

PRESS RELEASE:

WHAT: Ithaca Community Orchestra Concert

WHEN: Saturday, April 30, 2022 4:00 PM

WHERE: Hangar Theatre, Taughannock Boulevard

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The Ithaca Community Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Aaron Burgess, will present a concert entitled *Homage* at 4PM on April 30th at the Hangar Theatre. The ICO Wind Ensemble will perform Franz Schubert's *Little Symphony for Winds*. The full orchestra will then present *Overture in C Major* by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel followed by *Le Tombeau de Couperin* by Maurice Ravel. The final work on the program is Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's *Symphony No. 5 in D Major, Op. 107 "Reformation."* In addition to the performance, the orchestra will be hosting a silent auction for two pieces of artwork by Irina Kassabova, violinist in the orchestra. The public is invited to attend a reception held directly after the concert. A recommended donation of \$7 will be accepted at the door, and children are admitted free of charge.

Aaron S. Burgess is a dynamic conductor and music educator with close ties to the collegiate, public school, and community music arenas. He has been lauded for his exuberant and evocative performances and his collaborative approach to ensemble music making and administration. Mr. Burgess is adjunct professor of performance studies (conducting) and music education at Ithaca College where he serves as conductor of the acclaimed Ithaca College Trombone Troupe, teaches courses in instrumental music education, and supervises student teachers. In addition to serving as the ICO's music director, Mr. Burgess also conducts the Auburn Chamber Orchestra (NY) and is resident conductor of the Ithaca New Music Collective.

Since 2001, the Ithaca Community Orchestra has provided a continuous musical experience for talented players from throughout the Ithaca area. The ICO has collaborated with many groups, including the Ithaca Shakespeare Company, Opera Ithaca, and the Ithaca Community Chorus, and has been a participant in Spring Writes and the First Friday Gallery Night. The ICO is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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