

# Concert Quick Guide™

Joseph Young, Lara Downes, & Florence Price's Piano Concerto

SAT 4/23/22 at 8 PM & SUN 4/24/22 at 2 PM

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Fisher Center at Bard Sosnoff Theater

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## JOSEPH YOUNG conductor

### CONCERT TIMELINE

1 hour and 55 minutes



Brief remarks by Hyunjung Song *viola*



### Julia Perry

Born 3/25/1924 in Lexington, KY

Died 4/24/1979 at age 55 in Akron, OH

### A Short Piece for Orchestra

Written 1952, at age 28; revised 1955, 65

Premiered 1952 in Turin, Italy;

Turin Symphony;

Dean Dixon conductor

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- Perry was a prolific composer of music for orchestra, chamber ensemble, chorus, and voice. She wrote over a dozen symphonies, as well as two concertos and three operas.

Brief remarks by Maggie Tsan-Jung Wei *trumpet*



### Florence Price

Born 4/9/1887 in Little Rock, AR

Died 6/3/1953 at age 66 in Chicago

### Piano Concerto in One Movement

LARA DOWNES *piano*

Written 1932–34, in Price's mid 40s

Premiered 6/24/1934 at Orchestra Hall in

Chicago; Chicago Musical College Orchestra;

Price *piano*

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- Price was the first Black American woman to have a piece performed by a major symphony orchestra; the Chicago Symphony Orchestra played her Symphony No. 1 in 1933, followed by this piano concerto a year later.

- In 2020, pianist Lara Downes released the album *Florence Price: Piano Discoveries*, featuring world-premiere recordings of newly discovered piano works by this groundbreaking composer.

## Intermission

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Brief remarks by JJ Silvey oboe

### Sergei Rachmaninoff

**Born** 4/1/1873 in either Oneg or Semyonovo, Russia

**Died** 3/28/1943 at age 69 in Beverly Hills, CA

### Symphony No. 3

Lento—Allegro moderato—Allegro (slow, then moderately fast, then fast) *17 min*  
Adagio ma non troppo—Allegro vivace (slow but not too slow, then lively and fast) *12 min*

Allegro—Allegro vivace—Allegro (fast, then lively and fast, then fast) *13 min*

**Written** 1935–36, in Rachmaninoff's early 60s; revised 1938

**Premiered** 11/6/1936 in Philadelphia; Philadelphia Orchestra; Leopold Stokowski *conductor*



- Rachmaninoff hadn't written a symphony for nearly 30 years when he began composing this piece. Some speculate that the massive success of his second symphony made him wary of trying to write another.
- This symphony was written at the composer's custom-built villa on Switzerland's Lake Lucerne, where the Rachmaninoffs lived after fleeing Russia. WWII would soon cause another move, this time to the United States.

*All timings are approximate.*

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