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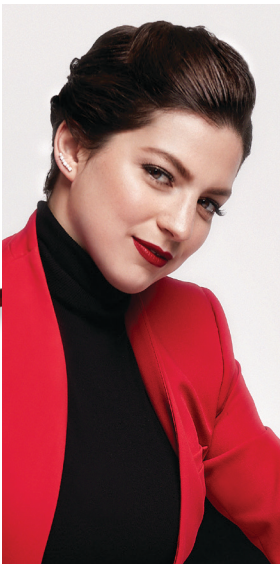


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2023-24 SEASON

BEETHOVEN AND BEYOND

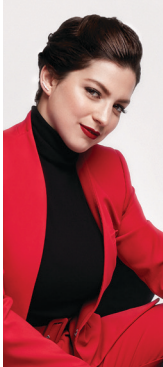


THE 2023-24 SEASON

THE CCO'S 47TH SEASON HOLDS MUCH excitement and anticipation as we select our next Music Director. Our search committee narrowed the field of applicants to four finalists who will lead the orchestra in an Orchestral Series Concert. Each candidate will conduct a Beethoven symphony and a concerto featuring a renowned guest artist. Additionally, each conductor has chosen the opening piece for each concert.

AS A SUBSCRIBER, YOU WILL HAVE opportunities to provide feedback on each candidate and to attend special events throughout the season.

THE EXHILARATING SEASON WILL CLOSE with Passing the Baton, a program featuring CCO Concertmaster Christina Bouey as soloist on Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. At that concert we will honor Grant Cooper for his last time on the podium as Interim Music Director and will reveal the name of our new Music Director. Audience members are invited to stay for a special celebratory reception.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

BEETHOVEN'S SIXTH

Jeffery Meyer, Conductor

Jeffery Meyer has captivated audiences throughout North America, Europe, Russia, and Asia with a passion for championing contemporary orchestral music and groundbreaking collaborations. He is professor of music in orchestral conducting at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music as well as Artistic Partner with the Northwest Sinfonietta, one of the Northwest United States' most dynamic orchestras. Meyer previously led the acclaimed orchestral programs at Arizona State University and Ithaca College. *He will be joined by Ithaca-based pianist Xak Bjerken.*

OCTOBER 21, 2023

BEETHOVEN'S EIGHTH

Guillaume Pirard, Conductor

With a deep belief in the power of collaborative music making to create transformational experiences for musicians and audiences alike, Guillaume Pirard has become a highly respected artist and educator of his generation. Mr. Pirard has conducted orchestras including the New York University and Cornell University Orchestras, Ensemble X, OpusIthaca, the Philharmonic of Moravia, the Metamorphosis Chamber Orchestra, the Lviv Philharmonic, the Mannes School of Music Opera and the Mannes Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic and Ensemble 21. He was also co-concertmaster and founding member of The Knights, touring extensively through United States and Europe and previously led the esteemed Cornell University Orchestra. Pirard will serve as Visiting Professor of Violin at Ithaca College for the 2023-24 academic year. *He will be joined by British Cellist Guy Johnston.*

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

BEETHOVEN'S SECOND

Michelle Di Russo, Conductor

A graceful yet powerful force on the podium, Argentinian-Italian conductor Michelle Di Russo is known for her compelling interpretations, passionate musicality, and championing of contemporary music. Currently serving as Associate Conductor on her second season with North Carolina Symphony, Di Russo will be making her debut with Portland Symphony (ME) and Vermont Symphony this season and will cover for St. Louis Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra. Di Russo was previously Interim Director of Orchestras at Cornell University. *She will be joined by emerging double bass artist, Kebra-Seyoun Charles.*

MARCH 23, 2024

BEETHOVEN'S FOURTH

Octavio Más-Arocas, Conductor

Octavio Más-Arocas is a versatile and dynamic conductor whose achievements demonstrate his talent and musicianship. He is the Director of Orchestras and Professor of Orchestral Conducting at Michigan State University College of Music, and serves a Music Director and Conductor of the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra in Ohio, Music Director and Conductor of the Marquette Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, Music Director and Conductor of the Clinton Symphony in New York, and Conductor-in-Residence at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in California. Más-Arocas was previously Director of Orchestras at Ithaca College. *He will be joined by Canadian-born violinist Lara St. John.*

A Orchestral Series

1 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
BEETHOVEN’S SIXTH
Jeffery Meyer, Conductor

7:30 pm, Ford Hall, Ithaca College
(Pre-concert Chat at 6:30 pm)

CARLOS SIMON: Fate Now Conquers

RAVEL: Piano Concerto in G Major
XAK BJERKEN, PIANO

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 6



JEFFERY MEYER



XAK BJERKEN

2 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
BEETHOVEN’S EIGHTH
Guillaume Pirard, Conductor

7:30 pm, Ford Hall, Ithaca College
(Pre-concert Chat at 6:30 pm)

ARVO PÄRT: In Spe

SHOSTAKOVICH: Cello Concerto No. 1
GUY JOHNSTON, VIOLONCELLO

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 8



GUILLAUME PIRARD



GUY JOHNSTON

3 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
BEETHOVEN’S SECOND
Michelle Di Russo, Conductwor

7:30 pm, Ford Hall, Ithaca College
(Pre-concert Chat at 6:30 pm)

PIAZZOLLA: Tangazo

ANDRÉS MARTIN: Concerto for Contra Bass
KEBRA-SEYOUN CHARLES, CONTRA BASS

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 2



MICHELLE DI RUSSO



KEBRA SEYOUN-CHARLES

4 SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
BEETHOVEN’S FOURTH
Octavio Más-Arocas, Conductor

7:30 pm, Ford Hall, Ithaca College
(Pre-concert Chat at 6:30 pm)

JESSIE MONTGOMERY: Banner

PROKOFIEV: Concerto No. 2 in G Minor
LARA ST. JOHN, VIOLIN

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 4



OCTAVIO MAS-AROCAS



LARA ST. JOHN

B Chamber Series

5 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
DVORAK AND DEBUSSY
3:00 pm, First Unitarian Church, Ithaca
SAINT-SAËNS: Fantasie for violin and harp
DEBUSSY: Trio for flute, viola and harp
BORODIN: String Trio in G Minor
DVORAK: Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat Major

6 SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
MOZART AND SCHUMANN
3:00 pm, First Unitarian Church, Ithaca

MOZART: Trio in E-flat Major, K. 398, Kegelstatt, for clarinet, viola and piano

FRANÇAIX: Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano

SCHUMANN: Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor

7 SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024
BRAHMS AND GLIÈRE
3:00 pm, First Unitarian Church, Ithaca

GLIÈRE: Selected movements for viola and cello

JULIO MEDAGLIA: Belle Epoque in Sud America for Wind Quintet

GRANT COOPER: Octagons for clarinet and string quartet

BRAHMS: Trio for violin, piano and horn

C Holiday Concert

8 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
MESSIAH
7:30 pm, Ford Hall, Ithaca College
HÄNDEL: Messiah

DEBORAH MONTGOMERY, SOPRANO

DAWN PIERCE, MEZZO SOPRANO

NATHANIAL MCEWEN, TENOR

STEVEN STULL, BARITONE

CAYUGA VOCAL ENSEMBLE
Sean Linfors, Artistic Director



MONTGOMERY



PIERCE



MCEWEN



STULL



CAYUGA VOCAL ENSEMBLE

D Passing the Baton

9 SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
THE FOUR SEASONS
Grant Cooper, Conductor

3:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca

D’INDY: Chanson et Danses

VIVALDI: The Four Seasons
CHRISTINA BOUEY, SOLOIST



GRANT COOPER



CHRISTINA BOUEY

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