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# USC THORNTON OPERA & USC THORNTON SYMPHONY

Present

# CHÉRUBIN

an Opera in Three Acts

By Jules Massenet

Libretto by Francis de Croisset and Henri Cain

English Super Titles by David Anglin

#### **BING THEATRE • USC UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS**

**Thursday,** Nov. 16, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. **Friday,** Nov. 17, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. **Saturday,** Nov. 18, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. **Sunday,** Nov. 19, 2023 | 2:00 p.m.



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Brent McMunn, conductor
Ken Cazan, resident stage director & set designer
David Jacques, set and lighting designer
Elena Flores, costume designer

There will be a 20-minute Intermission after Act I and a 2-minute pause between Acts II & III

The shows on the 18th and 19th will be livestreamed. Find out more at recording.la/thorntonlive

Tickets will be available via the USC Ticket Office online or call (213) 740-4672. Walk-up purchases will also be available at the theater box office.

USC students, staff and faculty with valid ID, free. Senior, alumni and non-USC students, \$12. General public, \$20.

The USC Thornton Opera production of Chérubin is presented in memory of
Dr. Alan L. Smith
beloved colleague, friend, and mentor.
Rest well, Alan.



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### CHÉRUBIN CASTS

| ROLES                   | THURS./SAT.      | FRI./SUN.          |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Chérubin                | Andrea Church    | Lindsay Martin     |
| L'Ensoleillad           | Haiming Wu       | Maia Aramburú      |
| Nina                    | Chloe Sundet     | Marina Beeson      |
| La Comtesse             | Isabel Fernández | Madeline Andriesen |
| La Baronne              | Estefani Lopez   | Zineb Fikri        |
| Le Philosophe           | David D'Ardenne  | Erick Mosteller    |
| Le Duc                  | Daniel Voight    | Stephan Lee        |
| Le Comte                | Jordan Jones     | Adrian Melendrez   |
| Le Baron                | Kevin Allen      | Kevin Allen        |
| Captain Ricardo         | Emmanuel Yoque   | Albert Stanley     |
| L'Aubergiste/L'Hôtelier | Ajani Harris     | Ajani Harris       |
| Le Corregidor           | Mark Willenbring | Mark Willenbring   |

#### **CHORUS**

Sopranos & Mezzos: Yan Cui, Jenny Brown, Bryan Finley, Elysa Hernandez, Grace Jong, Joanna Kim, Xin Liang, Karah Rhoades, Kaityn Son

Tenors & Baritones: Ryan Benson, Ben Cross, Evan Fox, Albert Gonzáles, Mark Willenbring, Stephan Lee (Thu/Sat), Adrian Melendrez (Thu/Sat), Albert Stanley (Thu/Sat), Daniel Voigt (Fri/Sun)

### **USC THORNTON SYMPHONY**

Carl St.Clair, principal conductor & artistic leader
Sharon Lavery, resident conductor

| Violin I  | Bass  | Bassoon   | Tuba  |
|---|---|---|---|
| Soomi Park  | Jared Prokop  | Jerver Hernandez  | Logan Westerviller                                |
| Abigail Park  | Lillian Young   | Christopher Lee   |   |
| Marena Miki   |   | \$1000,000 (\$400,000)  | Timpani   |
| Agatha Blevin   | Flute   | Horn  | Brandon Lim                                       |
|   | Gaby Beltran  | Jean Smith  |   |
| Violin II   | Ellen Cheng   | Rebecca Baron   | Percussion  |
| Robert Henson   | -   | Caleb Durant  | Marcos Salgado                                    |
| Eric Cheng  | Flute/Piccolo   | Steven Phan   | Leigh Wilson                                      |
| Laura Gamboa  | Jenny An  |   |   |
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| Semaj Murphy  |   | Trumpet   | Harp  |
| Semaj Murphy  | Oboe  | <i>Trumpet</i><br>Kobina Sampson-   | <i>Harp</i><br>Carter Wiliams                     |
| Semaj Murphy<br>Violα                                     | <b>Oboe</b><br>Jingming Zhao                                      | •   | •   |
| 10 miles  |   | Kobina Sampson-   | •   |
| Viola   | Jingming Zhao   | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis  | Carter Wiliams                                    |
| <i>Violα</i><br>Nico Valencia                             | Jingming Zhao   | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis<br>Ryan Fuhrman  | Carter Wiliams  Mandolin                          |
| Violα<br>Nico Valencia<br>Yu-Chen Yang                    | Jingming Zhao<br>Alex Changus                                     | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis<br>Ryan Fuhrman  | Carter Wiliams  Mandolin                          |
| Violα<br>Nico Valencia<br>Yu-Chen Yang                    | Jingming Zhao<br>Alex Changus<br>Oboe/English Horn                | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis<br>Ryan Fuhrman<br>Lauren Spring                             | Carter Wiliams  Mandolin  Michael Vascones        |
| Violα<br>Nico Valencia<br>Yu-Chen Yang<br>Katherine Brown | Jingming Zhao<br>Alex Changus<br>Oboe/English Horn                | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis<br>Ryan Fuhrman<br>Lauren Spring<br><i>Trombone</i>          | Carter Wiliams  Mandolin  Michael Vascones  Piano |
| Violα<br>Nico Valencia<br>Yu-Chen Yang<br>Katherine Brown | Jingming Zhao<br>Alex Changus<br>Oboe/English Horn<br>Chase Klein | Kobina Sampson-<br>Davis<br>Ryan Fuhrman<br>Lauren Spring<br>Trombone<br>Pablo Castro | Carter Wiliams  Mandolin  Michael Vascones  Piano |

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#### **UPCOMING OPERA PROGRAM EVENTS**

#### **Opera Scenes**

February 2, 2024 · 7:00 p.m. Newman Recital Hall Free Admission

In the spring of 2024 **USC Thornton Opera Program Presents** a double-bill production of

#### La Passion de Simone

by Kaija Saariaho libretto by Amin Maalouf

#### The Juniper Tree

by Phillip Glass and Robert Moran libretto by Arthur Yorinks

Thornton OperaLab Raubenheimer Music Faculty Building (MUS 105)

> April 18, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. April 19, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. April 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. April 21, 2024 | 2:00 p.m.



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