

FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

School of Music

*presents*

***JMU Percussion Ensemble***

**Casey Cangelosi, *director***  
**Ralph Sorrentino, *guest artist***

Thursday, February 13, 2025  
7:30 pm  
Concert Hall



## Program

Misty

Erroll Garner  
(1921-1977)  
arr. Justin Lamb

Kobe Noel, *marimba*

Stubernic

Mark Ford

Emily Stevens, *solo*

Mouse in The Kitchen

Dan Curtis

Josh Sheppard, *solo*

*\*Dan Curtis – winner of the 2024 student composer composition competition*

Timelines

Michael Udow

Dr. Ralph Sorrentino, *solo*  
Aaron Trumbore, *conductor*

Trio per Uno  
III.

Nebojsa Zivkovich

Ritual Music

David Skidmore

Marimba Spiritual  
II.

Minoru Miki  
(1930-2011)

Jonathan Ramirez, *solo*

## Guest Artist, Dr. Ralph Sorrentino



Ralph Sorrentino serves as Chair of Instrumental Music and Director of Percussion Studies at West Chester University, where he teaches applied percussion and directs the West Chester University Percussion Ensemble. Ralph has served as Principal Percussionist of the Opera Philadelphia Orchestra since 2012, and as Section Percussionist with the Philadelphia Ballet Orchestra since 2008. He also performs as a substitute percussionist with The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

With these two world-class orchestras, Ralph has performed under the batons of many of the world's great conductors (Riccardo Muti, Sir Simon Rattle, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Kirill Petrenko, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Jaap van Zweden) in some of the nation's premier concert venues (Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Ravinia Festival, and the Bravo! Vail Music Festival). Ralph has also performed with the Russian National Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Philly Pops. Ralph has performed for several international dignitaries, including King Charles III (with The Philadelphia Orchestra) and Pope Francis (with the Philly Pops).

Ralph's forthcoming percussion album (*For Two*) will be released by PARMA Recordings in April 2025, and Ralph's previous percussion album (*Lo & Behold*) was released in April 2021 by Ravello Records. Ralph has recorded percussion tracks for NFL Films, including music that has been heard on the national television broadcasts of Super Bowls XL through LVIII. Ralph also performs and records with two chamber music duos: Duo PerCanto (with soprano Madeline Ley) and Electrum Duo (with flutist Sophia Anastasia).

Ralph is an artist endorser for Pearl Drums and Adams Musical Instruments, SABIAN cymbals, and Innovative Percussion.

## 2025 Personnel

Jonathan Ramirez	Brian Willey
Kobe Noel	Logan Douglas
Thomas Creighton	Rowan Lane
Benjamin Domanski	Levi Rosenberry
Andrew Harper	Adelaide Hofmann
Aiden Koehler	Kayden Taliaferro
Brendan Swiderski	Zane Johnson
Ryan Secrist	Emily Stevens
Olivia Miller	JJ Collister
Grayson Creekmore	Josh Sheppard
Brian McDermott	

***Percussion Studio Instructors:***  
***Casey Cangelosi, director***  
***Aaron Trumbore***  
***Brian Caputo***

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