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I am thrilled to share New England Conservatory's 2023-24 concert season—a celebration of the power of music to connect and inspire one another.

Whether you are seated in one of our concert halls or watching online, we hope you are uplifted by the performances of our students, faculty, and guest artists.

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Andrea Kalyn President

# NEC Symphony

David Loebel, conductor

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

#### PROGRAM

Valerie Coleman (b. 1970) Seven O'Clock Shout (2020)

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809) Symphony No. 95 in C Minor, Hob. I/95 Allegro moderato Andante cantabile Menuet - Trio Finale: Vivace

Intermission

Jean Sibelius

(1865–1957)

## Symphony No. 2 in D Major, op. 43

Allegretto Tempo Andante, ma rubato Vivacissimo Finale: Allegro moderato

#### Coleman Seven O'Clock Shout (2020)

*Seven O'Clock Shout* is an anthem inspired by the tireless frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the heartwarming ritual of evening serenades that brings people together amidst isolation to celebrate life and the sacrifices of heroes. The work begins with a distant and solitary solo between two trumpets in fanfare fashion to commemorate the isolation forced upon human kind, and the need to reach out to one another. The fanfare blossoms into a lushly dense landscape of nature, symbolizing both the caregiving acts of nurses and doctors as they try to save lives, while nature is transforming and healing herself during a time of self-isolation.

It was suggested that a short work for a debut by multi-track recording could account for the ensemble performing together as if they were in the same room. One of the devices used to address this is the usage of ostinato, which is a rhythmic motif that repeats itself to generate forward motion and, in this case, groove. The ostinato patterns here are laid down by the bass section, allowing the English horn and strings to float over it, gradually building up to that moment at 7pm, when cheers, claps, clangings of pots and pans, and shouts ring through the air of cities around the world! The trumpets drive an infectious rhythm, layered with a traditional Son clave rhythm, while solo trombone boldly rings out an anthem within a traditional African call and response style. The entire orchestra 'shouts' back in response, and the entire ensemble rallies into an anthem that embodies the struggles and triumph of humanity. The work ends in a proud anthem moment where we all come together with grateful hearts to acknowledge that we have survived yet another day.

The virtual premiere was held on July 6th, 2020 by The Philadelphia Orchestra under Yannick Nézet-Séguin. – *Valerie Coleman* 

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First Violin Tara Hagle Ava Kenney William Kinney Isabella Sun Kearston Gonzales Eleanor Markey Maxwell Fairman Minkyung Kang Aidan Daniels Kevin Kang Audrey Weizer Joseph Zamoyta Yeji Hwang Ian Johnson

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Flute Sadie Goodman ‡ Amelia Kazazian \* Anna Ridenour § JouYing Ting

*Piccolo* Nina Tsai

*Oboe* Yuhsi Chang ‡ Rebecca Mack § Victoria Solis Alvarado \*

English horn Rebecca Mack

*Clarinet* Evan Chu § Adlemi A. Zambrano \*

Principal players \*Coleman ‡Haydn §Sibelius Bassoon Daniel Arakaki \* Yerin Choi Zilong Huang Erik Paul § Jialu Wang ‡

French horn Elijah Barclift ‡ Mattias Bengtsson § Mauricio Martinez \* Xiaoran Xu

*Trumpet* Maxwell DeForest Sebastián Haros ‡ Justin Park § Alexandra Richmond \*

*Trombone* Becca Bertekap § Devin Drinan \* Allie Klaire Ledbetter

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Special thanks to Jason Horowitz, Sarah Darling, Charles Peltz, Mickey Katz, and Anthony D'Amico for their work in preparing the orchestra for this evening's concert.

#### David Loebel

#### Associate Director of Orchestras

Noted for performances that combine innate musicality with interpretive insight, David Loebel joined the faculty of New England Conservatory in 2010 as Associate Director of Orchestras following an eleven-year tenure as Music Director and Conductor of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Prior to his appointment in Memphis, he enjoyed a decade-long association with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, serving as Associate and then Associate Principal Conductor, as well as Artistic Director of its summer festival, *Classics in the Loop*. He has also been Associate Conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

As a guest conductor, David Loebel has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Seattle Symphony Orchestra, and Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also conducted the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, New Jersey, and Syracuse, the Utah Symphony, the North Carolina Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Kansas City Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, Symphony Silicon Valley, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and the Calgary Philharmonic, among many others.

Internationally, Loebel has conducted the Taipei Symphony Orchestra, the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica de Xalapa, and toured Australia to great acclaim, leading the Sydney, Adelaide, Queensland, Western Australian, and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras. He has led family and educational concerts at Carnegie Hall with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Operatic engagements include productions at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and Opera Memphis, and he has appeared at summer festivals including the Grant Park Music Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and Woodstock Mozart Festival.

Honored five times by ASCAP for his adventuresome programming, David Loebel is a recipient of the prestigious Seaver/National Endowment for the Arts Conductors Award. An equally articulate communicator off the podium, he is a popular speaker and hosted "The Memphis Symphony Radio Hour" on public radio station WKNO-FM. His writings on music have been widely published, including program notes for Telarc recordings. With the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and Chorus he recorded the critically acclaimed CD *Independence Eve at Grant Park*.

Active throughout his career in the training of young musicians, Loebel has been Conductor-in-Residence of the New World Symphony and Music Director of the Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. He has also conducted the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the National Repertory Orchestra, and at conservatories including the Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute of Music, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and Indiana University. As a mentor to conductors, he has served on the faculties of the League of American Orchestras' Conducting Workshop, the Kennedy Center's National Conducting Institute, and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

A native of Cleveland, David Loebel is a graduate of Northwestern University and a recipient of its Alumni Merit Award. <u>http://davidloebel.com/</u>

#### Symphonic Music at New England Conservatory

Stanford and Norma Jean Calderwood Director of Orchestras Hugh Wolff is joined by Associate Director of Orchestras David Loebel, Chamber Orchestra founder Donald Palma, and a rich array of guest conductors and coaches for dozens of FREE orchestral concerts in NEC's Jordan Hall this year.

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NEC PHILHARMONIA, Earl Lee, guest conductor Schumann Manfred Overture; Shin Upon His Ghostly Solitude (2023); Brahms Symphony No. 2 in D Major, op. 73 Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Donald Palma, artistic director Haydn Symphony No. 6 "Le Matin"; Stravinsky Concerto in D; Rózsa Concerto for Strings, op. 17 Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall Symphonic Music at NEC

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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 Zhou, 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 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* 

NEC LAB ORCHESTRA Graduate student conductors Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall

# Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

LIEDERABEND LXVII, coached by JJ Penna "Lovers and Other Monsters: Songs Celebrating the Legacy of Charles Baudelaire" Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Williams Hall

NEC CHAMBER SINGERS, Erica J. Washburn, conductor "Wanting Memories" - reflective music by Barnwell, Barnum, Bosba, Brahms, David, Davids, Ives, McDowall, Panufnik, Peduto, and Wilby Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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