CARMINA BURANA
AND THRIVE

AUGUST 30, 2023 | 8:30 PM

THRIVE
Choreography by Ma Cong
Music by Oliver Davis
Costume Design by Monica Guerra
Lighting Design by Trad A. Burns
Conductor: Erin Freeman

with Richmond Symphony,
Richmond Symphony Chorus, and The City Choir of Washington

Sabrina Sabino          Izabella Tokev          Naomi Wood
Jack Miller              Zacchaeus Page        Aleksey Babayev

Naomi Robinson          Celeste Gaiera
Paul Piner              Colin Jacob

Movement 1
Full Cast

Movement 2
Full Cast

Movement 3
Izabella Tokev          Zacchaeus Page
with Ensemble

Movement 4
Celeste Gaiera          Colin Jacob          Aleksey Babayev

Movement 5
Naomi Wood              Izabella Tokev        Naomi Robinson        Sabrina Sabino

Movement 6
Sabrina Sabino          Jack Miller

Movement 7
Full Cast

Richmond Ballet extends a special thank you to English composer Oliver Davis for his efforts in rearranging the score for Thrive to allow it to be performed live for the first time, and we are so grateful that he traveled from London to be with us in the audience this evening.
INTERMISSION

CARMINA BURANA

Conceived and Choreographed by John Butler  
Music and Latin Text by Carl Orff  
Staging by Igor Antonov and Lauren Fagone  
Costume Design by John Butler  
Original Lighting Design by Richard Moore  
Conductor: Erin Freeman

Tenor: Lunga Eric Hallam  
Soprano: Esther Tonea  
Baritone: Daniel Rich

with Richmond Symphony,  
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Cody Beaton  
Ira White  
Eri Nishihara  
Khaiyom Khojaev

ENSEMBLE

Celeste Gaiera, Naomi Robinson, Sabrina Sabino,  
Katrina May Thomas, Izabella Tokev, Naomi Wood

Aleksey Babayev, Colin Jacob, Darius Mealy,  
Jack Miller, Zacchaeus Page, Christian Renforth

PROLOGUE

O fortuna  
Fortune plango vulnera

Chorus  
Cody Beaton, Eri Nishihara,  
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White,  
Ensemble; Chorus

PART I.

Veris leta facies  
Omnia sol temperat  
Ecce gratum

Cody Beaton, Eri Nishihara,  
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White,  
Ensemble; Chorus

PRIMO VERE

Eri Nishihara, Khaiyom Khojaev;  
Daniel Rich

UF DEM ANGER

Chorus  
Eri Nishihara, Ensemble; Chorus

Ensemble  
Cody Beaton, Khaiyom Khojaev,  
Ira White; Chorus

Cody Beaton, Ira White; Chorus
Reie
Swaz hie gat umbe
Chume chum geselle min
Were diu werlt alle min

PART II.
Estuans interius
Olim lacus colueram
Ego sum abbas
In taberna quando sumus

IN TABERNA
Khaiyom Khojaev; Daniel Rich
Cody Beaton, Khaiyom Khojaev;
Lunga Eric Hallam, Chorus
Ira White; Daniel Rich, Chorus

PART III.
Amor volat undique
Dies, nox et omnia
Stetit puella
Circa mea pectora
Si puer cum puellula
Veni, veni, venias
Ensemble; Chorus

COUR D’AMOURS
Cody Beaton, Eri Nishihara,
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White;
Esther Tonea, Chorus
Eri Nishihara, Khaiyom Khojaev;
Daniel Rich, Chorus
Cody Beaton, Khaiyom Khojaev;
Esther Tonea
Cody Beaton, Eri Nishihara,
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White;
Daniel Rich, Chorus

Cody Beaton, Eri Nishihara,
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White;
Esther Tonea

Tempus est iocundum
Ensemble;
Esther Tonea, Daniel Rich,
Chorus

Dulcissme
Full Company;
Esther Tonea

BLANZIFLOR ET HELENA
Ave formosissima
Epilogue
Khaiyom Khojaev, Ira White, Ensemble;
Chorus

EPilogue
O fortuna
Full Company;
Chorus

With profound gratitude for who she is and what she has meant to all of us, Richmond Ballet dedicates tonight’s performance to Carmen de Lavallade, the legendary American actress, choreographer, and dancer. She was a principal dancer in the original cast of Carmina Burana in 1959, and she has, over many years, generously shared with us not only her beautiful being, but also her deep understanding of John Butler’s work, the magic of dance, and the meaning of life itself.
Richmond Symphony
Valentina Peleggi, Music Director


# Concertmaster, Principal, Associate Principal

Richmond Symphony Chorus
Kevin L. Barger, Assistant Conductor | Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director | Daniel Stipe, Rehearsal Accompanist | Christopher Pennington, Chorus Manager | Barbara Batson, Rehearsal Assistant | Lisa Fusco, Rehearsal Assistant


^ Music Section Leader, * Thrive singers

The City Choir of Washington
Erin Freeman, Artistic Director | Katie Jagielski, Assistant Conductor | Peter Uhlir, Accompanist

Soprano: Vivian Chakarian, Carol Green Edison, Yi-Ping Fu, Marie Hyder, Katie Jagielski, Kelly Krepelka, Emmilo Olson, Devereux Powers, Elizabeth Ringenberg, Nastasia Stipo, Rachel Tester, Emily Hantman Tsai, Juliet Weenink, Reshmina William Alto: Anna Balchunas, Georgia Cotter, Jennifer Gerbi, Griffin Hellebuyck, Elizabeth Horowitz, Joyce Korvick, Corinne Ridgway, Emily Schutz, Carly Trachtman, Patricia Yee, Jenna Zitomer


* Thrive singers