

PEER GYNT

ORCHESTRAL SPECTACULAR



**PRESIDENT'S
HOLIDAY CONCERT**

December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

EMPAC Concert Hall

PROGRAM NOTE FROM NICK AND REBECCA

Welcome to the 2017 Rensselaer Holiday Concert! We are thrilled to present our original adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's 1867 play *Peer Gynt*, with music by Edvard Grieg. Ibsen's play tells the story of title character Peer Gynt, a Norwegian everyman who is a deeply flawed, beloved, and comic figure. The tale follows Peer on a madcap romp spurred by the advice of a philosophizing monster (The Boyg) to "go roundabout." Peer wanders the world, from the troll-filled mountains of Norway, to Morocco and the Middle East, encountering wild and wonderful creatures. A marvel of consistency and resilience throughout, Peer never loses sight of his own inflated ego, penchant for outright lies and brash exaggerations, and comically fragile sense of self. And when Peer finally returns home once again, it seems his follies and failures have taught him nothing. Throughout Peer's misadventures, which are fraught with both peril and hilarity, he is magically protected by Solveig, a beautiful girl from his village who loves him dearly, and is the true hero of the story.

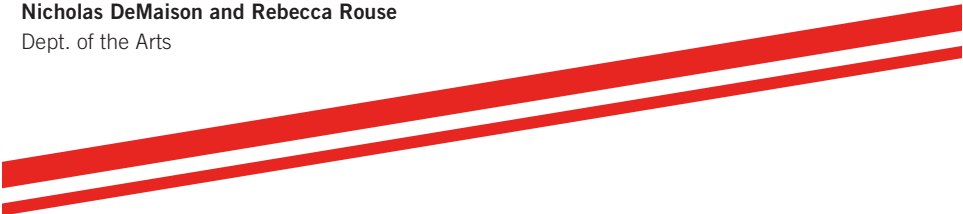
Our new adaptation has worked to emphasize dramatic action, fantasy, and of course, Grieg's enchanting score, which is not often heard beyond a few pieces collected in the *Peer Gynt Suite*. Grieg's score combines well-known and beloved melodies with Norwegian folkloric tunes and sonic impressions of fairy-tale landscapes. This production brings together several campus groups for the first time: EMPAC, The Rensselaer Orchestra and Concert Choir, the students of the Advanced Sculpture class under Prof. Jefferson Kielwagen's mentorship, and student designers, crew, and performers from the RPI Players. We are deeply grateful for the support received from the Office of the President, the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, The Rensselaer Student Union, the RPI Players, and EMPAC to make this exciting new collaboration possible.

We hope you will enjoy the stunning orchestral and choral works, humor, and ultimate triumph of the power of love showcased in this sparkling Norwegian fairy tale, as a storybook brought to life on stage.

Wishing you and yours the very best of the holiday season,

Nicholas DeMaison and Rebecca Rouse

Dept. of the Arts



SPECIAL THANKS

Office of the President

School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and Dean Mary Simoni

The Rensselaer Student Union

The RPI Players

All of the staff at EMPAC who assisted on this project

Abraham Ferraro

Doug Fitch

University Events

**THIS PERFORMANCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO ACTS,
WITH AN INTERMISSION IN BETWEEN.**

Act 1: Peer Gynt Departs

Act 2: Peer Gynt Returns Home

PRODUCTION

Producer	Nick Karalexis
Assistant Producer.....	Katie Loughman
Assistant Producer.....	Dom Bogetto
Director.....	Rebecca Rouse
Assistant Director.....	Molly Kerwick
Music Director	Nicholas DeMaison
Theatrical Design.....	Jefferson Kielwagen
Stage Manager	Beatrice Capone
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Isabel Donelson-Newhouse
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Kathleen Quinlan
Artistic Advisor	Doug Fitch

DESIGNERS

Lighting Designer.....	Alex Zylka
Toy Theater/Properties/Set.....	Sam Jensen
Toy Theater/Properties/Set.....	Jeremy Brinker
Production Technician	Nick Marshall
Costume Designer.....	Isabel Donelson-Newhouse
Properties Designer	Jessie Gentile
Puppets/Properties	Calliana Faulk

PUPPET DESIGN TEAM (SCULPTURE 2):

Jessica Carranza	Xu Liu	Robert Schroeder	Qiaoxi Wang
Douglas Chee	Sarah Morsches	Isabella Soares	Zhe Wang
Molly Kerwick	Corwin Ruggiero	Fangzhou Sun	
Jefferson Kielwagen	Claudia Sanchez	Guinevere Tillinghast	

CAST

Narrator	Zachariah Spurrier
Puppeteer	Jackson Wong
Puppeteer	Monica Hoh
Puppeteer.....	Zachary Pearson
Puppeteer	Mark Blum
Puppeteer	Molly Kerwick
Puppeteer	Rob Stewart

RENSELAER CONCERT CHOIR

SOPRANO

Laura Bentivegna
Madison Chamberlain
Savannah Henry
Amanda Howanice
Kara Jimcosky
Xiaosha Li
Katherine Lundberg
Shelby McCarthy
Kimberley Dolanski Osburn
Sylvia Shablovsky

ALTO

Danielle Cox
Catherine Gaspard
Seraphim Le
Miriam Nieves
Jane Thibeault

TENOR

John Baldassano
Kyle Hackett
Clifford Morrison
Vincent Putrino
Matthew Yale

BASS

Thomas Donlon
Jeremy Falls
Patrick Love
Liam Mahoney
Adam Merkle
Terry Nguyen
Chris Vecchio

CONCERT CHOIR ASSISTANT

Kara Jimcosky

RENSELAER ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

John Vincent Parin
(co-concertmaster)
Jeongwon Choi
Charmaine-Grace Barlow
(co-concertmaster)
Miriam Rundell
Julie Ryland
Erica Dicker*
Sarah Goldfeather*

VIOLIN II

Nathaniel Moretz
(principal)
Sylvia Shablovsky
Andrea Deeb
Elisabeth Schanz
Louis Silvestro
Chloe Fisher
Alex Seftas
Lavinia Pavlish*
Megan Gould*

VIOLA

Frederick Choi
(principal)
Kyle Murdock
Tenzin Tashi
Anna Heflin*
Isabela Quines*
Karen Waltuch*

CELLO

Ryan Waddell
(principal)
Frank Peters
Miranda Kaiser
Sue Cho
Emmett Williamson
Jack Zhu
Naila Brown
Ceilia Biggins
Tobi Hahn
Nolan Bunyaviroch
Leonardo Price
Sean Burns
DOUBLE BASS
Peter Firmin *(principal)*
Anthony Naslas
Emily Lockwood
Glenn Edmonds
Mark Berquist
Patrick O'Connell*

FLUTE

Jacob Walker
Joyce Yom

PICCOLO

Joseph Souto

OBOE

Elisabeth Ryan
Daniel Ackermans

CLARINET

Dalton Slegel
Christina Gesele

BASSOON

Brian Callahan
Nikhil Shah

FRENCH HORN

Emily Lottes
Tristan Protzman
James Cassidy
Duncan Turner
Nathaniel Hastings

TRUMPET

Harrison Ma
Drake Niedzielski

TROMBONE

Jason Li
Mallory Peskens
Dalton Mooring

TUBA

Bingjia Wang

PERCUSSION

Nicholas Johnson
Ankit Juneja
Brendan Lathrop
Griffin Smith

ORCHESTRA TAs

Eric Miller
Andrea Williams

ORCHESTRA ASSISTANTS

Andrea Deeb
Tenzin Tashi
Sean Burns
Dalton Mooring
Ryan Waddell

* *Guest musicians*



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