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# THE PROVIDENCE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2:30 p.m. Goff Memorial Hall, Rehoboth, MA



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Three Movements for Mandolin Orchestra ... Francine Trester (b. 1969) Allegro Maestoso – Un poco lamentoso – Allegro con spirito

Au Café Cardamome ..... James Kellaris (b. 1956)

— Intermission —

Prelude & Libertango .... Bach/Piazzolla, arr. J. Papandrea (b. 1963) Joseph Papandrea, bandoneon soloist

Chagall's Mandolins ...... Hankus Netsky (b. 1955) Eastern Wind – Song of Longing – Silenced Voices – The Clown's Sirba Mark Davis, mandolin soloist

First Mandolin: Lynne Bell, Christine Chito, Joseph Papandrea, John Rufo
Second Mandolin: Mark Chuoke, Marcie Glicksman, Cedwyn Morgan, Paul Wilde
Mandola in C: Gayle Raposa
Mandola in G: Robert Margo, John Rufo
Mandocello: Oliver Reid
Classical Guitar: Mark Armstrong, Beverly Davis
Bass: Peter DiCicco, Hiatt Knapp
Accordion, Bandoneon: Joseph Papandrea

### PROGRAM NOTES

The Providence Mandolin Orchestra (PMO) returns to Goff Hall this afternoon with a program of five works, two with soloists - a clever mashup of a Bach keyboard prelude and Astor Piazzolla's famous Libertango, skillfully arranged by PMO member Joseph Papandrea and featuring Joe on the bandoneon (a member of the concertina family, on which Piazzolla was a great master); and, from the New England Conservatory faculty, Hankus Netsky's fabulous, klezmerdrenched concerto, Chagall's Mandolins, with Mark Davis as mandolin soloist. The concert begins with three (#1, #2, and #4) of the four movements of Kurt Schwaen's Abendmusik ("Evening Music"), an iconic and much-loved piece of German zupfmusik ("plucked music"). Rounding out the program are Francine Trester's (Berklee School of Music) remarkable Three Movements for Mandolin Orchestra (commissioned for the PMO by Robert Margo in 2006) and Au Café Cardamome, the latest work by one of today's leading composers for plucked strings, James Kellaris, which features extended techniques and extensive use of Greek melodies, rhythms, and harmonies.

The original Providence Mandolin Orchestra was founded in 1911 by William Place Jr., one of the leading mandolinists in early twentieth-century America. The modern PMO dates from the early 1970s, when it was revived by Hibbard Perry, a former student of Place Jr. Since then, the PMO has become one of the leading American mandolin and guitar ensembles with regular performances throughout the eastern United States and multiple tours to Europe. The PMO is dedicated to the performance of original contemporary music, including many pieces written for the ensemble. Mark Davis, who pursues an active career as a conductor and performer on guitar and mandolin, has served as the PMO's music director since 1989. Visit the PMO online at http://www.providencemandolin.org/.

- Robert A. Margo