

#### **NEC** Festival

# **NEC Symphony**

David Loebel, conductor

Clancy Ellis '26 GD, conductor

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 7:30 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall

#### NEC Festival 2025

This performance is part of the NEC Festival, which will celebrate the legacy of Gunther Schuller, president of NEC between 1967 and 1977 with a week-long series of concerts and discussions. In addition to reflecting on his work as a composer, conductor and scholar, the legacy of Gunther Schuller's influence on NEC will be demonstrated through a range of collaborative presentations.

Learn more about the NEC Festival here.

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George Whitefield Chadwick (1854–1931)

Jubilee, No. 1 from Symphonic Sketches

**Scott Joplin** (1868–1917)

arr. Gunther Schuller

Overture to Treemonisha

Gunther Schuller (1925–2015)

Seven Studies on Themes of Paul Klee

Antique Harmonies
Abstract Trio
Little Blue Devil
The Twittering-Machine
Arab Village
An Eerie Moment
Pastorale

David Loebel, conductor

Intermission

# Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825–1899)

#### Overture to Die Fledermaus

#### Igor Stravinsky (1882–1971)

#### Suite from The Firebird

Introduction
The Firebird and its Dance, the Firebird's variation
The Princesses' Khorovod (Rondo)
Infernal Dance of King Kashchei
Berceuse
Finale

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First Violin	Cello	Clarinet	
Roger Chen	Noah Vin	Rohan Miovic ‡	
Kyle Yang	Ewan Manalo	Haoran Sun ^	
Noga Barlev	Oscar Wang	Fan-En Wu §	
Cooper Olsen	Lorenzo Shaoliang Ye	Taein Yi *	
Keila Wakao	Edelweiss Pak	Hanlin Yu +	
Anna Suzuki	Joseph Hung	Zhenyue Zheng	
Clark Snavely	Yun-ting Chiang		
Bo-Yuan Jeng	William Parkes	Bass Clarinet	
Jiyu Oh	Yu-Hua Lin	Haoran Sun ‡	
Irene Koo	Yuchen Wei	Zhenyue Zheng +	
Mara Zaner			
Kira Bayer	Bass	Bassoon	
Jessica Kartawidjaja	Liana D. Logan	Jiayue Chen +	
	Wanming Chen	Declan Johnston *‡	
Second Violin	Ming Zhong	Jiaheng Xie §	
Miranda Isbitts	Kexin Zhao	Dingding Xiong	
Yoonjin Hwang	Cailin Singleton	Keer Zhou ^	
Alexis Forman	I-Hsuan Liu		
Rentso Stavrev		Contrabassoon	
Eddy Au Yeung	Flute	Dingding Xiong	
Rey Kao	Rylan Collins ^		
Tokuji Miyasaka	Meredith Daly ‡	French horn	
Dora Oliva Devoghel	Nina Zeya Ma	Mathys Elbaz *	
Tzu-Yi Wu	Hanyu Mei +§	Hans Jerosch	
Johannes Liodden	Yuxin Song	Daniel Ma ‡	
Amaryn Olmeda	Yuzuka Williams *	Karlin Rhees §	
		Jaden Rudnicki +	
Viola	Piccolo	Elyse Schlesinger ^	
Daniel De La Cruz	Rylan Collins		
Seoyeon Bay	Meredith Daly ^	Trumpet	
Peyton Crony	Nina Zeya Ma +	Lily Clark *	
Wenhao Wang	Hanyu Mei	Anry Ramirez ^	
Greta Coleman	Yuxin Song §	Richard Taylor II ‡	
Celine Bares	Yuzuka Williams *‡	Gavin Waterman +§	
Nolan An			
Yi-An Liao	Oboe	Trombone	
Sing Yin Li	Annie Jung +‡	Reece Cowan *	
Diogo Pimentel	Myungha Song ^	Quinton Krull ‡^	
	Evan Work *§	Jongbin Park §	
		Jaewon Shim +	
	English horn		
	Annie Jung ^	Bass Trombone	

Myungha Song ‡ Evan Work + David Sato ‡§ Kyeongmin You +^ Tuba Percussion Keyboard

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Jason Horowitz, Noriko Futagami, Mickey Katz, and Anthony D'Amico for their work in preparing the orchestra for this evening's concert.

Praised for his "clear, discreet, and precise" conducting (Cultural Voice of North Carolina), Clancy Ellis is an orchestra and opera conductor based in Boston, MA. He served as assistant conductor to JoAnn Falletta as Conducting Fellow of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and currently assists David Angus at the Boston Lyric Opera. Previously, Ellis appeared as guest conductor of the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra and has conducted the Lviv National Philharmonic. He has conducted in festivals throughout the United States and Europe, recently serving as assistant conductor of the Glimmerglass Festival. In 2023, he was chosen by Riccardo Muti as one of four conductors to study and conduct Bellini's Norma in Milan for the Riccardo Muti Opera Academy. Ellis holds degrees from the Mannes School of Music and the Eastman School of Music. He is currently pursuing a Graduate Diploma in Conducting at the New England Conservatory, studying with Hugh Wolff and Stefan Asbury.

#### 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. <a href="http://davidloebel.com/">http://davidloebel.com/</a>

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Harvey Mortuos Plangos, Vivo Voco; Byström Rebellion in Greenery; Mallia Plexus 2; Reich New York Counterpoint for Clarinet and Tape; Murail Winter Fragments; Abrahamsen Winternacht

Monday, December 8, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Burnes Hall

#### NEC Philharmonia, Hugh Wolff, conductor

Handel *Concerto Grosso*, op. 6 no. 4; Bartók *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*; Beethoven *Violin Concerto in D Major*, op. 61, Joshua Brown AD, violin *Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall* 

#### **NEC Lab Orchestra**

Clancy Ellis '26 GD, Joseph Bozich '27 GD, and Leonard Bopp '27 GD conductors *Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall* 

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



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