



NEC Philharmonia

Stefan Asbury, guest conductor

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

Bedřich Smetana

Vyšehrad (The High Castle) from Má vlast

(1824 - 1884)

Tania León Pasajes (2022) (b. 1943)

Intermission

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906–1975)

Symphony No 11 in G Minor, op. 103 "The Year 1905" (1957)

Adagio (The Palace Square) Allegro (The 9th of January) Adagio (Memory Eternal) Allegro non troppo (Tocsin)

We are pleased that Tania León was able to work with the orchestra and is in the concert audience this evening.

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Cello

Maxwell Fairman	Claire Park	Ethan Morad *
Yeongeun Kim	Shijie Ma	Chasity Thompson §
Ravani Loushy Kay	Jung ah Lee	
Emma Servadio	Max Zhenren Zhao	Bassoon
Eleanor Markey	Isaac Pagano-Toub	Valerie Curd *
Abby Reed	Angela Yining Sun	Matthew Heldt
Masha Lakisova	Amelia Allen	Heejeong Jeong §
Ryan Tully	Man To Tsang	Wilson Lu
Sofia Skoldberg	Chih-Yi Joy Chu	Andrew Salaru ‡
Sydney Scarlett	Rachel Lin	
Inés Issel Burzynska		Contrabassoon
Tzu-Ya Huang	Bass	Matthew Heldt
Jisoo Kim	Luisa Brown-Hernandez	
Octavian Pirlea	Cailin Singleton	French horn
Haekyung Ju	Yushu Mei	Mattias Bengtsson ‡
	Daniel Slatch	Grace Clarke §
Second Violin	Diego Martinez	Huimin Mandy Liu
Ian Cheung		Noah Silverman
Peixuan Wu	Flute	Xiaoran Xu
Rachel Wang	Shengyu Cui *	Yuqi Zhong *
Jia-Ying Wei	Emma Krause	
Arayana Carr-Mal	Yechan Min ‡	Trumpet
Yirou Ronnie Zhang	Anna Ridenour §	Maxwell DeForest *
Kitty Amaral	JouYing Ting	Sarah Flynn §
Mitsuru Yonezaki		Sebastián Haros ‡

Piccolo

Oboe
Yuhsi Chang *
Gwendolyn Goble
Kelley Osterberg §

Emma Krause *§

JouYing Ting ‡

English horn
Gwendolyn Goble

Caroline Wu ‡

Clarinet
Carla Fortmann
Juhyun Lee ‡
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Frank Tao §
Chasity Thompson *

Trombone

Bass Clarinet

Aidan Davidson § Noah Korenfeld ‡*

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Bass Trombone
Caleb Christiansen *§
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Joy Hsieh
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Viola Sachin Shukla

First Violin

Percussion Jordan Fajardo-Bird Eli Geruschat Liam McManus § Jakob Schoenfeld Patrick Sorah ‡ Connor Willits *

Harp Shaylen Joos ‡§ JT Zhang *

Keyboard Zunlu Di § Ashly Zhang *

Principal players ‡Smetana *León **§Shostakovich**

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Special thanks to Eli Epstein, Zenas Hsu, Noriko Futagami, Mickey Katz, and Anthony D'Amico for their work in preparing the orchestra for this evening's concert.

Tania León (b. Havana, Cuba) is highly regarded as a composer, conductor, educator, and advisor to arts organizations. Her orchestral work *Stride*, commissioned by the New York Philharmonic, was awarded the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in Music. In 2022, she was named a recipient of the 45th Annual Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime artistic achievements. In 2023, she was awarded the Michael Ludwig Nemmers Prize in Music Composition from Northwestern University. Most recently, León became the London Philharmonic Orchestra's next Composer-in-Residence—a post she will hold for two seasons, beginning in September 2023. She also held Carnegie Hall's Richard and Barbara Debs Composer's Chair for its 2023-2024 season.

Recent premieres include works for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, NDR Symphony Orchestra, Grossman Ensemble, International Contemporary Ensemble, Modern Ensemble, Jennifer Koh's project Alone Together, and The Curtis Institute.

Appearances as guest conductor include Orchestre Philharmonique de Marseille, Gewandhausorchester, Orquesta Sinfónica de Guanajuato, and Orquesta Sinfónica de Cuba, among others. Upcoming commissions feature a work for the League of American Orchestras, and a work for Claire Chase, flute, and The Crossing Choir with text by Rita Dove.

A founding member and first Music Director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, León instituted the Brooklyn Philharmonic Community Concert Series, co-founded the American Composers Orchestra's Sonidos de las Américas Festivals, was New Music Advisor to the New York Philharmonic, and is the founder/Artistic Director of Composers Now, a presenting, commissioning and advocacy organization for living composers.

Honors include the New York Governor's Lifetime Achievement, inductions into the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and fellowship awards from ASCAP Victor Herbert Award and The Koussevitzky Music and Guggenheim Foundations, among others. She also received a proclamation for Composers Now by New York City Mayor, and the MadWoman Festival Award in Music (Spain).

León has received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Colgate University, Oberlin, SUNY Purchase College, and The Curtis Institute of Music, and served as U.S. Artistic Ambassador of American Culture in Madrid, Spain. A CUNY Professor Emerita, she was awarded a 2018 United States Artists Fellowship, Chamber Music America's 2022 National Service Award, and Harvard University's 2022 Luise Vosgerchian Teaching Award. In 2023, Columbia University's Rare Book & Manuscript Library acquired Tania's León's archive.

A regular guest with leading orchestras worldwide, recent seasons have seen **Stefan Asbury** working with orchestras throughout the world, including in North America the Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Montreal, Seattle and Vancouver Symphony orchestras, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Internationally he has been with the Copehangen Philharmonic, Pacific Philharmonia (Tokyo), Auckland Philharmonia, China National

Symphony Orchestra, Norrköpings Symfoniorkester, Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan and the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra. He conducted the MDR Sinfonieorchester Leipzig as part of Beethovenfest Bonn and Orquesta Sinfonica de Bilbao during Bilbao's Musika-Musica 2019 festival. Stefan has also served as the Chief Conductor of the Noord Nederland Orkest, Chief Guest Conductor for the Tapiola Sinfonietta (Finland), and was the founder and Music Director of the Remix Ensemble (Portugal).

Stefan Asbury maintains strong relationships with many living composers including Steve Reich, Wolfgang Rihm, Unsuk Chin and Mark-Anthony Turnage. He conducted the world and US premieres of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Piano Concerto with Pierre-Laurent Aimard and Sinfonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Following Sir Harrison's passing, he conducted a performance, in memoriam, of *Earth Dances* with the HR Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra this past January, 2023. As a recording artist, Stefan's album with works by Jonathan Harvey with Ensemble Intercontemporain was awarded a Monde de la Musique CHOC award, and his complete cycle of Gerard Grisey's *Les Espaces Acoustiques* with WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln won a Deutschen Schallplattenkritik award.

Opera and musical theatre forms an important part of his musical life and he has travelled widely, with highlights including John Adams' *A Flowering Tree* for the Perth International Arts Festival, a performance which won the 'Best Symphony Orchestra Concert' Helpmann Award; *Porgy and Bess* at the Spoleto Festival USA; Wolfgang Rihm's *Jakob Lenz* for the Wiener Festwochen; Britten's *Owen Wingrave* with Tapiola Sinfonietta, and Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* in Poland. Mr. Asbury conducted a production of *A Quiet Place* as part of the centenary celebrations of Leonard Bernstein at Tanglewood. For dance projects, he has collaborated with Copenhagen Phil and the Danish Dance Theatre on a new production of *The Firebird*, the Mark Morris Dance Group in productions of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, and Virgil Thomson's *Four Saints in Three Acts* with performances at the Lincoln Center in New York, London's Barbican, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, amongst other venues.

Since 1995 Stefan Asbury has served on the faculty of the Tanglewood Music Center and has been Head of Conducting at the Tanglewood Music Center for many years. In addition to his regular summer teaching, he has given masterclasses at the Hochschule der Künste (Zürich), Ensemble Modern International Academy, and Venice and Geneva Conservatoires.

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Crawford Seeger/Ives Festival

NEC Chamber Orchestra, Donald Palma, artistic director

Crawford Seeger Andante for Strings; Haydn Symphony No. 44; Ives Symphony No. 3 Monday. November 11, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Crawford Seeger/Ives Festival

NEC Symphony, David Loebel, conductor

Dvořák Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"; Ives Symphony No. 2

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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NEC opera students are joined by members of NEC Philharmonia under the direction of Robert Tweten; Joshua Major is the stage director

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Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre

NEC Baroque Orchestra

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Philharmonia, Hugh Wolff, conductor

Schoenberg Begleitungsmusik zu einer Lichtspielscene (Accompaniment to a Film Scene) Bartók Piano Concerto No. 3, Evren Ozel '25 AD, piano; Mahler Symphony No. 4 Jingdan Zhang '26 AD, soprano

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Lab Orchestra

Timothy Ren '25 MM, Jherrard Hardeman '25 GD, and Clancy Ellis '26 GD, conductors - Esmail *Teen Murti;* Montgomery *Starburst;* Haydn *Symphony No 86 in D Major;* Mendelssohn *Symphony No. 5 in D Major, "Reformation"*

Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall

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