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Andrea Kalyn President

Pratt Residency and Performance Series for Early Music

Susanna Ogata, guest director

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643) Canzona quinta a quattro

Arcangelo Corelli (1653–1713) arr. Harry Joelson Sinfonia in D Minor from Santa Beatrice d'Este

Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632–1687) Suite from Le bourgeois gentilhomme Ouverture Ritournelle Canarie Deuxième air Marche pour la ceremonie des Turcs Premier air des Espagnols Deuxième air des Espagnols Entrée des Scaramouches, Trivelins et Arlequin Chaconne des Scaramouches, Trivelins et Arlequin

Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber Bat

(1644 - 1704)

Battalia à 10

Georg Muffat (1653–1704)

Passacaglia from Sonata No. 5 in G Major, Armonico Tributo The Pratt Residency and Performance Series for Early Music was established through the generosity of Life Trustee Harold I. Pratt and his wife, Frances. The Pratt Residency provides for an annual visit from a leading artist/scholar who will work with NEC students for an intensive period of study, coaching, and performance which will enhance the students' experiences and knowledge in Early Music.

Ensemble

First Violin Susanna Ogata Octavian Pirlea Alice Lee Helena Hwang

Second Violin Thompson Wang Hayoung Choi Jusun Kim Viola Philip Rawlinson Jowen Hsu Eunha Kwon

Cello Sophia Knappe Claire Park Yi-I Stephanie Yang Bass Cailin Singleton

Harpsichord Tomer Rozen

Susanna Ogata enjoys an active performance schedule in greater New England and beyond. Her playing has been described as "warm, witty, responsive, making the tops of phrases gleam" (*Gramophone Magazine*), "warm and rich of tone" (*Fanfare Magazine*), and "electrifying energy, awesome technical command and rollicking dialogue" (*Arts Fuse Magazine*) where her performance was distinguished as a top performance of the season.

Dedicated to exploring music on historical instruments, Susanna has appeared as chamber musician and soloist with the Handel and Haydn Society, where she serves as Assistant Concertmaster, as well as with the Bach Ensemble, Sarasa, Boston Early Music Festival, Newton Baroque, Ashmont Bach Project, and Upper Valley Baroque. Solo appearances for the 2022-23 season included performances of Beethoven's Violin Concerto with the Connecticut Early Music Festival and the Reading Symphony Orchestra as well as baroque concertos with Upper Valley Baroque and Ashmont Bach Project. She has had the opportunity to work with early music specialists such as Raphaël Pichon, Harry Christophers, Sir Roger Norrington, and Bernard Labadie, among others.

Susanna and keyboardist Ian Watson completed "The Beethoven Project", surveying and recording the complete Sonatas for Fortepiano and Violin of Beethoven on period instruments, receiving praise in such publications as *The Boston Globe* (where it was distinguished as an eminent release of 2017), *BBC Music Magazine, Strad Magazine, Gramophone,* and *Early Music Review. The New York Times* praised them for "elegant readings that are attentive to quicksilver changes in dynamics and articulation. Their performance of the Sonata No. 4 in A minor is darkly playful, their 'Kreutzer' Sonata brilliant and stormy." They completed a twoyear residency, called "On Beethoven's Piano", at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, performing and working with students there.

Susanna is currently enjoying early music coaching with music students at the New England Conservatory through the Pratt Residency and Performance Series. Ms. Ogata's teachers have included Charles Castleman and Laura Bossert — and Dana Maiben with whom she studied Baroque violin. She also worked extensively with Malcom Bilson and Paul O'Dette while completing her undergraduate and graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music.

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