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THE RETURN OF

Great Orchestral Works

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA,



Julien Benichou

This season marks the heroic return of one of the most precious things in all of our existences: live performances. Thankfully, the Mid-Atlantic Symphony never quite closed its doors. It is nevertheless with a sense of joy and enthusiasm that we return to performing with our full orchestra. The choice of an orchestra-focused program to open our season is to celebrate this return and Beethoven's Eroica will pay tribute to all the unsung heroes of the period we have just gone through. The second movement, the Funeral March will pay homage to the victims of COVID-19.

In our November concert, the young American oboist Joshua Lauretig will delight us with Marcello and Vivaldi and the MSO strings will shine in Tchaikovsky's lush Serenade. For Holiday Joy and New Year's Eve we welcome two of the world's foremost sopranos: Norah Amsellem, who has sung as prima donna in every major house in the world and up and coming star Leah Hawkins who is currently on the Metropolitan Opera roster and being featured in several upcoming productions.

In March, stellar French cellist Dominique de Williencourt will join us for Saint-Saëns' less played Cello Concerto #2, a marvel to be discovered. Opening the program will be the winner of our second Elizabeth Loker Concerto Competition and closing it will be Schumann's haunting and glorious Symphony #2.

And because we want to celebrate life's beauty and happiness, the luminous Mozart Clarinet Concerto and Brahms Symphony No. 2 will close our Return of the Great Orchestral Works season. We are delighted to welcome YaoGuang Zhai, the amazing principal clarinetist of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

We can't wait to celebrate this thrilling Return of the Great Orchestral Works and share the joy of music with you!

Sincerely,

Julien Benichou, Music Director

MSO VACCINATION POLICY

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra is just months away from inaugurating the 2021-2022 season, in which we will once again welcome audiences to venues across the DelMarVa Peninsula. We can't wait to welcome our dedicated audiences back to each of our venues as we once again gather for full capacity live performances.

During this critical time, the MSO is pleased to announce that our orchestra and staff will all be fully vaccinated. It is imperative to us that our audience feel safe and comfortable when attending our concerts in person. We will require proof of vaccination from each of our orchestra members, guest artists, and staff.

To ensure that audience members, musicians, and staff are safe and comfortable as we share the thrill of live symphonic music, we will also require that everyone attending our concerts show proof of vaccination upon arrival at the performance venue.

Persons who cannot provide proof of vaccination will not be admitted to our performances. For further information regarding our policy please visit our website at midatlanticsymphony.org.



Sponsorships, season subscriptions and single tickets can be ordered online at midatlanticsymphony.org or via the attached form.

For additional information, visit the MSO website or call 888-846-8600.

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40 East Dover St., Easton, MD 21601

Cape Henlopen High School
1250 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

Christ Church
111 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601

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11227 Racetrack Rd., Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Easton Church of God
1009 N. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601

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723 Mecklenburg Ave, Easton, MD 21601

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19285 Holland Glade Rd, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Performing Arts Center
4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

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Rt 50 & 213, Wye Mills, MD 21679

SEPTEMBER | A HEROIC RETURN

Thursday, September 23, 7:30 PM
Easton High School, Easton, MD

Saturday, September 25, 7:30 PM
Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE

Sunday, September 26, 3:00 PM
Performing Arts Center, Ocean City, MD



Overture to Khovanshchina, Modest Mussorgsky
La Tombeau de Couperin, Maurice Ravel
Symphony No. 3, Ludwig Van Beethoven

NOVEMBER | DOUBLE REED & SERENADE

Thursday, November 11, 7:30 PM
Easton Church of God, Easton, MD

Saturday, November 13, 7:30 PM
Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE

Sunday, November 14, 3:00 PM
Community Church, Ocean Pines, MD



Joshua Lauretig,
Oboe

Romance for Strings, Julien Benichou
Oboe Concerto in C Major, Antonio Vivaldi
Concerto for Oboe and Strings in D Minor, Alessandro Marcello
String Serenade, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

A FESTIVE SELECTION OF HOLIDAY MUSIC

Holiday Joy!

Friday, December 3, 7:00 PM
Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD

Saturday, December 4, 7:00 PM
Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE

Sunday, December 5, 3:00 PM
Performing Arts Center, Ocean City, MD



Norah Amsellem,
Soprano

A TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR!

Friday, December 31, 7:00 PM
Christ Church, Easton, MD
Livestream tickets are also available.



Leah Hawkins,
Soprano

MARCH | SAINT-SAËNS 101
Also featuring the winner of the Elizabeth Loker Concerto Competition

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7:30 PM
Easton Church of God, Easton, MD

Saturday, March 12, 2022, 7:30 PM
Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3:00 PM
Community Church, Ocean Pines, MD



Dominique de Williencourt, Cello

Elizabeth Loker Concerto Competition Winner
Cello Concerto No. 2, Camille Saint-Saëns
Symphony No. 2, Robert Schumann

APRIL | A GLORIOUSLY RADIANT FINALE
Weber, Mozart, and Brahms *Livestream tickets are also available.*

Friday, April 22, 2022, 7:00 PM
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 7:00 PM
Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
Performing Arts Center, Ocean City, MD



YaoGuang Zhai,
Clarinet

Overture to Euryanthe, Carl Maria von Weber
Clarinet Concerto in A Major, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Symphony No. 2, Johannes Brahms

For unforeseen circumstances, soloists and programs are subject to change without notice. The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, a nonprofit organization, is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Talbot County Arts Council, the Worcester County Arts Council, the Sussex County Council, the Van Strum Foundation, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Coastal Style Magazine, Delmarva Public Media, as well as other generous donations from corporations, organizations, and individuals.

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