

# MSM BRASS ENSEMBLE

John Sheppard (BM '86), Conductor

## **PROGRAM**

MARGARET BONDS  
(1913–1972)  
(arr. Sheppard)

*Spiritual Suite*  
Valley of the Bones  
The Bells  
Troubled Water

GEORGE WALKER  
(1922–2018)  
(arr. Sheppard)

*Lyric*

ASTOR PIAZZOLLA  
(1921–1992)  
(arr. Sheppard)

*Las Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas (Four Seasons of Buenos Aires)*  
*Primavera*  
*Verano*  
*Otono*  
*Invierno*

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## **HORN**

**Thomas Viola**

*North Caldwell, New Jersey*

**Andrew Angelos**

*Seattle, Washington*

**Constance Mulford**

*Setauket, New York*

## **TRUMPET**

**Sean Alexander**

*Washington D.C.*

**Jesdelson Vasquez**

*Brooklyn, New York*

**Matthew Beesmer**

*Accord, New York*

**Ariel Shores**

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

**Allison Jenkins**

*Blue Ridge, Georgia*

**Arieh Soferr**

*Boston, Massachusetts*

## **TROMBONE**

**Eric Coughlin**

*Northborough, Massachusetts*

**Thomas Urich**

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

**Samuel George**

*Orlando, Florida*

**Jahi Alexander**

*Baltimore, Maryland*

## **TUBA**

**Tyler Woodbury**

*Chicopee, Massachusetts*

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## ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

John Sheppard has been a freelance trumpet player in New York City for 37 years. He is a member of the American Ballet Theatre Orchestra and the American Symphony Orchestra. He also performs with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, among many others. John most recently played principal trumpet in the Broadway production of *My Fair Lady* at Lincoln Center and was principal trumpet in the Broadway orchestras for *Anastasia*, *On the Town*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Disney's *Mary Poppins*. He has performed in countless other Broadway pit orchestras.

John Sheppard has performed in Japan many times with various ensembles, most recently in March of 2018 to open the first Japanese production of *Mary Poppins* in Tokyo. He has also toured Japan and Europe numerous times with Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

Mr. Sheppard has coproduced three recordings with the Metropolitan Opera Brass, acting as conductor, arranger, and performer. He has also recorded extensively for radio, television, and film, notably for the PBS documentary *Medal of Honor*.

A graduate of Manhattan School of Music, where he studied with Mel Broiles and William Vacchiano, John Sheppard also attended California State University, Northridge, where he was a student of John Clyman, Roy Poper, and Mario Guarneri. He is on the faculty at Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, where he serves as Adjunct Professor of Trumpet.

# ABOUT MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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