

# **The University of Alberta Symphony Orchestra**

Aaron Au, director

*Cantando Festival  
Winspear Centre, Edmonton  
8:00 pm. April 27, 2009*

***Concertino da camara for alto saxophone  
and eleven Instruments***

**Jacques Ibert**

1. Allegro con Moto
2. Larghetto - Animato Molto

Michael Morimoto, saxophone soloist

***Overture to Die Meistersinger***

**Richard Wagner**

## BIOGRAPHIES

**The University Symphony Orchestra**, directed by Professor Tanya Prochazka, is the full University of Alberta student symphony orchestra. The USO performs a wide range of repertoire, from the classical period to modern composers. The Symphony Orchestra gives a variety of concerts in the University's Convocation Hall each year, and often participates in choral concerts and operatic presentations.

### **Aaron Au, director**

A native of Lethbridge, AB, Aaron is currently a first violinist with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and a sessional instructor of violin and viola at the University of Alberta. In demand as a violinist, violist, teacher and adjudicator, Aaron has performed and taught in Canada, the US, Europe, Japan and Cuba. He recently completed his Doctorate in Music at the University of Alberta in String Performance and Pedagogy. Aaron is also active as a concert presenter through his role as President and Artistic Director of the Edmonton Recital Society. As a conductor, Aaron has served as Resident Conductor of the Mill Creek Colliery Band and as a Guest Conductor with the University of Alberta Academy Strings Orchestra. He attended the 2007 American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival and School where he worked under the guidance of Maestros David Zinman and Murry Sidlin.

### **Michael Morimoto, saxophone soloist**

Michael Morimoto is currently in his fourth year of a bachelor of music degree at the University of Alberta under the instruction of William Street and Po-Yuan Ku. In 2006, he placed 2nd in the University of Alberta Academy Strings competition, in 2007, he placed 3rd at the National Music Festival of Canada and 1st in the University of Alberta Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition. Recently, Michael performed the world premiere of Étienne Rollin's "Spatial Sax Overture" at the Saxophone Region 9 conference as the soloist with the University of Alberta Saxophone Ensemble. Michael has been featured as a soloist in many ensembles including the CHHS Band, University of Alberta Symphonic Wind Ensemble, University of Alberta Saxophone Ensemble and the University of Alberta University Symphony Orchestra. In the past, Michael has participated in masterclasses with Jean-Marie Londiex, Nobuya Sugawa and Jean-Yves Forneau.