Celebrating Joy
Our 2023-24 Season

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Dear Fellow Music Lovers,

When I first became seriously interested in music, I read Leonard Bernstein’s wonderful book, The Joy of Music. My impression at the time was that the book was about a lot more than being happy playing my clarinet. As I look back, this was not a surprising reaction from a ten-year-old. Now I really understand all the wealth of information and insights in Bernstein’s book can be distilled down to one word: joy. It’s a book about the celebration of being alive and the joy of sharing the miracle of our humanity with our fellow travelers on this planet.

The theme of joy runs through our WSO 2023-24 Season offering. We’re celebrating our 85th anniversary: four score and five years of concerts, teaching, learning and sharing with our community. The music we will be performing celebrates joy in its multitudinous forms. There’s the visceral joy of Beethoven’s Seventh Symphony and we also have the joy of the festive season with our Cinema and Symphony performance of Home Alone. Nature can instill a dreamy, quiet sense of joy as in Mahler’s serene and spiritual Fourth Symphony. Or, it can instill the joy of feeling every molecule in your body vibrate to Respighi’s triumphant Pines of Rome. There’s also a joy in seeing new and inspiring surroundings with our series, Music in Great Spaces, one of which, fittingly named ‘Eight Seasons’ will celebrate the music of both Vivaldi and Piazzolla at Edmond Town Hall in Newtown.

One of the greatest joys of music is that it has the power to bring us together. We enter a concert as a collection of individuals and leave changed, the many becoming one. Our 85th season is about seeing our community and world as a whole, and what brings our whole world together is the joy of music.

Leif Bjaland
Music Director and Conductor
Welcome to our 85th Season!

We are excited to share this 85th Season line up with you! While we have some lovely additional ‘Great Spaces’ concerts percolating for this coming year, we are thrilled to offer these wonderful programs to you for our 2023-2024 Subscription Season. Subscription discounts are available until September 10th. Ordering now will secure you the best value and seating for what will be fabulous season. You can order your subscription completely over the phone or using the enclosed form.

Our core guiding belief

Music, Music Education & Shared Cultural Experiences are essential for humanity.

Do you know?

Roughly half of our annual resources go to music education, mostly for underserved communities, including: Our Bravo Waterbury! after-school program (teaching music for 11+ years), Middle & High School mentoring programs, and our beloved Creating Musical Readers events for Elementary Schools and Libraries.

Support the WSO

Ask us about

- **Our new WSO Continuo Club**
  For our donors of $500 or more, complimentary Quarterly Meet & Greets on the 2nd Sundays of March, June, September & December, Black Box Theatre Receptions, and more

- **Our WSO Altissimo Club**
  For our generous donors of $1000 or more, all Continuo Club benefits plus backstage passes, post-concert dinner reception with soloists, and more

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Starburst!
Fine Arts Center, NVCC

Sun, Sep 17, 2023 3 pm

- Montgomery  Starburst
- Montgomery  Divided,
  Thomas Mesa, cello
- Tchaikovsky  Variations on a
  Rococo Theme for Cello and
  Orchestra, Op.33
  Thomas Mesa, cello
- Beethoven  Symphony No. 7 in
  A major, Op. 92

much like Beethoven’s meteoric 7th Symphony burst onto the scene in early 19th century Vienna, young black composer Jessie Montgomery created a sensation with Starburst for String Orchestra and Divided for cello and orchestra, written for ‘cello phenom’ Thomas Mesa.

Eight Seasons
Edmond Town Hall, Newtown

Sun, Nov 5, 2023 4 pm

- Vivaldi  The Four Seasons
- Piazzolla  Four Seasons of
  Buenos Aires

Antonio Vivaldi’s beloved The Four Seasons, which has brought joy to audiences for nearly three centuries, is paired with a more contemporary take on changeable weather, this time based in the southern hemisphere: Astor Piazzolla’s Four Seasons of Buenos Aires

Featuring Julian Rhee on violin, for both pieces
Home Alone
With Live Orchestra
Palace Theater, Waterbury

All eyes will be on the giant screen in the Palace Theater as we dive into the holiday fun with this classic family film. The WSO will be joined by the Waterbury Chorale for a performance of John Williams festive score LIVE with this timeless yuletide film.

_sat, Dec 2, 2023 2 pm_

- A family favorite, don’t miss our annual Cinema & Symphony Concert!
- Award winning John Williams score
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Classic Silent Film
Thomaston Opera House, Thomaston

Join organist Juan Cardona Jr. and WSO’s Concertmaster Alyce Cognetta Bertz on violin performing an original score along a showing of Buster Keaton’s iconic movie The General

_sat, Feb 10, 2024 4 pm_
**Concert of the Century**
Fine Arts Center, NVCC

Step into the time machine and travel back exactly 100 years. 1924 was bursting at the seams with world premieres of beloved classics like *Rhapsody in Blue* and *The Pines of Rome*. Experience Honegger's sonic steam engine, *Pacific 231* and the majesty of American composer Carl Ruggles' *Men and Mountains*.

**Heavenly Journey**
Fine Arts Center, NVCC

Composer Gustav Mahler once said, “A Symphony must be like the world. It must contain everything.” With his 4th Symphony, Mahler goes even further – beyond the earth to a heavenly realm where angels dwell. The Thomas C. Clark Young Artist Competition winner will perform what is often called ‘a Mozartian miracle’, the final concerto in a life that was too short: The Celestial Clarinet Concerto in A.

**Sun, Mar 17, 2024 3 pm**
- **Honegger** *Pacific 231*
- **Tailleferre** Concerto for Piano & Orchestra
  - Albert Cano Smit, piano
- **Gershwin** *Rhapsody in Blue*
  - Albert Cano Smit, piano
- **Ruggles** *Men & Mountains*
- **Respighi** *Pines of Rome*

**Sun, May 19, 2024 3 pm**
- **Mozart** Concerto for Clarinet & Orchestra in A major, K. 622
  - Featuring Thomas C. Clark Young Artist Competition Winner
- **Mahler** Symphony No. 4 in G major
  - Soprano LaQuita Mitchell
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Fine Arts Center, NVCC, Waterbury

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Great Spaces Concerts

Eight Seasons – Vivaldi & Piazzolla
Sunday, Nov 5th, 2023 @ 4 pm, Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

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Silent Film with Organ & Violin
Saturday, Feb 10th, 2024 @ 4 pm, Thomaston Opera House, Thomaston

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A 15% discount is offered at time of Subscription Order [The standard $4/ticket fee is applied]

Great Spaces & Single Ticket Sales - Order Fee $2
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You may not know that tickets cover only 40% of concert costs. Your additional support directly allows us to continue to bring wonderful musicians to the stage!

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Home Alone With Live Orchestra
Saturday, Dec 2nd, 2pm, The Palace Theater, Waterbury

Home Alone tickets are booked directly with the Palace Theater Box Office. Circle the Call Me! box to have our Box Office rep call you to book your seats. You can also book online via the link on our website.

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