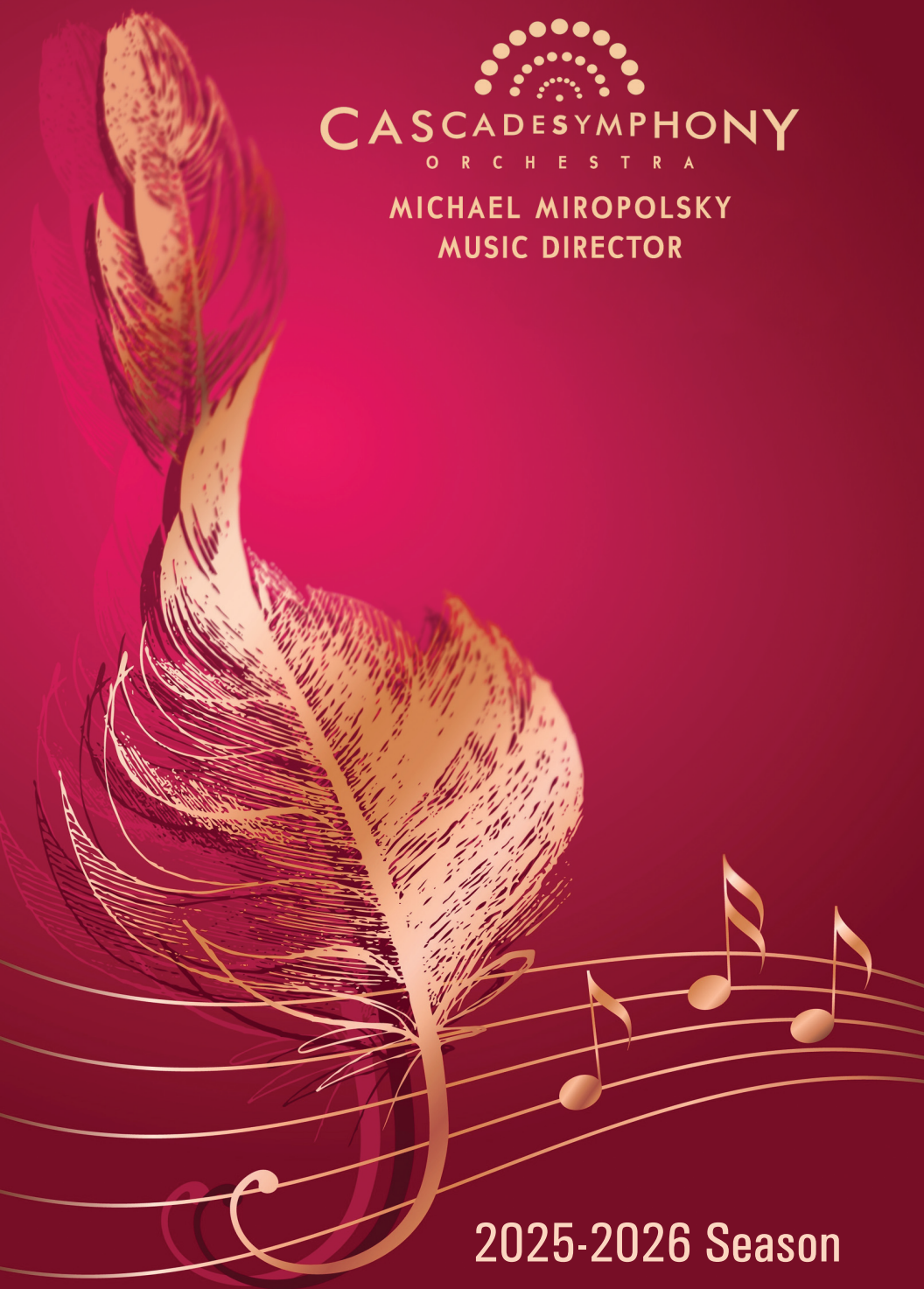




MICHAEL MIROPOLSKY  
MUSIC DIRECTOR



2025-2026 Season

# FROM THE MAESTRO

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the spectacular 64th season of the Cascade Symphony Orchestra!

It will be full of exciting discoveries, as we will be performing many pieces for the first time. Our repertoire includes beloved classics like Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Respighi's *Roman Festivals*, alongside less frequently heard masterpieces such as Kabalevsky's Symphony No. 2 and the *Langsam* movement from Mahler's Symphony No. 3. We'll also present gems like Wagner's Overture to *Rienzi*, Liadov's *Baba Yaga*, Hérold's Overture to *Zampa*, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 3, Dvořák's Overture to *Vanda*, and Bernstein's Overture to *West Side Story*.

We're thrilled to showcase an impressive roster of local soloists this season. Cellist Sunnat Ibragimov will perform Lalo's Cello Concerto, while sisters Jacqueline and Katherine Audas will join forces for Brahms' Double Concerto for Violin and Cello. The Northwestern Winds will delight us with Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. Additionally, two exceptionally talented young pianists, Aaron Jin and Jeffrey Zhao, winners of the 2025 Eastside Piano Competition, will grace our stage at the Opening Night concert.



Our Holiday concert will be a festive treat, featuring brilliant pieces by Johann Strauss, Smetana, Mancini, Sousa, and others. The exquisite soprano Kristin Vogel will present your favorite Christmas carols and popular operatic arias. As part of our Gold Medalist Program, students from local high schools will join our orchestra for the second half of Sunday's concert.

This season's Family concert will feature Francis Poulenc's charming *The Story of Babar*, narrated by Dave Dolacky. In addition, we will finally find out who our next Rising Star will be! In the fall and spring, our musicians will present their Chamber music concerts.

Classical music has the power to bring joy and enrich our humanity. We, the musicians, look forward to sharing this wonderful music with you, our loyal audience. We invite you to join us on this exciting journey, where each evening spent in the company of the world's greatest composers promises to be unforgettable.

Are you ready for another season of musical adventure?

Yours sincerely,

*Michael Miropolsky*

Music Director, Cascade Symphony Orchestra



# OPENING NIGHT AND PIANO CELEBRATION

**GRIEG** Piano Concerto, 1st movement

**AARON JIN, PIANO**

**MENDELSSOHN** Piano Concerto No. 1

**JEFFREY ZHAO, PIANO**

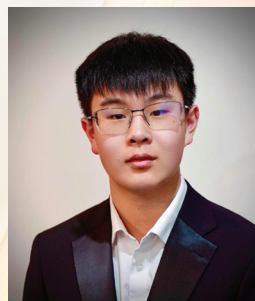
**LIADOV** *Baba Yaga*

**GOLDMARK** *In the Garden*

**KABALEVSKY** Symphony No. 2



Aaron Jin



Jeffrey Zhao

Aaron Jin and Jeffrey Zhao, winners of the prestigious Eastside Piano Competition, help open Cascade Symphony's 64th season with piano concerti by Grieg and Mendelssohn. Aaron was a gold medalist in the 2024 Seattle International Virtuoso competition. Jeffrey, gold medalist at the Pacific International Piano Competition, previously performed Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 1 with Cascade Symphony in 2022.

**October 27, 2025 – 7:30PM**

(Pre-concert lecture - 6:30PM)

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# HOLIDAY POPS

A delightful collection of your favorite Christmas carols and light classics, including music by Johann Strauss, Bizet, Puccini, Mancini, Sousa and others. **KRISTIN VOGEL**, soprano, returns to celebrate the season with inspiring holiday songs and famous operatic arias.

Acclaimed for her powerful lyric voice and onstage intensity, soprano Kristin Vogel has been lauded for roles that require dramatic passion and sensitive musicality, such as Puccini's *Tosca*, Mimi in *La Bohème* and Donna Elvira in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. Performing regularly in Europe and the United States, she divides her time between Vienna and the Pacific Northwest.



**December 14 & 15, 2025 – 7:30PM**

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# BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH

**WAGNER** Overture to the opera *Rienzi*

**LALO** Cello Concerto in D minor

**SUNNAT IBRAGIMOV, CELLO**

**JANACEK** Adagio from *Idyll*

**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.5



Cellist Sunnat Ibragimov, an Uzbekistan native and current Seattle Symphony member, previously served as Principal Cellist of the prestigious Tanglewood Festival Orchestra. He has performed with major orchestras in Asia and North America and now is pursuing doctoral studies at the renowned Peabody Institute. He joins Cascade Symphony to perform Edouard Lalo's lyrically romantic Cello Concerto.

**January 12, 2026 – 7:30PM**

(Pre-concert lecture - 6:30PM)

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# BRAHMS DOUBLE CONCERTO

**ELGAR** Pomp and Circumstance March No. 3

**BRAHMS** Double Concerto for Violin and Cello

**JACQUELINE AUDAS, VIOLIN**

**KATHERINE AUDAS, CELLO**

**HEROLD** Overture to the opera *Zampa*

**MAHLER** *Langsam* from Symphony No. 3

Stunning sisters and Seattle Symphony members, Jacqueline and Katherine Audas, join Cascade Symphony as soloists in Brahms' magnificent Double Concerto for Violin and Cello. Both earned degrees from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and have been winners at prestigious international competitions. They have appeared with major orchestras and music festivals on four continents.



**March 9, 2026 – 7:30PM**

(Pre-concert lecture - 6:30PM)

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# FROM MOZART TO BERNSTEIN

**DVOŘÁK** Overture to the opera *Vanda*

**MOZART** Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major  
for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon and Horn

**NORTHWESTERN WINDS**

Edward Benyas, Denise Lum, Steven Morgan, Jill Jaques

**BERNSTEIN** Overture to *West Side Story*

**WARD** America the Beautiful

**RESPIGHI** Roman Festivals

Northwestern Winds musicians have collectively performed with the Chicago, Seattle, Milwaukee and Oregon Symphonies, the Seattle, Santa Fe and Chicago Lyric Operas, the Pacific Northwest and Joffrey Ballets, and at the Spoleto, Carmel Bach and Bellingham Music Festivals, among others.



**May 4, 2026 – 7:30<sup>PM</sup>**  
(Pre-concert lecture - 6:30PM)  
**Edmonds Center for the Arts**

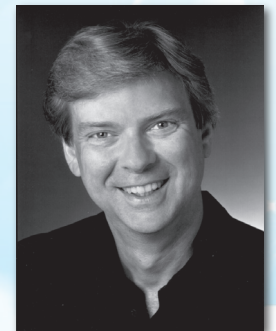
# FAMILY CONCERT *THE STORY OF BABAR*

**DAVE DOLACKY, NARRATOR**

also featuring

**Rising Star (TBA)**

The role of announcer is familiar territory for Dave Dolacky. In Seattle he was an on-air personality for KISW-FM, KVI, and from 1980 to 2000 a news and talk show host for KIRO Radio & Television. He continues to use his voice talent by performing in Reader's Theater, MC hosting of performance events, and doing voice-over work.



**February 7, 2026 – 3:00<sup>PM</sup>**  
**Edmonds Center for the Arts**

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## FALL CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN EDMONDS

November 13, 2025 - 7:00PM  
Edmonds Waterfront Center



## SPRING CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN LYNNWOOD

April 11, 2026 - 7:30PM  
Maple Park Lutheran Church



## SPRING CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN EDMONDS

April 28, 2026 - 7:00PM  
Edmonds Waterfront Center

# 2025-26 Ticket Order Form

	Adult Earlybird*		Adult beginning June 1		Under 50 Earlybird*		Under 50 Beginning June 1		Subtotal
	qty	price	qty	price	qty	price	qty	price	
Season Tickets (Oct, Dec, Jan, Mar, May concerts)		\$115		\$125		\$105		\$115	
Preferred date for Holiday Pops: _____ Sunday, Dec. 14 _____ Monday, Dec. 15									

\*Early Bird prices apply only to season ticket purchases made before June 1

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Single Concerts (available after August 1)		qty	price	qty	price	qty	price	
	October 27: Opening Night		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	December 14: Holiday Pops		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	December 15: Holiday Pops		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	January 12: Beethoven's Fifth		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	March 9: Brahms Double Concerto		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	May 4: From Mozart to Bernstein		\$30		\$25		\$10	
	February 7: Family Concert		\$15		\$15		\$5	
	November 13: Chamber Concert Edmonds		\$15		\$15		\$5	
	April 11: Chamber Concert Lynnwood		\$15		\$15		\$5	
April 28: Chamber Concert Edmonds		\$15		\$15		\$5		
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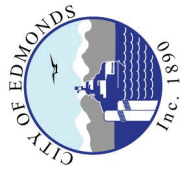
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