

First Monday at Jordan Hall

Thirty-eighth Anniversary Season
Laurence Lesser, *artistic director*

Monday, October 3, 2022
7:30 p.m.
NEC's Jordan Hall

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PROGRAM

Marin Marais
(1656–1728)

Sonnerie de Sainte-Geneviève du Mont de Paris

Adrienne Hyde, viola da gamba
Sarah Darling '07 MM, '22 DMA, violin
Peter Sykes '78, '80 MM, harpsichord

François Couperin
(1668–1733)

L'Apothéose de Lully

Lully aux Champs-Élysées, concertant avec les
Ombres liriques (*Lully in the Elysian Fields*
performing with musicianly Shades)

Air pour les Mêmes (*Air for the same performers*)

Vol de Mercure aux Champs Élysés, pour avertir
qu'Apollon y va descendre (*Mercury's flight to the*
Elysian Fields to warn that Apollo is about to
descend)

Descente d'Apollon, qui vient offrir son violon à
Lully, et sa place au Parnasse
(*The Descent of Apollo who comes to offer his violin to*
Lully and a place on Parnassus)

Rumeur souterraine, causée par les Auteurs
contemporains de Lully
(*Subterranean rumblings from Lully's*
contemporaries)

Plaintes des Mêmes, pour des Flûtes, ou des
Violons très adoucis
(*Laments from the same, played by flutes or very*
sweet-toned violins)

Enlèvement de Lully au Parnasse (*The raising of*
Lully to Parnassus)

Accueil entre doux et agard, fait à Lully par Corelli,
et par les Muses italiénes
(*Welcome, half friendly and half hostile, given to Lully*
by Corelli and the Italian Muses)

Remercement de Lully à Apollon (*Lully's thanks to*
Apollo)

Apollon persuade Lully, et Corelli, que la réunion des Goûts François et Italien[s] doit faire la perfection de la Musique. (*Apollo persuades Lully and Corelli that the reunion of French and Italian styles must create musical perfection*)

Air léger, Lully jouant le sujet, et Corelli l'accompagnant (*Lully playing the subject, and Corelli accompanying*)

Second Air, Correlli jouant le sujet à son tour, que Lulli accompagne (*Second Air: Corelli playing the melody in turn, while Lully accompanies*)

La Paix du Parnasse, faite aux conditions, sur la Remontrance des Muses Françaises, que lorsqu'on y parleroit leur langue, on diroit dorénavant Sonade, Cantade, ainsi qu'on prononce Ballade, Sérénade, &c. (*The Peace of Parnassus, which, following a protest from the French Muses, is made on the condition that when their language is spoken, one will henceforth say "Sonade" and "Cantade", as one says "Ballade" and "Sérénade", etc.*)

Andrea LeBlanc '06, flauto traverso
Sarah Darling '07 MM, '22 DMA, violin
Adrienne Hyde, viola da gamba
Peter Sykes '78, '80 MM, harpsichord

Intermission

Claude Debussy
(1862–1918)

Cello Sonata

Prologue: Lent – Sostenuto e molto risoluto
Sérénade: Modérément animé – Fantasque et léger
Finale: Animé – Léger et nerveux

Laurence Lesser, cello
Motti Fang-Bentov '20, '22 MM, '24 GD, piano

Claude Debussy

Violin Sonata in G Minor

Allegro vivo

Intermède: Fantastique et léger

Finale: Très animé

Tessa Lark '11, '12 MM, violin

Motti Fang-Bentov '20, '22 MM, '24 GD, piano

Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp in F Major, L. 137

Pastorale: Lento, dolce rubato

Interlude: Tempo di minuetto

Finale: allegro moderato ma risoluto

Sooyun Kim '04, '07 MM, '09 GD, flute

Zhanbo Zheng '20, '22 MM, viola

Krysten Keches '14 MM, harp

Upcoming First Monday at Jordan Hall

Fall, 2022

All-French program

Saariaho *Clouds*; Poulenc *Babar*; Messiaen *Quartet for the end of time*

Kristopher Tong, Ayano Ninomiya, violin; Nicholas Cords, viola

Lluís Claret, cello; Tae Kim, Pei-Shan Lee, piano; Somin Kim, clarinet

Paula Robison, narrator

Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

All-French program

Ravel *Chansons madécasses*; Dutilleux *Ainsi la nuit*; Fauré *Quartet No. 2 in G Minor*

Jupiter String Quartet (Nelson Lee, Meg Freivogel, violin; Liz Freivogel, viola

Daniel McDonough, cello); Donald Weilerstein, violin; Cathy Basrak, viola

Blaise Dejardin, cello; Cameron Stowe, Alessio Bax, piano; Renée Krimsier, flute

MaryAnn McCormick, mezzo-soprano

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Artist biographies

Described as “a tireless force of musical curiosity, skill, and enthusiasm” and “the one to up the ante” (*Boston Musical Intelligencer*), **Sarah Darling** enjoys a varied musical career as a performer, educator, and musical co-conspirator on viola and baroque violin. She is a member of the Grammy-nominated self-conducted orchestra A Far Cry, as well as Boston Baroque, Musicians of the Old Post Road, Emmanuel Music, the Boston Ballet Orchestra, Les Bostonades, Newton Baroque, the Boston Camerata, the Boston Early Music Festival, and the Carmel Bach Festival. Sarah studied at Harvard, Juilliard, Amsterdam, Freiburg, and New England Conservatory, working with James Dunham, Karen Tuttle, Wolfram Christ, Nobuko Imai, and Kim Kashkashian. She has recorded old and new music for Linn, Paladino, Azica, MSR, Centaur and Crier Records, plus a solo album on Naxos. Sarah is active as a teacher and coach, relishing the opportunity to “translate” between musical worlds while serving on the faculty of the Longy School of Music and co-directing the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra.

Born in Beijing, China, and raised in Tel-Aviv, Israel, pianist **Motti Fang-Bentov** hails from a multicultural, east-west background. He has performed as a soloist with orchestras such as the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and the NEC Philharmonia, and under the baton of conductors such as Zubin Mehta and Vakhtang Kakhidze. He is the winner of the NEC Concerto & Honors Competition ('18), the Pnina Zaltsman Piano Competition ('12, '15), and the Ashdod Piano Competition ('12, '15). Motti has had the fortune of being supported by many awards and scholarships in his musical path; they include the Presser Award ('19), the SBCF Emerging Artist Award ('20), and the AICF Musical Excellence Award ('11-'17).

Motti is a passionate chamber musician and collaborator, and is the pianist of the Boston-based Trio Rai, with whom he has won the bronze medal at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition ('21). He also attended Ravinia's Steans Music Institute ('18, '19, '22) where he worked with mentors such as Leon Fleischer, Miriam Fried, Donald Weilerstein and Robert Levin.

Motti has previously served in the Israel Defense Forces, and has completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at New England Conservatory, under the guidance of Alexander Korsantia. He now pursues a Graduate Diploma at NEC as a Presidential Scholar with Wha Kyung Byun.

Adrienne Hyde is a multi-instrumentalist specializing in historical performance practices on the cello and viola da gamba. She performs regularly in the NYC area as a member of various continuo sections playing the baroque cello, bass viol, lirone, and bass violin. She graduated from the Eastman School of Music in 2020 and now is completing her master's degrees in Baroque Cello and Viola da Gamba at the Juilliard School on full scholarship. At Juilliard she is a Morse Teaching Artist, a Music Advancement Program Fellow, and a Gluck Community Service Fellow, through

which she teaches in NYC public schools and mentors young cellists, and provides musical service to her community. She has studied with renowned pedagogues Alan Harris, Christel Theilmann, Paul O'Dette, Sarah Cunningham, Phoebe Carrai, and Bill Christie.

This summer she joined the Carmel Bach Festival as a Young Artist performing in a string quartet focused on the study of classical and romantic period performance practice with the Diderot Quartet and Peter Hanson, concertmaster of Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique. In the 2022-23 season she will perform as a guest with American Baroque Orchestra, Trinity Wall Street Baroque Orchestra and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, and will appear as a guest musician with Repast Baroque, the Sebastians, and in recital at the Helicon Foundation. She is a passionate artistic administrator for the Valissima Institute, a conducting training program for young women committed to gender equity in classical music.

Massachusetts native **Krysten Keches** has been called an “excellent young soloist” by the *Boston Globe*. An avid orchestral musician, she performs regularly as a guest harpist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops. She is the principal harpist of Boston Festival Orchestra and the Boston-based chamber orchestra Phoenix. She has also performed with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Odyssey Opera, Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, Yo-Yo Ma’s Silkroad Ensemble, and the New World Symphony. Krysten is the harp coach for the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras, maintains a private studio, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra Foundation. She holds an A.B. from Harvard College, a Graduate Diploma from the Australian National University School of Music funded by a U.S. Fulbright scholarship, and an M.M. from New England Conservatory. She studied with Elizabeth Morse, Alice Giles, and Jessica Zhou.

Praised as “a rare virtuoso of the flute” by *Libération*, **Sooyun Kim** has established herself as one of the rare flute soloists on the classical music scene. Since her concerto debut with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, she has enjoyed a flourishing career performing with orchestras, including the Bavarian Radio Symphony, Munich Philharmonic, Munich Chamber Orchestra, and Boston Pops. She has been presented in recital in Budapest’s Liszt Hall, the Kennedy Center, Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, and Kobe’s Bunka Hall. Her European debut recital at the Louvre was streamed live on medici.tv. A winner of the Georg Solti Foundation Career Grant, she has received numerous international awards and prizes including the third prize at the ARD International Flute Competition. Her summer appearances include the Music@Menlo, Spoleto USA, Yellow Barn, Rockport, Olympiac, Charlottesville, Ravinia, and Tanglewood festivals. Her special interest in interdisciplinary art has led her to collaborate with many artists, dancers, and museums around the world such as Sol Lewitt, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Glassmuseet Ebeltoft in Denmark.

An alumna of Bowers Program (formerly CMS TWO), she is an Artist Member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. She studied at New England Conservatory under the tutelage of Paula Robison. She is currently on the faculty of the Longy School of Music of Bard College and teaches summer courses at Orford Musique. Kim plays a rare 18-karat gold flute specially made for her by Verne Q. Powell Flutes.

Violinist **Tessa Lark** is one of the most captivating artistic voices of our time, consistently praised by critics and audiences for her astounding range of sounds, technical agility, and musical elegance. In 2020 she was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Classical Instrumental Solo category and received one of Lincoln Center's prestigious Emerging Artist Awards: the special Hunt Family Award. Other recent honors include a 2018 Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship and a 2016 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Silver Medalist in the 9th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and winner of the 2012 Naumburg International Violin Competition.

She solos regularly with many of the major orchestras around the world, from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra to Seattle Symphony, and has appeared in recital in such prestigious venues and series as Amsterdam's Concertgebouw and Carnegie Hall's Distinctive Debuts series in Weill Hall (2017).

She is also a highly acclaimed fiddler in the tradition of her native Kentucky, delighting audiences with programming that includes Appalachian and bluegrass music and inspiring composers to write for her - most notably *Sky*, a bluegrass-inspired violin concerto written for Tessa by Michael Torke which earned both a Grammy nomination for Tessa and a Pulitzer finalist distinction for Torke.

Lark is a graduate of New England Conservatory and completed her Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School. She plays a ca. 1600 G.P. Maggini violin on loan from an anonymous donor through the Stradivari Society of Chicago.

Flutist **Andrea LeBlanc** is devoted to furthering the artistry and expression of the flute by performing on instruments from the baroque, classical, and romantic eras. She has been praised by *Early Music America* for her "sensitive and beautiful playing, with crystalline tone and execution [that] made you wonder why it was necessary to invent the Boehm system for flute". Andrea appears regularly with the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, the Boston Early Music Festival, Arcadia Players, Aston Magna, The Sebastians, the Connecticut Early Music Festival, Blue Hill Bach Festival, and the Big Moose Bach Festival, as well as Mercury Houston. Andrea is the co-founder of Arpeggione, a chamber ensemble that brings innovative performances of Classical and Romantic music to venues around her home on Boston's North Shore.

Laurence Lesser (President Emeritus; Walter W. Naumburg Chair in Music; Violoncello, Chamber Music; Artistic Director, "First Monday at Jordan Hall") was a top prize winner in the 1966 Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow and a guest

performer in the historic Heifetz-Piatigorsky concerts and recordings. In 1976 he gave the premiere of Menotti's *Fantasia* (written for him under a Ford Foundation grant) with the New Japan Philharmonic under Seiji Ozawa; in 1991, he performed the New England premiere with the NEC Symphony conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich. He has been a soloist with the BSO, the London Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and other major orchestras. He has appeared at the Casals, Spoleto, Marlboro, Charleston, Ravinia, Music@Menlo, and Santa Fe festivals as well as London's South Bank Summer Music Festival. In 2005, Lesser was named a "Chevalier du Violoncelle" by the Eva Janzer Memorial Cello Center at Indiana University, awarded for distinguished achievements and contributions to the world of cello playing and teaching.

In 2010, Bridge Records released recordings of the complete Beethoven sonatas for cello and piano with Lesser and HaeSun Paik, which have been highly praised by the press. In the spring of 2011, Mr. Lesser performed the complete Bach Cello Suites in Jordan Hall and recorded them in August, 2015, also in Jordan Hall. They are now available through his website laurencelesser.com. His article about his transcription for cello of the lute version of Bach Suite V appeared in the May, 2018 issue of *Strad Magazine*.

Laurence Lesser was NEC president from 1983-1996, during which time he oversaw the restoration of Jordan Hall in 1995. He plays a cello made by Hieronymus Amati in 1622.

Peter Sykes, "a formidable organist who plays with artistry, subtlety, and insight," is one of the most distinguished and versatile keyboard artists performing today. His live performances on the organ, harpsichord, clavichord or fortepiano have been called "compelling and moving," "magnificent and revelatory," and "bold, imaginative, and amazingly accurate" - his recordings, most notably the groundbreaking transcription for organ of Holst's *The Planets*, have been called "satisfying and persuasive," "hauntingly beautiful," and "simply stunning." He teaches in the organ department of the University of Michigan, harpsichord at The Juilliard School in New York City, and at Boston University. For thirty-seven years has been Music Director of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational. He performs and records with Aston Magna and Boston Baroque, and has received numerous prizes and awards for his achievements, including New England Conservatory's Chadwick Medal and Distinguished Alumni Award, the Erwin Bodky Prize for Early Music, and the St. Botolph Club Distinguished Artist Award.

Chinese violist **Zhanbo Zheng** started his musical education when he took his first violin lesson at the age of 5. At 11, attracted by the warm and beautiful sound of the viola, he decided to become a violist.

In 2014, Zhanbo became the first Chinese violist to win the Primrose International Viola Competition. He is also the top prize winner of other major competitions, including the Irving M. Klein International String Competition and the Washington International Competition for Strings.

An avid chamber musician, Zhanbo has made appearances in music festivals, including Marlboro Music Festival, Ravinia Steans Music Institute, Verbier Festival Academy, Caramoor Evnin Rising Stars, and Cleveland ChamberFest. He has been invited to perform at the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society as a guest artist, and has toured the US several times with Musicians from Marlboro and Ravinia Steans Music Institute, giving performances in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Kaufman Music Center, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

As a soloist, Zhanbo has performed with the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, San Jose Chamber Orchestra, China Broadcasting Performing Arts Orchestra, and EOS Repertoire Orchestra of CCOM. In 2014, he has participated in the recording project “My Concert Hall – The Classical Music Appreciation,” which was proposed by Lanqing Li, the former Premier of the State Council of China.

Zhanbo earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the New England Conservatory where he studied with Kim Kashkashian, Miriam Fried, and Dominique Eade. He is currently pursuing his Artist Diploma at the Juilliard School under the mentorship of Paul Neubauer.

Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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FACULTY RECITAL: **MENG-CHIEH LIU**, *piano*

Chopin *Three Nocturnes*; Rachmaninoff *Variations on a Theme by Chopin*, op. 22;

Janáček *Sonata* :1.X.1905; Granados *El amor y la muerte: Balada*;

Liszt *Après une lecture du Dante, (Fantasia quasi Sonata), Deuxième année: Italie*

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC WIND ENSEMBLE, Charles Peltz, conductor: “**20th Century Giants**”

Strauss *Serenade in E-flat Major*, op. 7; Brant *Ghosts and Gargoyles*;

Hindemith *Konzertmusik*, op. 41; Varèse *Intégrales*; Debussy *L’Isle Joyeuse*

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Donald Palma, artistic director

Grieg *Holberg Suite*, op. 40; Clyne *Stride*; Dvořák *Serenade for Strings in E Major*, op. 22

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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FACULTY RECITAL: **MARYANN McCORMICK**, *mezzo-soprano* & **JJ PENNA**, *piano*
Liederabend: *Wolf Selections from the Mörike Lieder*; *Chausson Chanson Perpetuelle*;
Argento From the Diary of Virginia Woolf
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC SYMPHONIC WINDS, William Drury, conductor
Huling Into the Forest of Strange Beasts; *Blake Sinfonietta for 10 Brass Instruments*;
Holst Suite in E-flat; *Rimsky-Korsakov Capriccio Espagnol*; *Bassett Quartet for Trombones*; *Van Heusen Like Someone in Love, Beija Flor* - Jason Palmer, trumpet
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC

New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall

LIEDERABEND LXI

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Williams Hall

NEC SYMPHONY, David Loebel, conductor
Beethoven "Leonore" Overture No. 1; *Nash In Memoriam: Sojourner Truth*;
Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC JAZZ ORCHESTRA: "If You Could See Me Now"

Ken Schaphorst, conductor, leads the ensemble in works composed/arranged for voice and jazz orchestra by Calloway, Dameron, Evans, Hollenbeck, Schneider, and Strayhorn
Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

"CONNECTIONS" CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES, Max Levinson, director

Chamber music performed by students and faculty
Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC CHAMBER SINGERS: "Beyond the Night Sky"

Conductor Erica J. Washburn leads the Chamber Singers in a nocturnal journey with works by Rheinberger, Ligeti, Whitacre, Brahms, Frances-Hoad, Ešenvalds, Saindon, McDowall, and Barber
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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PERKIN OPERA SCENES

Graduate opera students perform scenes from operas by Britten, Mozart, Donizetti, Puccini, Cavalli, Rossini, Leoncavallo, and the Yiddish theater - including Gilrod and Rumshinsky's Yiddish operetta, *Di Goldene Kale (The Golden Bride)*

Wednesday-Friday, October 26-28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre

NEC PHILHARMONIA, Earl Lee, guest conductor

Wang *Labyrinth of Light*; Mahler *Symphony No. 1 in D Major "Titan"*

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

SONATA NIGHT 42, Pei-Shan Lee, director

Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Tower *Black Topaz*; Davis *Wayang II*; Takemitsu *Rain Spell*;

Crumb *Ancient Voices of Children*; Heiss *Eloquy and Serenade for Flute and Harp*

Monday, October 31, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

[NEC]SHIVAREE, Steven Drury, artistic director

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall

LIEDERABEND LXII

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Williams Hall

SONG & VERSE, Brett Hodgdon, director

Friday, November 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC SYMPHONY, Paul Biss, conductor

Mussorgsky *Night on Bald Mountain*; Simon *A Cry from the Grave*;

Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4 in F Minor*

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC WIND ENSEMBLE, Charles Peltz, conductor: "NEC Favorites"

Tomasi *Fanfares liturgiques*; Adams *Strange Birds Passing*; Tippett *Mosaic*;

Ives *Charlie Rutlage and Decoration Day*; Lully/Philidor *Musique pour les douze oboi*

Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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