals throughout upstate New York.
and the Midwest. Her opera roles include Madame Butterfly, Suor Angelica, Constanze in Mozart’s *Abduction from the Seraglio*, the Countess in *The Marriage of Figaro*, and Rosalinda in *Die Fledermaus*. McAmis is a specialist in movement training for musicians and is a graduate of a four-year professional course of study in the Feldenkrais method of sensory-motor education. She has given numerous Feldenkrais workshops for singers, instrumentalists, actors, and dancers and currently is developing a method of teaching voice that incorporates the principles of Feldenkrais work into vocal study and performance.

David Parks, tenor, is an associate professor of voice at Ithaca College. He has performed with opera companies nationwide including Syracuse Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, Chautauqua Opera, Virginia Opera, Arizona Opera, Ithaca Opera, and Opera Delaware. He has appeared in over 50 oratorios nationally and with the Spoleto Festival in Europe. Recent oratorio engagements have included: Syracuse Symphony, Fairbanks Symphony, Evansville Philharmonic, Bach Aria Group, Richmond Symphony, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Elmira Symphony, and as the tenor soloist in Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* in Carnegie Hall. Parks has also performed in the South African National Arts Festival, the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival in Alaska, and at the Mauерbach Festival in Vienna, Austria. Parks is the winner of numerous competitions and awards. He was a semi-finalist and Masterclass participant in the *Joy in Singing* competition in New York City, a first place national semi-finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Award Competition, and a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for the Mid-Atlantic Regional final round in Washington, D.C. Parks holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Arizona.

Beth Ray, mezzo-soprano, is an assistant professor of voice at Ithaca College. Before coming to Ithaca she taught individual and class voice at the University of Texas in Austin, where she is completing a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal performance. She was also active in the Austin community, teaching
individual voice to high school students through a music enrichment program. Named Best Vocalist at the 1996 Sid Wright Accompanying Competition, Beth Ray is an active performer on the operatic stage, in recital, and as a sacred music soloist. She sang as an apprentice with the Dorian Opera Theater in 1991, and has since performed lyric mezzo-soprano roles such as Dorabella in *Cosi fan Tutte*, Mother Marie in Poulenc’s *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, and the Composer in Richard Strauss’s *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Beth Ray has also been recognized for her scholarly achievements. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1989 and to the music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda, in 1992.

**Gail Williams**

Gail Williams joined the Chicago Symphony horn section in 1979 and was appointed associate principal horn in 1984. She studied with John Covert at Ithaca College and received a master’s degree from Northwestern University. From 1975 to 1978 she was a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra. Williams performs regularly with the Chicago Chamber Musicians, of which she is a founding member. In addition to appearances in the Chicago area, the ensemble has performed in Salzburg, Austria, and Eugene, Oregon, and has conducted master classes and given concerts at Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio. She is a founding member of the Summit Brass, a brass ensemble comprising musicians from the New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Saint Louis symphonies and chamber soloists. She frequently tours with Summit Brass and has made seven recordings with the group, as well as two compact discs of solo contemporary music for Summit Records. In addition, Williams performs at the Bay Chamber concerts in Rockport, Maine; at the Skaneateles (New York) Chamber Festival; and as principal horn at the Teton Music Festival Orchestra. This year she will appear with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. A 1973 graduate of Ithaca College, Gail Williams is on the faculty of Northwestern University. Her awards include Ithaca College’s Young Distinguished Alumni Award and, most recently, an honorary doctorate of music from Ithaca College. She has performed as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony under Sir Georg Solti, the San Antonio Orchestra, and a number of smaller orchestras in the United States.
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ALL PERSONNEL ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY IN THEIR SECTIONS TO EMPHASIZE THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION MADE BY EACH PERFORMER.

VIOLIN I

†Sandra Lascarro, concertmaster .......... Bogota, Colombia
†Amy A. Roberts, assistant concertmaster .. Hudson Falls, NY
†Jennifer Bolcar .................................. Bangor, PA
Aaron C. Buck .................................. Greene, NY
Lorraine Davis .................................. Arlington, VA
Lynn Gallo .................................. Tonawanda, NY
Michele George .................................. Mount Holly, NJ
†Shana Hobin .................................. Baldwinsville, NY
†Stephanie J. Koppeis ....................... Woodbury, NY
Kelly Kroock .................................. Llitz, PA
Amy Martin .................................. Ephrata, PA
†Eric Martin .................................. Ephrata, PA
Tracey Matthews .................................. Victor, NY
†Christine Menter ....................... Baldwinsville, NY
Betsy Ostrander .................................. Ithaca, NY
†Nicholas Relyea .................................. Bridgeport, NY
Serena M. Su .................................. Easton, PA
†Julie Tollen .................................. Wallingford, PA
Sandra X. Wong .................................. Ithaca, NY
†Colleen J. Youngsma ....................... Whitinsville, MA

VIOLIN II

†Eija E. Pekkala, principal .................. Oulu, Finland
Theresa Anderson .................................. Sayville, NY
Michele Aurori .................................. North Massapequa, NY
Sonja Bode .................................. Branford, CT
Sonja Bundy .................................. Lafayette, CO
Jennifer Cha .................................. East Lansing, MI
Jennifer Chianta .................................. Getzville, NY
Angela Comprone .................................. Binghamton, NY
Cheryl Cory .................................. Maine, NY
Gabrielle Craig .................................. Westport, CT
†Sergio Espinosa .................................. Granada, Spain
Jennifer Gallien .................................. Rome, NY
Karen Greco .................................. Hathboro, PA
Frederick Jacobsohn ......................... Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Maureen Lyden .................................. Hamden, CT
Andrea Militello .................................. Marcy, NY
Alissa Nanna .................................. West Seneca, NY
Dana Paolone .................................. Lewistown, NY
†Agnes Pietraho .................................. Middlebury, VT
Janean Streeter .................................. Gouverneur, NY
Amy Welsh .................................. Millersville, PA

VIOLA

†Katrina M. Desmarais, principal .......... Londonberry, NH
Marjorie Amatulli .................................. Freeport, NY
Andrew Crane .................................. Arlington, VA
Elizabeth Getlik .................................. Mahwah, NJ
Kevin Matias .................................. Johnson City, NY
†William J. McClain ......................... Washington, DC
†Suzanne L. Miller .................................. Loudonville, NY
Liza Mooney .................................. Schenectady, NY
Sarah Pantaleo .................................. Victor, NY
†Marisa C. Reynolds ......................... Apalachin, NY
Tami Roberts .................................. Newton, Centre, MA
†Brigid M. Shogan .................................. Delmar, NY
Sarah Wright .................................. Winter Park, FL

VIOLONCELLO

†Carrie Cimildoro, principal .................. Camillus, NY
Karen Bergmann .................................. Fulton, MD
Steven Duckworth ............................ Sarasota, FL
Ruth I. Fisher .................................. Gaithersburg, MD
Kate Jensik .................................. Carlisle, PA
Ana R. Jesse .................................. Essex Junction, VT
†Francis L. Koiner ........................... Manheim, PA
†Zachary M. Levi .................................. Williamsville, NY
Daniel McCarter .................................. Hatfield, PA
Katherine Palmer .................................. North Windham, CT
Kathryn Pritt .................................. Ithaca, NY
†Christine Sweitzer .................................. Glenville, PA
Kristen Zdunowski .................................. Reading, PA

† denotes members of the Chamber Orchestra
DOUBLE BASS
†Michael Fittipaldi, principal ...........................................Pittsford, NY
†Bradley Aikman .................................................................Port Washington, NY
Shannon M. Berndt .........................................................Altoona, PA
Christopher Jevens ............................................................Rome, NY
Vincent Losito .................................................................Hicksville, NY
Michael Murphy ...............................................................Ronkonkoma, NY
Andrew Scheef .................................................................Setauket, NY
Gregory M. Stone ...............................................................Camillus, NY
Audrey Wang .................................................................Ramsey, NJ
Michael W. Ward ..............................................................Londonderry, NH
†Nicholas Wehr ...............................................................New Freedom, PA

FLUTE
†Lori Kesner ..........................................................Abington, MA
†Jaimie Chester ............................................................Timonium, MD
Kathryn Knoll .................................................................Saco, ME
Kelly J. Jepson, piccolo ....................................................Athens, GA
†Karyn Massi, piccolo .....................................................Princeton Junction, NJ

OBOE
†Lauren Urban ...............................................................Orchard Park, NY
†Keri McCarthy ..............................................................Baldwinsville, NY
Joanne Nelson .................................................................Ballston Spa, NY
Lesley McClelland, English horn ........................................Johnson City, NY

CLARINET
†Katherine L. Berning .....................................................New Hartford, CT
†Deborah Bianchi ..........................................................Massapequa Park, NY
Michelle Hoover .............................................................Williamsport, PA
Elizabeth Feck, bass clarinet ............................................Gaithersburg, MD

BASSOON
†David Resig .................................................................Munnsville, NY
†Suzanne Snyder .............................................................Ithaca, NY
Kelly Ward .................................................................Bristol, CT
†Gregory J. Crystal, contrabassoon ......................................Fairport, NY

FRENCH HORN
†John DeGiglio .............................................................Springfield, VT
Heather J. Melville .........................................................Camden, NY
Alysia Nemeth .............................................................Orefield, PA
†Kari Osborne .................................................................Camillus, NY
†Anna Thomas ...............................................................Houston, TX
Jason Varga .................................................................Jordan, NY

TRUMPET
†Amy Carpenter ..........................................................Middletown, PA
Anthony Godoy ..............................................................Vestal, NY
Nathan Kaercher .............................................................Latham, NY
†Brian Pitt .................................................................Webster, NY
Jeffrey Rappold ..............................................................Lancaster, NY

TROMBONE
†Mark Babbitt ..........................................................Cleveland Heights, OH
†Anne McKay ..............................................................Camden, ME
†Keith Osborne ..............................................................Camillus, NY
Kevin L. Pick .................................................................New Windsor, NY
Scott D. Wallace, bass trombone ........................................Slippery Rock, PA

TUBA
Eric Falcé .................................................................Liverpool, NY

TIMPANI
†Michael Correa ............................................................Binghamton, NY

PERCUSSION
†Christopher S. Watson, section leader ................................Camillus, NY
Arthur J. Chenail .............................................................Ilion, NY
†Timothy Collins ..........................................................Plattsburgh, NY
Brian Czach .................................................................Ballston Lake, NY

HARP
Barbara Dechario, guest artist

GRADUATE ASSISTANT
†Joseph Caminiti ..........................................................Jenison, MI
ITHACA COLLEGE CHOIR

SOPRANO I
Carla Cosentine .................................................. S. Williamsport, PA
Sarah Knauf ...................................................... Rochester, NY
Tracy O’Sullivan .................................................. Quincy, MA
Samantha Pasquale ................................................ Perkasie, PA
Rebecca Schaberg ............................................... Cleveland, OH
Valerie Yacono ...................................................... Gilbertsville, PA

SOPRANO II
Amy Carpenter ...................................................... Middletown, PA
Beth Faust .......................................................... Fairfax, VA
Siobhan Fleming .................................................. Marblehead, MA
Shannon McElroy .................................................. Wappingers Falls, NY
Megan Monaghan ................................................ Philadelphia, PA
Abigail Southard .................................................. Edgartown, MA

ALTO I
Bonnie Brown ...................................................... Center Moriches, NY
Nicole Hambleton ................................................ Woodbridge, VA
Julie Jacobs ........................................................ Wantagh, NY
Christina Pizzo .................................................... Lynbrook, NY
Candice Ruffalo ..................................................... Newark, NY
Lucia Sanchez ....................................................... Washington, DC

ALTO II
Keri Behan .......................................................... Mechanicville, NY
Jennifer Caruana ................................................ Rockville Centre, NY
Jo Ann Elliott ........................................................ Bryan, TX
Susan McDermott ................................................ Old Tappan, NJ
Rebecca Palsco ..................................................... Wallingford, CT
Dawn Pierce .......................................................... Weston Mills, NY

TENOR I
Brian Bohrer ........................................................ Rochester, NY
Dominick Rodriguez ............................................... Buffalo, NY
Robert Shutter ....................................................... Geneva, NY
Jeffrey Smith ........................................................ Delran, NJ
Steven Wilson ......................................................... Annandale, VA

TENOR II
Harvey Boyer ...................................................... Oxford, NY
Donald Brown ...................................................... Waverly, NY
Matthew King ....................................................... Trumansburg, NY
Timothy Reno ....................................................... Farmington, CT
Ronald Smith II .................................................... Oswego, NY

BASS I
Benjamin Cohn ..................................................... Rockaway, NJ
Matthew Hoch ....................................................... Fleetwood, PA
Todd Kipnis ........................................................ Massapequa, NY
Jason Lautzenheiser ............................................. N. Stonington, CT
Eric Lawrence ...................................................... Westbury, NY
William Murray ..................................................... Auburn, NY

BASS II
Benjamin Berry ..................................................... Dunkirk, NY
Jason Cork ........................................................... Orange, CT
Kevin Doherty ....................................................... Seaford, NY
Nathan Parker ...................................................... Perry, NY
Antonio Serrano .................................................. Newburgh, NY
Sean Thomas ......................................................... Sandy Hook, CT

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
Jo Ann Elliott
Candice Ruffalo