

Concert Program



Joshua Brown
violin

Recital in partial fulfillment of the
Institute for Concert Artists and Artist Diploma, 2026
Student of Donald Weilerstein

with
Dina Vainshtein, piano

Friday, February 13, 2026
7:30 p.m.
NEC's Jordan Hall

PROGRAM

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770–1827)

Violin Sonata No. 8 in G Major, op. 30 no. 3

Allegro assai
Tempo di Minuetto, ma molto moderato
grazioso
Allegro vivace

György Kurtág
(b. 1926)

Tre Pezzi per violino e pianoforte, op. 14e (1979)

Öde und traurig
Vivo
Sehr leise, ausserst langsam

Claude Debussy
(1862–1918)

Violin Sonata, L. 140

Allegro vivo
Intermède: Fantasque et léger
Finale: Très animé

Intermission

Richard Strauss
(1864–1949)

Violin Sonata in E-flat Major, op. 18

Allegro ma non troppo
Improvisation: Andante cantabile
Finale: Andante – Allegro

*Joshua Brown is the recipient of the
Nancy and Richard Lubin Institute for Concert Artists Scholarship.*

Violinist and NEC Concert Artist **Joshua Brown** '22, '24 MM, '26 AD has been praised by audiences and critics worldwide for his “richness of sound, elegance of reading...commitment of every moment at the service of the work...” (*La Libre*). Recipient of a 2025 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Joshua gained international attention after winning the 2nd Prize and both Audience Awards at the 2024 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. Other international competition successes include the 1st Prize at the inaugural 2023 Global Music Education International Violin Competition in Beijing, China, as well as the 1st Prize and Audience Award at the 2019 International Violin Competition of Leopold Mozart in Augsburg, Germany.

Joshua was first recognized for his debut performance with the Cleveland Orchestra and has gone on to perform regularly with orchestras around the world, including the Munich Radio Orchestra, MDR Sinfonieorchester, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Civic Orchestra, East Coast Chamber Orchestra, Belgian National Orchestra, and Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liege, among others, continually garnering praise from critics. After his performance of Brahms' Violin Concerto in Beijing with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, *The Strad* wrote, “Brown spun out silky, weightless phrases that seemed suspended in time;” in Belgium, *Le Soir* described him as “a real musician, of great sensitivity...with a real sense of nuance;” and the *Indianapolis Star* described his sound after a performance of Mozart's 5th Violin Concerto as “addictive and shimmering, with emotions like dynamic colors that shifted beneath a clear, glassy surface.”

A passionate recitalist and chamber musician, Joshua has also appeared regularly in series such as Chicago's Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, Festival Musiq3 in Brussels, the Tchaikovsky Festival in Moscow, the ProMusica series in Mexico, the Matinée Musicale series in Cincinnati, the Jupiter Chamber Players series in New York City, and the North Shore Chamber Music Festival in Chicago. Joshua received the Kronberg Academy's 2023 Manfred Grommek Prize and has been named a Pirastro Artist, Yamaha Young Performing Artist, and Luminarts Fellow, among other awards.

Joshua is currently pursuing his Artist Diploma through New England Conservatory's Institute for Concert Artists under Donald Weilerstein after also earning his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees there. Before his time at NEC, Joshua studied with Almita and Roland Vamos at the Music Institute of Chicago.

Joshua is grateful to be playing an outstanding Nicolo Amati violin from Cremona, circa 1635-1640, on extended loan through the generosity of the Mary B. Galvin Foundation and the efforts of the Stradivari Society, a division of Bein & Fushi, Inc. The Mary B. Galvin Foundation, Inc. and the Stradivari Society support the very highest level of string playing by loaning precious antique Italian instruments to artists of exceptional talent and ability.

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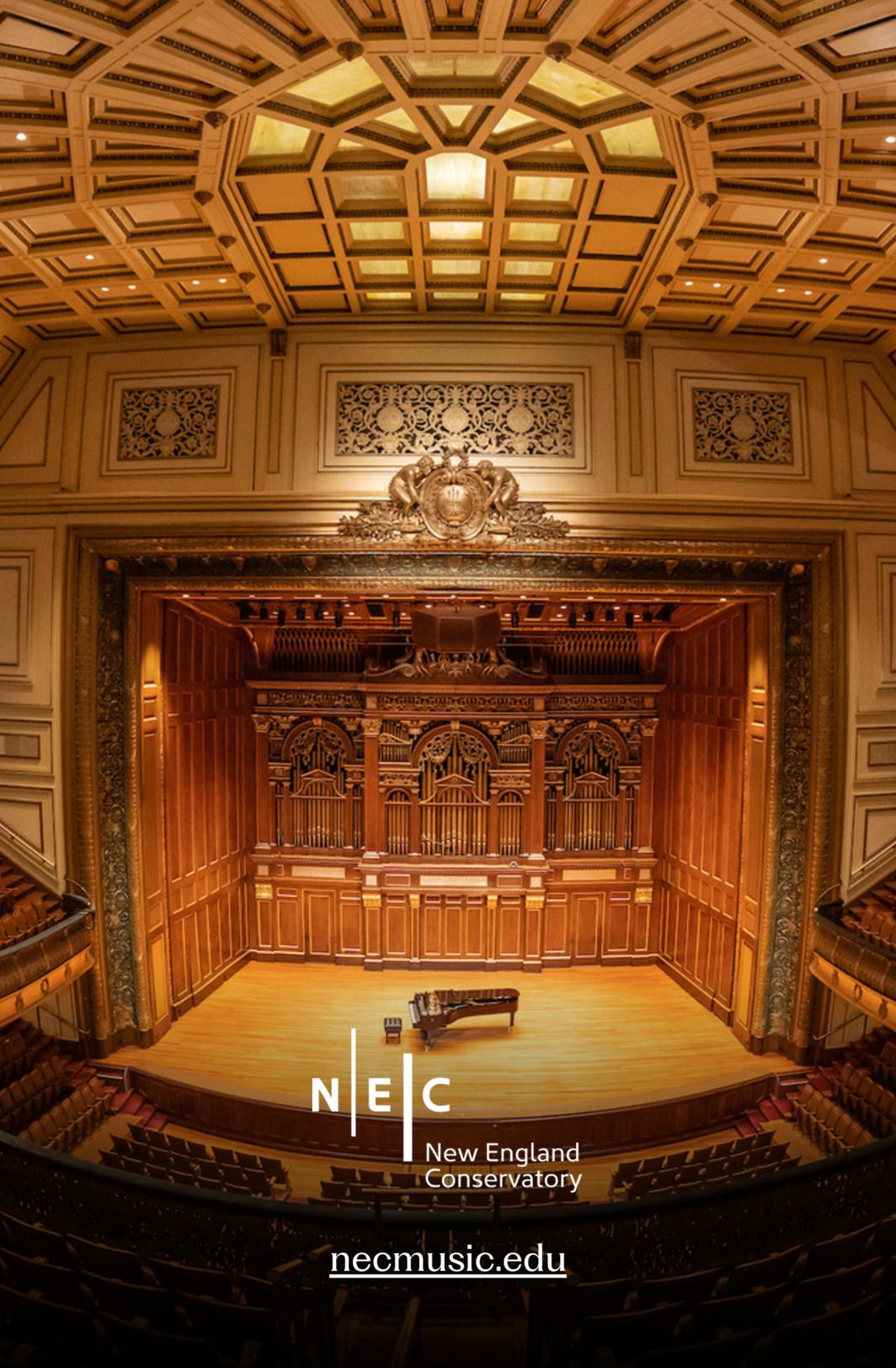
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