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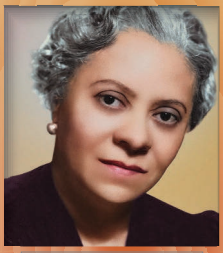
2022–2023 CONCERT SERIES

Spotlight on Women Artists



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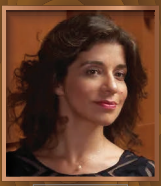

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2:30 PM ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022

WEST SIDE STORY/ PRICE 3

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR

Inna Faliks, piano

Florence Price was the first African-American woman to compose a symphony which achieved a live performance. The Evanston Symphony is proud to include her orchestral masterpiece, the tuneful Third Symphony, on the opening concert of our series spotlighting women artists. An Evanston favorite, Ukrainian-American pianist Inna Faliks shares this spotlight in the virtuoso solo part of Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. The concert opens with the orchestral suite from Leonard Bernstein's ground-breaking and ever popular *West Side Story*.

BERNSTEIN
Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*

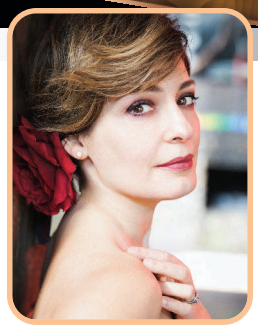
RACHMANINOFF
Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Inna Faliks, *piano*

PRICE
Symphony No. 3 in C Minor

2:30 PM ON
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

MAHLER 1

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR



Irina Muresanu, violin

ESO favorite Irina Muresanu returns in one of Prokofiev's most lyrical inspirations, the Second Violin Concerto, which was composed while he was also working on his great ballet *Romeo and Juliet.* The program opens with Mozart's effervescent Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro* and concludes with Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1, whose huge orchestra and triumphant finale have led many to believe that it is the greatest of all first symphonies.

MOZART
Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*

PROKOFIEV
Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor
Irina Muresanu, *violin*

MAHLER
Symphony No. 1 in D Major

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2:30 PM ON
SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

TCHAIKOVSKY FIRST PIANO CONCERTO

LAWRENCE ECKERLING, CONDUCTOR

Kariné Poghosyan, piano

Pulitzer Prize winning composer Jennifer Higdon created her opera *Cold Mountain* in 2015, setting it to the 1997 Civil War novel by fellow North Carolinian Charles Frazier. A consortium of orchestras including the Evanston Symphony has now commissioned an orchestral suite drawn from this opera, and its Illinois premiere will open this concert. The most popular concerto in the piano repertoire, the First Concerto of Peter Tchaikovsky, will provide the long-planned ESO debut of the Armenian-American virtuoso Kariné Poghosyan. Felix Mendelssohn's music was banned by the Nazis due to his Jewish birth, but he actually converted to the Lutheran faith at age seven. His "Reformation" Symphony honors Martin Luther and culminates in a setting of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

HIGDON
Suite from *Cold Mountain* — ILLINOIS PREMIERE

TCHAIKOVSKY
Piano Concerto No.1 in B Flat Minor
Kariné Poghosyan, *piano*

MENDELSSOHN
Symphony No. 5 in D Major "Reformation"

2:30 PM ON
SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

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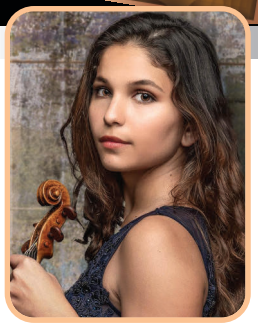

Maya Anjali Buchanan, violin

One of the fastest rising stars in the violin world, Indian-American Maya Anjali Buchanan, makes her belated ESO debut in the dazzling and difficult concerto by Tchaikovsky. The concert opens with a rousing French showpiece, Berlioz' *Roman Carnival Overture*, and concludes with Mussorgsky's monumental *Pictures at an Exhibition* in its resplendent orchestration by the Frenchman Maurice Ravel. The last of Mussorgsky's pictures provides one of the ultimate climaxes in music—the "Great Gate of Kiev."

BERLIOZ
Roman Carnival Overture

TCHAIKOVSKY
Violin Concerto in D Major
Maya Anjali Buchanan, *violin*

MUSSORGSKY *(ORCH. RAVEL)*
Pictures at an Exhibition

PRE-CONCERT MUSICAL INSIGHTS

MUSICAL INSIGHTS

Everyone is invited to enjoy a sneak preview! Composers come alive and their passions take center stage when ESO's Maestro Lawrence Eckerling and General Manager David Ellis take you on an insider's tour of the history and highlights behind the music. Join us for pre-concert Musical Insights previews at 1:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding each Sunday's scheduled concert at The Merion, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

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