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NEC Symphony

Paul Biss, conductor

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
7:30 p.m.
NEC’s Jordan Hall
Modest Mussorgsky (1839–1881)
arr. Rimsky-Korsakov

**Night on Bald Mountain**

Carlos Simon (b. 1986)

**Elegy: A Cry from the Grave** (2015)

**Intermission**

Piotr Ilich Tchaikovsky (1844–1908)

**Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, op. 36**
- Andante sostenuto – Moderato con anima
- Andantino in modo di canzona
- Scherzo: Pizzicato ostinato – Allegro
- Finale: Allegro con fuoco
Simon  *Elegy: A Cry from the Grave*

This piece is an artistic reflection dedicated to those who have been murdered wrongfully by an oppressive power; namely Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner and Michael Brown. The stimulus for composing piece came as a result of prosecuting attorney Robert McCulloch announcing that a selected jury had decided not to indict police officer, Daren Wilson after fatally shooting an unarmed teenager, Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The evocative nature of the piece draws on strong lyricism and a lush harmonic charter. A melodic idea is played in all the voices of the ensemble at some point of the piece either whole or fragmented. The recurring ominous motif represents the cry of those struck down unjustly in this country. While the predominant essence of the piece is sorrowful and contemplative, there are moments of extreme hope represented by bright consonant harmonies.

— Carlos Simon

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**NEC Symphony**  
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**First Violin**  
Darwin Chang Sofia  
Skoldberg Jeremiah Jung  
ChiungHan Tsai Olga Kaminsky  
Emma Servadio Aidan Daniels  
Yirou Zhang HyoJeong Hwang  
Tzu-Ya Huang Ryan Tully  
Gabriella Foster

**Second Violin**  
Sarah Campbell Kearston  
Gonzales Abby Reed Sydney  
Scarlett Tara Hagle Michael Fisher  
Emma Boyd William Kinney  
Maxwell Fairman Caroline Smoak  
Shiyu Wang Célina Bethoux

**Viola**  
Peter Jablokow Eunha Kwon  
Nicolette Sullivan-Cozza Jowen Hsu  
Katherine Purcell Nathan Emans  
Ru-Yao Van der Ploeg Harry Graham  
Philip Rawlinson

**Cello**  
Miruna Eynon Max Zhenren Zhao  
Asher Kalfus

**Flute**  
Isabel Evernham ‡  
Subee Kim  
Jou Ying Ting  
Nina Tsai *

**Piccolo**  
Honor Hickman ‡  
Anna Ridenour *

**Oboe**  
Yuhsi Chang *  
Robert Diaz  
Corinne Foley ‡

**Clarinet**  
Sarah Cho ‡  
Xianyi Ji *  
Hugo Hyeokwoo Kweon  
Cole Turkel

**Bassoon**  
Seth Goldman ‡  
Kangwei Lu  
Carson Meritt  
Jialu Wang *

‡ indicates a member of the NEC Wind Ensemble
French horn
Mattias Bengtsson
† Graham Lovely
Tess Reagan *
Xiaoran Xu

Trumpet
Matthew Mihalko
Justin Park
Allie Richmond *
Cody York ‡

Trombone
Rebecca Bertekap *
Noah Nichilo
Alex Russell ‡
Kevin Smith

Bass Trombone
Roger Dahlin

Tuba
Jordan Jenifor ‡
Hayden Silvester *

Timpani
Isabella Butler *
Eli Reisz ‡

Harp
Jingtong Zhang

Principal players
* Mussorgsky
‡ Tchaikovsky

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Special thanks to Noriko Futagami, Mickey Katz, Anthony D’Amico and Eli Epstein for their work in preparing the orchestra for this evening’s concert.
Paul Biss, conductor

Paul Biss studied at Indiana University and at the Juilliard School of Music. He was a student of Josef Gingold and Ivan Galamian. His chamber music teachers included Walter Trampler, Claus Adam, János Starker, and William Primrose.

Paul Biss was Professor of Music at Indiana University from 1979 until 2008 where he taught violin and chamber music, and conducted all the school orchestras in more than 100 performances of symphonic music. He also conducted thirteen operas with the Indiana University Opera Theater.

Violinist Paul Biss has appeared in recital, with orchestra, and in chamber music performances throughout North America, Mexico, Europe, Israel, and Korea, and has collaborated in concert with many guest artists including Pinchas Zukerman, Gidon Kremer, Michael Tree, Gary Hoffman, David Geringas, Christoph Eschenbach, Menahem Pressler, and Leon Fleischer. He has participated in numerous festivals as a violinist and as a violist. He was a member of the Berkshire Quartet, and was a participant at the Marlboro Music Festival for six summers. He has also appeared at other festivals, such as the Ravinia, La Jolla, Lockenhaus, Casal, Naantali, and the Ysaÿe at Wigmore Hall.

He has conducted in Mexico, Finland, Brazil, and Israel where he received the Ministry of Culture prize for the best performance of the year for a contemporary composition and was principal conductor of Kaprizma, a contemporary ensemble, for four years. Recently, he conducted the Bahian Symphony in a series of concerts in Brazil and conducted the Seoul Classical Players in an all-Beethoven concert in Korea. He served as Interim Music Director of the MIT Orchestra during 2006-2007. He has been a faculty member at the Steans Institute for Young Artists at the Ravinia Festival since 1994.

Recent concerts and masterclasses have taken him to Ireland, England, Finland, and Israel. His students have won top prizes, including several first prizes in major international and national competitions and appear as soloists and members of chamber ensembles. Many hold positions in leading orchestras in America and Europe.

In September 2006, Paul Biss joined the faculty at New England Conservatory where he is a member of the violin and chamber music faculty.
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Stravinsky Apollon Musagète
*Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**NEC PHILHARMONIA**, Hugh Wolff, conductor
Beethoven “Leonore” Overture No. 2; Elena Langer Leonora’s Dream (world premiere);
Strauss Don Quixote, op. 35 – Leland Ko ’24 AD, cello
*Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**BRITTEN: THE TURN OF THE SCREW**
Opera students and members of NEC Philharmonia perform; Connor Gray
Covington, conductor; Steven Goldstein, director
*Thursday-Sunday, November 17-20, 2022, times vary*
Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre

**NEC PHILHARMONIA**, Mei-Ann Chen, guest conductor
Clyne Masquerade; Dukas The Sorcerer’s Apprentice;
Strauss Till Eulenspiegel’s Merry Pranks; Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto, soloist tba
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**Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC**

**NEC WIND ENSEMBLE**, Charles Peltz, conductor: “NEC Favorites”
Tomasi Fanfares liturgiques; Adams Strange Birds Passing; Tippett Mosaic;
Ives Charlie Rutlage and Decoration Day; Lully Le Bourgeois gentilhomme
*Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**SONG & VERSE**, Brett Hodgdon, director
*Friday, November 11, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Burnes Hall*
Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC
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Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC
New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall

Songs by Virgil Thomson, John Corigliano, Ned Rorem, Martin Hennessy, Daron Hagen, and others with texts by Gertrude Stein, Hart Crane, Richard McCann, Walt Whitman, Bob Dylan, and others.
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Williams Hall

SONATA NIGHT 43, Pei-Shan Lee, director
Works for cello and piano by Bach, Chopin, and Britten
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

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William Drury, Erica J. Washburn, Lt. Matt Shea, conductors;
Smith The Consolation of Apollo; medley including works by Saint-Saëns, Francis Scott Key, Sousa, Whitacre, Williams, Donovan, Smith, Hayman
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

FACULTY RECITAL: BORROMEO STRING QUARTET
Haydn String Quartet in F Major, op. 74 no. 2; Bartók String Quartet No. 2
Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, Will Hudgins director
Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall
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