

# Coastal Symphony of Georgia 2021-2022 Concert Season

Monday, February 14, 2022

Brunswick High School

8:00 p.m.

## *Love and Loss*

### Program

Alma Deutscher

George Gershwin/Robert Russell Bennett

Sergei Prokofiev

*Siren Sounds Waltz*

Symphonic Picture: *Porgy and Bess*

Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*

The opening strains of this concert might be startling, but you will soon be swept up into the full, lush passages of a lovely waltz. *Siren Sounds Waltz* is the clever work of a brilliant young English composer who was told that in order to be relevant, she must write music that reflects the ugliness of the modern world. Instead, 15-year-old Alma Deutscher decided to take the ugly sounds of the world and turn them into something more beautiful through music.

After our waltz, we head to Catfish Row and many of the best-known songs from Gershwin's beloved opera, *Porgy and Bess*. Bennett's arrangement does not adhere to the chronology of the opera, but the actual orchestration in most passages is very closely based on Gershwin's original scoring. The result is a deeply moving work including romance, loss, struggle, and fun.

Selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* continue our love theme. Prokofiev invokes in sound every circumstance, character, and mood of the story in a sort of musical pictorialism. The orchestra recreates that story for us through prominent musical episodes, varied in tone and invention, from beginning to tragic end.

*This concert will fill us with music of beauty, romance, and tragic loss.*