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### Concert Program

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### NEC Chamber Orchestra

Donald Palma, artistic director

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

#### PROGRAM

#### Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Symphony No. 6 in D Major, Hob. 1/6 "Le Matin" Adagio - Allegro Adagio - Andante Menuet Finale: Allegro

#### Igor Stravinsky

(1882–1971)

#### Concerto in D Major, "Basel Concerto"

Vivace Arioso: Andantino Rondo: Allegro

Intermission

**Miklós Rózsa** (1907–1995)

**Concerto for Strings, op. 17** Moderato, ma risoluto ed energico Lento con gran espressione Allegro giusto Nicknamed *Le Matin*, **Franz Joseph Haydn**'s *Sixth Symphony* was his first work for Prince Paul II Anton Ezterházy back in 1761. Drawing on inspiration from the concerto grosso structure, Haydn's Sixth showcases a range of soloists in each movement, including some rare soloists such as the double bass and bassoon. It is speculated that the reason for this was to please his new employer by making reference to some popular traditions, but then making them uniquely his own. The nickname, which did not originate from the composer but was happily adopted, comes from the slow introduction of the opening movement which is said to represent a sunrise. Grouped with the Seventh and Eighth symphonies in this 'series', the nicknames spread to noon and evening for the rest of the trio.

**Igor Stravinsky**'s *Concerto in D Major* ("Basel Concerto") was commissioned in 1946 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Basler Kammerorchester. Paul Sacher, with his chamber orchestra, was responsible for commissioning and premiering important works over the course of twentieth century by composers including, to name a few: Bartók, Strauss, Henze, Honegger, Martin, Martinů, Hindemith, Carter, Lutoslawski and Dutilleux. To distinguish this work it form Stravinsky's earlier *Concerto in D* (the violin concerto), it is often given the title "Basler." It is a bright, accessible work of great rhythmic vitality, and harmonic richness, with the interval of the minor second cleverly dictating the harmonic and melodic content of all three movements. A ballet version, *The Cage*, was choreographed by Jerome Robbins for the New York City Ballet in 1951.

Hungarian-American composer, **Miklós Rózsa** was best known for composing over one hundred film scores including three Academy Award winning scores for *Spellbound, Ben-Hur,* and *A Double Life.* Rozsa described his own creative life as "a double life", composing concert music alongside his many obligations to the Hollywood studios. His violin concerto was commissioned by Heifetz, the *Sinfonia Concertante* by Piatigorsky, the *Cello Concerto* by János Starker and the *Viola Concerto* by Pinchas Zukerman.

The *Concerto for Strings* was composed in Hollywood in 1943. The music harkens back to his Hungarian roots with echoes of Bartók and Kodály.

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Violin Kitty Amaral \*\* David Carreon ‡ Bo-Wen Chen Hayong Choi §§ Nick Hammel ‡‡ Hyeon Hong § Harin Kang Yeji Lim \* Qiyan Xing

*Viola* John Clark § Njord Fossnes Rituparna Mukherjee \* Maureen Sheehan ‡

*Cello* Alexander Davis-Pegis \* Claire Park ‡ Yi-I Stephanie Yang § *Bass* Alyssa Peterson Daniel Slatch \*‡§

*Flute* Jeong Won Choe

*Oboe* Dane Bennett \* Donovan Bown

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Principal players \* Haydn ‡ Stravinsky § Rózsa

Double symbol for principal 2<sup>nd</sup> violin

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Donald Palma Artistic Director of Chamber Orchestra Andrés Almirall Performance Librarian Jackie Hu Student Librarian The NEC Chamber Orchestra was created to provide the students with an opportunity to apply the principals of chamber music in a small orchestral setting. The participants are chosen by audition at the beginning of the academic year and remain together throughout. As the ensemble rehearses and performs without a conductor, leadership responsibilities are rotated for every work performed. This affords the students an opportunity to develop communication skills, take responsibility for musical decisions and broaden their aural and score reading capabilities. Participation in the program also allows them to explore a wide range of the incredibly rich chamber orchestra literature.

#### **Donald Palma**

#### Artistic Director

Donald Palma has an active career as double bassist, conductor, and educator. A native New Yorker, Don attended at the Juilliard School and at the age of nineteen joined Leopold Stokowski's American Symphony Orchestra. As a member of the newly formed contemporary music ensemble, Speculum Musicae, he went on to win the Naumburg Competition and secure management with Young Concert Artists. A founding member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Don has toured the globe and recorded over fifty compact discs for Deutsche Grammophone, including the Grammy Award winning Stravinsky CD, Shadow Dances. Don has also been a member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and played Principal Bass in the National Arts Centre Orchestra under Trevor Pinnock. He played principal bass for Leonard Bernstein on his recording of West Side Story and was a featured artist on Kathleen Battle's recording, Grace. As a performer devoted to contemporary music, he has played and conducted dozens of premieres and recordings of important works. Elliott Carter's Figment III, Mario Davidovsky's Synchronism No. 11, and Charles Wuorinen's Spin-Off are among the many works composed for him. He has conducted three critically acclaimed CDs of American music with the Odense Symphony in Denmark. Don has conducted the Xalapa Symphony, the Bridgeport Symphony, at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires. He recorded Stravinsky's L'histoire du soldat with Rogers Waters narrating which was released by SONY in 2018. Don also appears with Orpheus on Wayne Shorter's Emanon, which won a 2018 Grammy. He frequently performs with Mistral, the Walden Chamber Players, at the Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival, the White Mountains Festival and is Music Director of the Symphony-bythe-Sea in Beverly, MA.

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#### NEC PHILHARMONIA & SYMPHONIC CHOIR, David Loebel, conductor

Pärt *Fratres;* Mozart *"Great" Mass in C Minor, K.*427- soloists: Yeonjae Cho, Josie Larsen, Ruoxi Peng, Shiyu Zhuo, soprano; Suowei Wu, tenor; Hyungjin Son, baritone

#### Wednesday, November 8, 2032 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC SYMPHONY, Paul Biss, conductor

Zwilich Jubilation; Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 – Seongwoo Moon '25 MM, piano; Dvořák Symphony No. 8 Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### CAVALLI: LA CALISTO

Performed by opera students and members of NEC Philharmonia; Brenna Corner, director; Robert Tweten, conductor *Thursday-Sunday, November* 16-19, 2023, times vary *Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre* 

NEC PHILHARMONIA, Hugh Wolff, conductor Frank *Escaramuza*; Lutoslawski *Cello Concerto*, Leland Ko '24 AD, soloist; Rachmaninoff *Symphonic Dances Wednesday*, *December 13*, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

#### Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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FIRST MONDAY IN JORDAN HALL, Laurence Lesser, artistic director - 39<sup>th</sup> season Rachmaninoff *Songs*; Rachmaninoff *Trio élégiaque No. 2 in D Minor, op. 9 Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall* 

TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers *Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall* 

#### Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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SONATA NIGHT 48, Pei-Shan Lee, director All Schumann program in collaboration with Ayano Ninomiya's violin studio *Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Burnes Hall* 

FACULTY RECITAL: VIVIAN HORNIK WEILERSTEIN, piano, CAMERON STOWE, piano, SARI GRUBER, soprano, DONALD WEILERSTEIN, violin Works by Ives, Kurtág, Schubert, and Weinberg Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

FACULTY RECITAL: LAURENCE LESSER, cello, and MINSOO SOHN, piano Bartók *Rhapsody No. 1 for Cello and Piano;* Bach *Cello Suite No. 6;* Rachmaninoff, *Sonata in G Minor for Cello and Piano Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall* 

**CMA DEPARTMENT**: "1923" A retrospective concert directed by Anthony Coleman *Tuesday, November* 14, 2023 *at* 7:30 *p.m., Jordan Hall* 

NEC NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE, Hugh Wolff, conductor Ligeti Six Bagatelles; Stravinsky Octet; Villa-Lobos Bachianas brasileiras No. 5; Boulez Messagesquisse; Yuan-Chen Li Butterfly; Piazzolla excerpts from The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall

FACULTY RECITAL: MEHMET ALI SANLIKOL Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC PERCUSSION GROUP, Will Hudgins, director Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

KIM KASHKASHIAN STUDIO RECITAL Monday, November 20, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall

GUNTHER SCHULLER LEGACY CONCERT Music, remarks, and memories performances by students, alumni, and members of NEC Wind Ensemble *Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall* 

NEC SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE, Kenneth Radnofsky, director Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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