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I am thrilled to share New England Conservatory's 2024-25 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.

Above all, we thank you for your support of our students as they cultivate their artistry and contribute to the world through music.

Andrea Kalyn President

NEC Baroque Orchestra

part of The Pratt Early Music Program at New England Conservatory established by Harold I. Pratt and Frances G. Pratt

Guy Fishman, director

with special guest Claire McCahan, mezzo-soprano

> Wednesday, April 2, 2025 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

Christoph Graupner

(1683 - 1760)

Suite in E Minor, GWV 441

(Ouverture) Courrante Air en Rondeau Autre (adagio) (allegro) Loure Menuet I-II alternat. Chaconne

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

Ouverture-Suite, TWV 55:G10 "Burlesque de Quixote"

Ouverture Le réveil de Quichotte Son attaque des moulins à vent Ses soupirs amoureux après la Princesse Dulcinée Sanche Panse berné Le galope de Rosinante Celui d'ane de Sanche Le couché de Quichotte

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Cantata 54: *Widerstehe doch der Sünde*, BWV 54 *Aria*: Widerstehe doch der Sünde

Recitativo: Die Art verruchter Sünden *Aria:* Wer Sünde tut, der ist vom Teufel

Claire McCahan, mezzo-soprano

At tonight's performance, we celebrate the legacy of Frances G. Pratt who passed away in January 2025. Together with her husband, Harold I. Pratt '17 hon. D.M., Frances was a dedicated champion of NEC for over 40 years, especially in advancing early music education opportunities for students. This evening's concert is presented in honor of Frances' unwavering support and lasting contributions to NEC.

Widerstehe doch der Sünde, BWV 54

Aria

Widerstehe doch der Sünde, Sonst ergreifet dich ihr Gift. Laß dich nicht den Satan blenden; Denn die Gottes Ehre schänden, Trifft ein Fluch, der tödlich ist.

Recitativo

Die Art verruchter Sünden Ist zwar von außen wunderschön; Allein man muß Hernach mit Kummer und Verdruß Viel Ungemach empfinden. Von außen ist sie Gold; Doch, will man weiter gehn, So zeigt sich nur ein leerer Schatten Und übertünchtes Grab. Sie ist den Sodomsäpfeln gleich, Und die sich mit derselben gatten,

Gelangen nicht in Gottes Reich. Sie ist als wie ein scharfes Schwert, Das uns durch Leib und Seele fährt.

Aria

Wer Sünde tut, der ist vom Teufel, Denn dieser hat sie aufgebracht. Doch wenn man ihren schnöden Banden

Mit rechter Andacht widerstanden, Hat sie sich gleich davongemacht.

Georg Christian Lehms, 1711

Aria

Just resist sin, lest its poison seize you. Don't let Satan blind you; for those who defile God's honor will incur a curse that is deadly.

Recitative

The appearance of vile sin is indeed outwardly very beautiful; however one must afterwards with trouble and frustration experience much hardship. On the outside it is gold; yet, going further in, it shows itself as only an empty shadow and a whitewashed grave. It is like the apples of Sodom, and those who engage themselves with it will not achieve God's kingdom. It is like a sharp sword, that pierces through body and soul.

Aria

Whoever sins is of the devil, since he has brought it forth. Yet if one is able, with virtuous devotion, to withstand its contemptible bonds, it is already done away with.

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NEC's Baroque Orchestra is part of The Pratt Early Music Program at New England Conservatory established by Harold I. Pratt and Frances G. Pratt, which seeks to invite and engage the NEC community with performers and scholars in the Historically Informed Performance field. Masterclasses, symposia, and performances by nationally- and internationally- recognized scholars and performers are funded through this endowment. In addition, The Pratt Early Music Program at New England Conservatory aims to provide NEC students with the opportunity to study early music and historically-informed performance with experts in the field, as well as to expand the historical instrument collection at NEC.

NEC Baroque Orchestra

First Violin Tara Hagle Jeremiah Jung Maxwell Fairman Jia-Ying Wei

Second Violin Carson Howell Ryan Tully Arayana Carr-Mal Haekyung Ju Viola Peter Jablokow Philip Rawlinson Katie Purcell RuYao Van Der Ploeg

Cello Man To Tsang Isaiah Kim Zac Fung Bass Isabel Atkinson

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Mezzo-soprano **Claire McCahan** (she/her) is regarded as a musician of sincerity and versatility, delivering compelling and honest performances across Baroque, recital, opera, and contemporary repertoire. Praised for her interpretations of J.S. Bach, she is the winner of the 2025 American National Oratorio Competition, an alumna of the American Bach Soloists Academy, and can be heard as a featured soloist on the Boulder Bach Festival's first commercial album, released in 2023. She is a regular performer with the COmpass REsonance Ensemble and has performed in concert with the New Hampshire Music Festival, the Colorado Bach Ensemble, and the Silesian Philharmonic. Winner of the 2022 Joy in Singing International Art Song

Competition and the 2022 NATS Artist Awards, Claire is an accomplished recitalist, devising programs aimed at revealing connected themes across time and language. Passionate about art song and song programming, Claire was selected for the 2024 inaugural Fellowship of the Song with the Cincinnati Song Initiative, working extensively with Margo Garrett. Along with collaborative pianist Barbara Noyes, she co-founded Horizon Duo, dedicated to creative programming of contemporary and classic repertoire. The duo made their New York recital debut at Weill Recital Hall in 2023. An avid proponent of new works, Claire has been involved in premieres and workshops of contemporary opera and art song, collaborating with composers such as Jake Heggie, George Benjamin, Ben Morris, and Lisa Neher, through organizations including the Tanglewood Music Festival, Art Song Colorado, and Catalyst New Music. For more information about Claire and her other upcoming performances, please visit clairemccahan.com

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 Chamber Orchestra, Donald Palma, artistic director

Say Chamber Symphony, op. 62: Haydn Cello Concerto in C Major, Hob VIIb:1 Claire Park, cello; Honegger Symphony No. 2 Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Philharmonia and Symphonic Choir, Hugh Wolff, conductor Brahms *Ein deutsches Requiem*; with soloists Josie Larsen '25 AD, soprano and Zhanqui Wang '26 MM, baritone *Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC Opera: Monteverdi "L'Incoronazione de Poppea" Joshua Major, director; Tim Ribchester, conductor

Joshua Major, director; 11m Ribchester, conductor Wednesday-Saturday, April 16-19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre

NEC Symphony, David Loebel and Jherrard Hardeman '25 MM, conductors Beethoven Coriolan Overture; Tomer Rozen '25 MM Orchestral Overture; Britten Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes; Brahms Violin Concerto in D Major, op. 77 Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall Symphonic Music at NEC –continued

NEC Philharmonia, Hugh Wolff, conductor Tan Dun Fanfare Overture; Stravinsky Le sacre du printemps Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Lab Orchestra Timothy Ren '25 MM, Jherrard Hardeman '25 GD, and Clancy Ellis '26 GD, conductors *Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC Visit necmusic.edu for complete and updated concert and ticketing information

NEC Honors Ensemble: "Hear Your Story" (Jazz) Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Brass Bash, James Markey, director Andrew McCandless, trumpet, guest artist Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

First Monday at Jordan Hall, Laurence Lesser, artistic director - 40th season Works by Kreisler, Schubert. and Shostakovich *Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC Honors Ensemble: Elisa String Quartet Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Tuesday Night New Music New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers *Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall*

Sonata Night 56, Pei-Shan Lee, director Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

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Other Upcoming Concerts at NEC

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Song and Verse 3, JJ Penna, curator

"Where I Lived: Writers and Composers from the Asian Diaspora" Friday, April 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm., Burnes Hall

NEC Honors Ensemble: Alira String Quartet Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Marion Rubin Berman '31 Piano Honors Concert Music of Ravel Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Honors Ensemble: Calandra Quartet Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Faculty Recital: Joseph Bozich Bozich From the Valley of Dry Bones; Rossini Overture to Eduardo e Cristina; Sibelius Jungfrun i tornet (American premiere) Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC Jazz Orchestra, Ken Schaphorst, conductor Music of Maria Schneider *Thursday, April* 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Tuesday Night New Music New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers *Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall*

Connections Chamber Music, Max Levinson, director *Thursday, April* 17, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., *Burnes Hall*

NEC Honors Ensemble: 242 Strings Piano Quartet Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

Faculty Recital: Stephen Drury, piano Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Jordan Hall

Chamber Music Gala Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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