



QUEER URBAN ORCHESTRA

David Bloom, Artistic Director
Derek Weagle, Associate Conductor

QUOtets XX

January 31, 2026 | 8:00 PM | Judson Memorial Church

from Fly Free Forever

Jacob Szilagi

I. Portraits / Little Hatchling / The Glass Cage / Flaco's Theme

Tais Szilagi; flute / Brian Shaw; oboe / Dan Olsen; clarinet / Chris Burrow; bassoon
Kyle Walker; horn / Julia Cohen; trumpet / Ryan Gochee; trombone
Brian Harrington, Jacob Szilagi, Tank Tan; violin
Noah Green, JohnMark Ofrasio; viola
Kate Penrose, Michael Viljoen; cello / Jared Chamoff; contrabass
Arri Lawton Simon; piano / Álvaro Rodas; percussion
Antonia Szilagi; narration
Karl Szilagi; Illustrations / Edrick Subervi; projection design
Derek Weagle; conductor

The Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre (arr. Simon Parkin)

Rafael Albertini, Johann Palo, Shang Young; violin
Nick Saunders, Penglong Zhu; cello
Heath Koch, Christian Smythe; piano

String Quartet

Maurice Ravel

I. Allegro moderato, très doux

Ashley Amaladhas, Maia Gumnit; violin
Ashwin Rane, viola
Darsha Kumar, cello

Credo

Kevin Puts

V. Credo

Johann Palo, Bob Wei; violin
JohnMark Ofrasio, viola
Michael Viljoen, cello

On the nature of daylight

Max Richter

Rafael Albertini, violin
Jacob Szilagi, viola
Lucie le Blanc, Michael Viljoen, Penglong Zhu; cello

~Intermission~

Barcarolle in F-Sharp Major, Op. 60

Frédéric Chopin

Billy Jiang, piano

String Quintet in C Major
III: Scherzo. Presto — Trio. Andante Sostenuto

Franz Schubert

Rafael Albertini, Shang Young; violins
Andrew Holland; viola
Michael Viljoen, Nicholas Saunders; cello

excerpt from Nonet in F minor, "Gradus ad Parnassum"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Alan Hyde; oboe / Tank Tan; clarinet / Cross Brandon; bassoon
Lynn Caron; horn
Andrew Holland; violin / Nicholas Singletary; viola
Lucie le Blanc; cello / Jared Chamoff; bass
Billy Jiang; piano

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QUOfest (March 13-15, 2026) For QUO, every month is Pride month, making early spring the perfect time for the second annual QUOfest! In the midst of QUO's season-long celebration of queer space, the 2026 festival focuses on the dance floor as a long-established safe space for queer folx. The festival opens with a chamber program highlighting the musicianship of QUO's extraordinary artists performing a program of dance-inspired music by queer composers. The next afternoon, QUO invites the whole community to an old-school tea dance. Next, the full orchestra takes the stage with grooves of the Americas, and in the festival's final event, QUO presents a family concert where kids can get their wiggles out. Featured as composer and bass soloist throughout the festival, Kebra-Seyoun Charles is the QUOfest headline artist. Underscoring QUO's uniqueness, the festival model remains a novelty among community orchestras. www.queerurbanorchestra.org/tickets

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About the Venue: Judson Memorial Church

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