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Four Concertos by Women Composers to Premiere on May Concert

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Rising young composers Stephanie Ann Boyd, Laura Harrison, Cristina Spinei, and Rachel C. Walker have written a diverse set of pieces exploring new possibilities for the concerto genre in our time. Made possible through grants from ArtsWave and Women's Philharmonic Advocacy, the New Concerto Project seeks to highlight the work of women composers in a time when they are often underrepresented in orchestral programming.

Cincinnati Soundbox Co-Artistic Director Rachel C. Walker co-coordinated the concert with Harrison; her percussion concerto "On a paper nautilus" premieres alongside Harrison's piano concerto "Corners of the Sky", Spinei's "Clarinet Concerto", and Boyd's "Rit?um" for bassoon and orchestra.

"We're so excited to present this concert - it's an opportunity to explore what living composers in the Cincinnati region and beyond are imagining. To support my peers and be part of an initiative that focuses on fresh new voices in the orchestral world is an honor," shares conductor Alexander Colding Smith.

Cincinnati Soundbox is a new music concert series that seeks to present works by living composers that aren't confined by style, reflecting a wide scope of voices and experiences in a creative and accessible way; diversify the Cincinnati music scene with works from both local composers and composers from around the United States on a rotating geographical basis; and foster discussions between composers, performers, and audiences.

Tickets are available at the door, or in advance online. For more information about the New Concerto Project, please visit <http://cincinnati-soundbox.org/new-concerto-project/>

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