

From the Maestro. .

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 63rd season of the Cascade Symphony Orchestra!

We open our season with the Overture to the heroic opera *Fidelio* by Beethoven, followed by the charming *Joyous Youth* Suite by Eric Coates and the mystic *Poem of Ecstasy* by Russian composer Alexander Scriabin. Additional highlights of the season include major 19th century romantic symphonies by Chausson and Dvořák's No. 4, Rhapsodic Dance *The Bamboula* by Coleridge-Taylor, and Concerto for Birds and Orchestra *Cantus Arcticus* by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara, as well as compositions by Rossini, Borodin, and Bartók.

The Holiday Concert is sure to be a blast! Along with your favorite Christmas carols you'll hear delights from Johann Strauss to John Williams. You might raise your eyebrows hearing Minors Alterations by David Lovrien, who called his medley "Christmas Through the Looking Glass." Our concertmaster Christina Wu will indulge you with the gorgeous Meditation from the opera *Thais* by Jules Massenet and stormy Winter from Vivaldi's *The Seasons*. Additionally, per CSO tradition, we are proud to welcome some of the best high school music students in our area to perform side-by-side with the orchestra during the Sunday Holiday Concert.

I am pleased to present our superb soloists! Nathan Chan returns with the sensational Cello Concerto by Friedrich Gulda, Leonardo Zhou will present virtuosic Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2, Anders Peterson – the remarkable Crusell Clarinet Concerto No. 2, and Tokuji Miyasaka – the breathtaking Paganini Violin Concerto No. 1.

At the Children's Concert our younger audience will be introduced to the Cascade Brass Quintet, as well as a new Rising Star. David Dolacky will narrate the story of *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev. Finally, Tchaikovsky's majestic *Capriccio Italian* will crown the season.

We appreciate your unmatched loyalty and are so happy to share our love of classical music with you. And now I invite you to join us on this exciting journey of musical discovery!

Yours,

Michael Miropolsky Music Director, Cascade Symphony Orchestra



Poem of Ecstasy

LEONARD ZHOU, PIANO

BEETHOVEN Overture to Fidelio SAINT-SAËNS Piano Concerto No. 2 LEONARD ZHOU, PIANO

COATES Joyous Youth Suite SCRIABIN Symphony No. 4 The Poem of Ecstasy

Leonard Zhou, winner of Cascade Symphony's 2022 Rising Star competition, returns to perform Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2. He began studying piano at age six, and two years later, he made his debut with the orchestra at the Perugia Music Festival in Italy. Leonard has won many



awards, including a gold medal at the Northwest Chopin Festival.

October 28, 2024 @ 7:30pm Pre-concert lecture @ 6:30pm

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CHRISTINA WU, VIOLIN

A delightful collection of your favorite Christmas carols and light classics from Johann Strauss to John Williams, featuring Cascade Symphony concertmaster, CHRISTINA WU.

> Christina Wu, a Chinese-born violinist, is a versatile, charismatic, and passionate soloist, chamber musician, and educator. Christina appears frequently with many local orchestras including the Seattle Symphony.

December 15, 2024 @ 7:30pm December 16, 2024 @ 7:30pm Edmonds Center for the Arts

BARTOK and CHAUSSON

NATHAN CHAN, CELLO

BARTÓK Romanian Dances

GULDA Concerto for Cello and Winds NATHAN CHAN, CELLO CHAUSSON

CHAUSSON Symphony in B_b Major

Nathan Chan's multifaceted cello career encompasses solo, chamber music, and orchestral performance, fueled by a passion for connecting people through music and technology. He was named in a local Forbes



30 Under 30 for Seattle with over 35 million online views. Nathan has performed with renowned orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony and the Royal Philharmonic. He now serves as the Assistant Principal Cello of the Seattle Symphony.

January 13, 2025 @ 7:30pm Pre-concert lecture @ 6:30pm

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Rossini and Dvorak

ANDERS PETERSON, CLARINET

ROSSINI Overture to *L'Italiana in Algeri*

CRUSELL Clarinet Concerto No. 2 ANDERS PETERSON, CLARINET

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Rhapsodic Dance No. 1 *The Bamboula*

> DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 4 in D Minor

Anders Peterson is a Graduate student of clarinet performance at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music and a 2022 BMA graduate of USC Thornton. He is a member of the internationally acclaimed studio of Yehuda Gilad and an accomplished orchestral artist and soloist. Anders



was a 2017 member of NYO-USA, performing in Carnegie Hall and touring Latin America, and a 2018 National Young Arts Finalist.

March 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm Pre-concert lecture @ 6:30pm Edmonds Center for the Arts

The Devil's Violin

TOKUJI MIYASAKA, VIOLIN

BORODIN In the Steppes of Central Asia

PAGANINI Violin Concerto No. 1 TOKUJI MIYASAKA, VIOLIN

RAUTAVAARA Concerto for Birds and Orchestra Cantus Arcticus

> TCHAIKOVSKY Capriccio Italien

17-year-old violinist Tokuji Miyasaka has performed across North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He has since been featured as a soloist with the Seattle Symphony



and Philharmonia Northwest. Tokuji has made appearances on the Violin Channel, NPR, and Classical KING FM's Northwest Focus Live.

May 5, 2025 @ 7:30pm Pre-concert lecture @ 6:30pm

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CHILDREN'S CONCERT PETER & THE WOLF

by Sergei Prokofiev Dave Dolacky, narrator

> also featuring Cascade Brass Quintet and Rising Star (TBA)

February 8, 2025 @ 3:00 pm Edmonds Center for the Arts

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