Saturday, February 12, 2022, 2:00 PM
Forum, Lewis Arts Complex

**Trenton Arts at Princeton**
**What We Remember**

**Trenton Youth Theater**
“Devising a Town”
Original scenes created by TYT members and coaches

**Trenton Youth Dancers**
“Moving Recollections”
Original choreography created by TYD members and coaches

**Trenton Youth Singers**
“Seize the Day” from *Newsies*
Music by Alan Menken
Words by Jack Feldman
Arranged by Mac Huff

**Trenton Youth Orchestra**
“Remember Me” from *Coco*
Words and music by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez
Arranged by James Kazik
Additional words by TYO members and coaches
Featuring guest vocalist Tim Amarell
*In memory of Rachel Shabana Pucciatti*

**Trenton Youth Orchestra & Singers**
“Somewhere In My Memory” from *Home Alone*
Music by John Williams
Words by Leslie Bricusse
Arranged by Larry Moore

*This program will be performed without an intermission.*

*All patrons must wear a properly fitting mask over their nose and mouth.*

*The use of photographic, video or audio equipment is strictly prohibited.*

*Please turn off or mute electronic devices for the duration of the performance.*
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Friend,

It’s wonderful to see you. We’ve been on a long journey to this very moment — from Zoom rehearsals to Zoom performances, from weeks of planning to our first in-person rehearsals since the pandemic’s beginning. And now, here we are. Thank you for celebrating with us.

When we first gathered to decide what our showcase theme should be, we kept thinking back to what we remembered about performances before the pandemic: the laughter and giggles backstage, the hush settling over the crowd as the lights dim, the first notes of music filling the room with energy. Today, we get the privilege to remember what that feels like, and all of the many things that made us fall in love with live performance. We also get the opportunity to be bolder with our imagination than ever before — to take what we remember, what we have learned, and what we have hoped for to craft collaborative acts of co-creation, inspiring new ideas, new ways of working together, and new forms of dance, music, and theater.

It’s been an absolute honor to see this magic happen, and we are beyond thrilled that you get to be a witness to it as well. Thank you for your time, your support, and your presence.

With gratitude,
Lou, Mariana, Rachel, and Victoria
ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Originally from San Bernardino, CA, Trenton Youth Orchestra director LOU CHEN is a 2019 graduate of Princeton University, where he received his bachelor’s degree in music (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) with certificates in conducting performance and American studies. This is his sixth year leading the orchestra since founding it as a sophomore. A strong advocate for accessible arts education, Lou has collaborated with leading artists including conductor Gustavo Dudamel, cellist Sheku and pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason, and dancer Caleb Teicher on increasing opportunities for Trenton Public School students. In recognition of his work with TYO, Lou has received the A. James Fisher, Jr. Memorial Award, the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts, and the Santos-Dumont Prize for Innovation. He also serves as the program manager for Trenton Arts at Princeton, responsible for the stewardship and growth of the program.

Trenton Youth Singers director MARIANA CORICHI GÓMEZ is a conductor, vocalist, and composer from Morelia, Mexico. A 2021 graduate from Princeton University, Mariana majored in music with concentrations in choral/orchestral conducting, Latino studies, and music theater. For three years, she served as the conductor of Princeton Camerata, a chamber orchestra dedicated to new orchestral repertoire. As a singer, Mariana has had the pleasure of performing with the prestigious choir Tenebrae as part of its Russian Treasures program. Recently, Mariana presented her original song cycle, *La Casa del Arbol: An Immigrant’s Story of Loss and Forgiveness*, as her senior thesis, for which she received the top academic prize in the arts: the Louis Sudler Prize. Mariana has conducted multiple choral ensembles both at school and abroad, including a performance with the Princeton Glee Club in Centro Cultural Ollin Yoliztli, Mexico City. During the summers, she has worked as a teaching artist at the Yale School of Music, Music in School’s Initiative, and has studied conducting at Curtis Summerfest and Miami Music Festival. Mariana also serves as the program associate for both the choral department and Trenton Arts at Princeton.

Trenton Youth Theater director VICTORIA DAVIDJOHN, Princeton University Class of 2019, is a writer, theater director, and lighting designer. A recipient of the Martin A. Dale Fellowship and the New York Women’s Foundation Directing Apprenticeship, she is writing and composing a musical on the Black women of the Civil Rights Movement while based in NYC. At Princeton, she was the recipient of the Louis Sudler Prize and directed a 75-person community-based production of *The Odyssey* at the Berlind Theatre (McCarter Theatre), which included members of Trenton Circus Squad, Trenton Children’s Chorus, and HomeFront, NJ, as well as current Princeton University students. Her upcoming projects include associate sound designer of *Junior High #2* at Passage Theatre, dramaturg and co-lighting designer of *OK Trenton* at Passage Theatre, and associate director of *Into the Woods* at New York City Center.

Trenton Youth Dancers director RACHEL SCHWARTZ, Princeton University Class of 2018, is an artist, dancer, designer, and educator based in NYC. Since graduating, she has been pursuing both her own artistic practice and a career in education. In addition to TYD, she currently works at The Quad Manhattan, an extracurricular program for twice-exceptional students, meaning
kids who are talented/gifted and possess learning differences such as Autism Spectrum Disorder. Previously, she has taught with girls empowerment organizations, such as Curious Jane Summer Camps in Brooklyn, Groove With Me, Inc., in East Harlem, and Art as a Catalyst for Change, a NYC initiative that brings anti-gun violence messaging and opportunities for creative expression to middle and high schools with high incidences of gun violence. Based on these experiences and her study of dance pedagogy at Princeton, she has developed a teaching style that is kind, compassionate, fun, and rigorous. She believes that dance and choreography have the power to help young people develop personal agency and access powerful modes of self-expression. She is honored to be a part of the TYD team.

Trenton Youth Singers student leader HANNAH BEIN is a senior from Riverside, CT majoring in history and pursuing a certificate in vocal performance. She dedicates herself to the music community on campus, serving as the president of the Princeton University Glee Club and the music director of the Princeton Tigerlilies a cappella group. Hannah also enjoys singing in opera and musical theater performances on campus. She is so grateful to be part of the TAP community and has been really enjoying watching the incredible singers in TYS continue to grow and learn this year.

Trenton Youth Theater co-student leader LYDIA GOMPPER is a senior from Falls Church, VA, concentrating in history with a certificate in theater. She began performing in the sixth grade and has loved the stage ever since. At Princeton, she has worked as a costume designer, director, writer, and performer in productions through Theatre Intime, Princeton University Players, Triangle Club, and the Lewis Center for the Arts. Lydia returns to Princeton this year after a pandemic-induced leave of absence, which she spent writing novels and braiding challah. She is so thrilled to be a part of the TAP team.

Trenton Youth Orchestra student leader ANDREW KANE is from Cambridge, MA, and is a member of the Princeton Class of 2022. At Princeton, he studies ecology and evolutionary biology, with a certificate in music composition. His first instrument is the violin, which he started playing in elementary school. He played in various different youth orchestras before coming to Princeton, where he played in Sinfonia for one year. During his time at Princeton, Andrew has focused on composition and songwriting, and he recently took a one-year leave of absence from school in order to record some original music. He is a fan of a variety of musical styles and loves being exposed to new genres and artists. On campus, he is a vocalist in the Princeton University Rock Ensemble and enjoys both performing and watching others perform. Outside of music, Andrew is passionate about the environment, and likes going for runs and hikes. He had a ton of fun working with TYO last semester and looks forward to another semester of great music!

Trenton Youth Dancers student leader GIGI PACHECO is a junior from Denver, CO, concentrating in sociology and receiving certificates in American studies and dance. She fell in love with ballet at a young age, training first at Colorado Academy of Ballet and then at
Denver Academy of Ballet in classical ballet, contemporary, modern, and jazz. After spending a summer training with the Alonzo King LINES Ballet Company in San Francisco, she developed a passion for contemporary dance, improvisation, and choreography. These passions have inspired her to pursue the dance certificate at Princeton and to serve as the artistic director of eXpressions Dance Company and a member of Princeton University Ballet. In addition to dance, Gigi is interested in educational equity, mental health reform, and utilizing the arts as a practice of holistic care. Gigi first joined TYD out of a desire to bridge arts and equitable education through service, and she has been volunteering as a coach since her first year at Princeton. She is constantly inspired by the Saturday Morning Arts students!

Trenton Youth Theater co-student-leader WASIF SAMI is a freshman from Hillsborough, NJ, hoping to learn as much as he can about people, society, art, justice, and theater while at Princeton. He’s a graduate of the honors theater program at Somerset County Vo-Tech, as well as the academic program at Hillsborough High School. Wasif credits all the great teachers he’s met along the way for showing him what the arts can do for himself and for others, and he hopes to do his part to pass along the gifts of art-making: exploration, risk-taking, messiness, the list goes on. He’s beyond grateful to have the opportunity to work with TYT and loves spending his Saturday mornings immersed in a community of creation.

ABOUT TRENTON ARTS AT PRINCETON

Trenton Arts at Princeton (TAP) is the University’s coordinator of co-curricular arts engagement activities in the greater Trenton area. Our mission is to build a multi-disciplinary community of artists across Trenton and Princeton through youth programming, student leadership and volunteer opportunities, community performances, and more. TAP is a collaboration between the Department of Music, Lewis Center for the Arts, and Pace Center for Civic Engagement.

Our Saturday Morning Arts (SMArts) program was founded to establish a community where Trenton and Princeton students can gather regularly to create art together. Trenton students and Princeton student volunteers can participate in one of four SMArts groups: Trenton Youth Dancers, Orchestra, Singers, and Theater. Rehearsals take place every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Lewis Arts Complex.

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# Trenton Youth Orchestra

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- Ashanti Ross
- Collin Thompson
- Deborah Htu
- Francisco Guerra
- Melki García-Perez
- Ana Lopez
- Olivia Keith-Henry

**Violin II**
- Andre Diaz
- Evita Vasquez Reyes
- Edgar Cambara
- Jonathan Velez
- William Santiago

**Violin III**
- Perla Díaz
- Jeniffer Pinto
- Sherly Hernandez-Rodas

**Viola**
- Cindy Lorenzana

**Cello**
- Douglas Nguyen
- Martha Ramirez
- Steven Tiburcio

**Bass**
- Chaz Bethel-Brescia

**Flute**
- Yaquelyn Rivera
- Evelyn Medina
- Allison Cifuentes

**Clarinet**
- Gisela Bramonte
- Julio Deleon

**Alto Saxophone**
- Sorange Rutabairo

**Trumpet**
- Nason St. Clair

**Percussion**
- Jake Klimek
- Elijah Shina

**Piano**
- Matthew Nguyen

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- Jack Shigeta*

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