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2:30 PM ON  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023

# SYMPHONIC MASTERWORKS

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR

The ESO's 77th anniversary season opens with two of the symphonic canon's greatest works. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Symphony No. 41, the "Jupiter," was his final symphony, and the pinnacle of his symphonic output. A synthesis between classical and baroque eras, it is considered one of the supreme achievements of the Viennese Classical Period. Johannes Brahms's passionate Symphony No. 2 journeys from complete serenity and melancholy to culminate in triumphal joy.

**MOZART**  
Symphony No. 41  
in C Major "Jupiter"

**BRAHMS**  
Symphony No. 2 in D Major



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Johannes Brahms

2:30 PM ON  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024

# RUSSIAN/ARMENIAN DANCES

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR

Three of the Soviet Era's greatest composers are featured, beginning with four dances from Aram Khachaturian's ballet *Gayane*, including the justly famous Saber Dance. Dmitri Shostakovich wrote his Piano Concerto No. 2, a jubilant, humorous romp, for his 19-year-old piano student son, Maxim. Soloist Rick Ferguson is featured. Sergei Rachmaninoff wrote his *Symphonic Dances*, his final major composition and masterpiece in America. It is profound, beautiful, energetic, and sensuous.

**KHACHATURIAN**  
Four Dances from *Gayane*

**SHOSTAKOVICH**  
Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Major  
Rick Ferguson, *piano*

**RACHMANINOFF**  
*Symphonic Dances*



Rick Ferguson,  
*piano*



## EVANSTON SYMPHONY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Don't miss Evanston's best holiday event. The ESO leads other local arts groups in a festive program of music, song and dance. It's guaranteed holiday fun for all, including a special guest for children young and old, jolly old St. Nick.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 3:00 PM

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1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston

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2:30 PM ON  
SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024

# MOVING MOVIE MUSIC

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR  
LAROB K. RAFAEL, HOST

An intriguing concert of music in film, hosted by WFMT's LaRob K. Rafael. The concert centerpiece is George S. Clinton's stunning *The Rose of Sonora*, narrated by Rafael with violin soloist Holly Mulcahy and the Allegrezza Singers. From the melancholy of Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and sweetness of Ennio Morricone's *Cinema Paradiso* to the boisterous *American in Paris* by George Gershwin, this program runs the gamut of emotions.

**WILLIAMS**  
*The Cowboys Overture*

**MORRICONE**  
*Cinema Paradiso*

**CLINTON**  
*The Rose of Sonora*  
Holly Mulcahy, violin  
Allegrezza Singers  
LaRob K. Rafael, Narrator



Holly Mulcahy, violin



LaRob K. Rafael, Narrator

**BARBER**  
*Adagio for Strings*

**GERSHWIN**  
*An American In Paris*

2:30 PM ON  
SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024

# SOARING SAX AND DVOŘÁK'S 8TH

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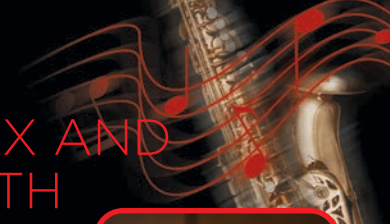
Antonin Dvořák's Slavonic Dance Op. 46 No. 1 and his sublime and joyous Symphony No. 8 surround two exhilarating French works. The first is Henri Tomasi's Saxophone Concerto performed by rising saxophonist Steven Banks, and the other is Paul Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

**DVOŘÁK**  
*Slavonic Dance Op. 46 No. 1*

**DUKAS**  
*The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

**TOMASI**  
*Saxophone Concerto*  
Steven Banks, saxophone

**DVOŘÁK**  
*Symphony No. 8 in G Major*



Steven Banks, saxophone

## PRE-CONCERT MUSICAL INSIGHTS



Everyone is invited to enjoy a sneak preview of each subscription concert. ESO Music Director Lawrence Eckerling will take you on an insider tour of the history and highlights behind the music. Join us for Musical Insights at 1:30 on the Friday preceding each series concert at The Merion, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston.



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**QUESTIONS?** Email [tickets@evanstonsymphony.org](mailto:tickets@evanstonsymphony.org) or call **847.864.8804**.

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## CONCERT VENUES

**SUBSCRIPTION SERIES CONCERTS TAKE PLACE AT:**  
**Pick-Staiger Concert Hall,**  
 Northwestern University  
 50 Arts Circle Dr., Evanston  
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**HOLIDAY CONCERT TAKES PLACE AT:**  
**Evanston Township High School Auditorium,**  
 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston.  
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For further details and maps, please visit our website, [evanstonsymphony.org](http://evanstonsymphony.org).

# 2023–2024 ESO SEASON



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