

SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

2013 Orchestra Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW: The Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra is central to the international excellence of performance at Spoleto Festival USA, providing a valuable opportunity for young musicians to gain extensive performance experience.

Each year an original orchestra is assembled for a 17-day Spoleto Festival USA engagement. As a result, the Festival's orchestra continually takes on a dynamic new identity with the participation of both returning and new musicians. Through nationwide auditions, an extremely talented and diverse group of young professionals is selected to form the festival's resident ensemble.

LEADERSHIP: The orchestra works closely with John Kennedy, the Festival's Resident Conductor and Director of Choral Activities, as well as with guest conductors in opera, symphonic, choral, chamber and contemporary music performances.

PERFORMANCES: As the orchestra in residence, the Festival orchestra accompanies the season's opera selections and also performs the season's symphonic concerts. In addition, smaller ensemble groups are selected to participate in choral, chamber and contemporary music performances.

MEMBERS: The 2013 Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra will consist of circa 90 musicians.

AUDITIONS: Auditions for the orchestra are granted to select applicants. They begin in January and take place in major cities across the United States including Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Miami.

CAREERS: Alumni of the Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra can be found in almost every professional orchestra in the United States, including:

- New York Philharmonic
- Boston Symphony Orchestra
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Cleveland Orchestra
- Philadelphia Orchestra
- Metropolitan Opera

The 2013 Spoleto Festival USA will take place May 24 – June 9. For additional information please visit spoletousa.org.

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