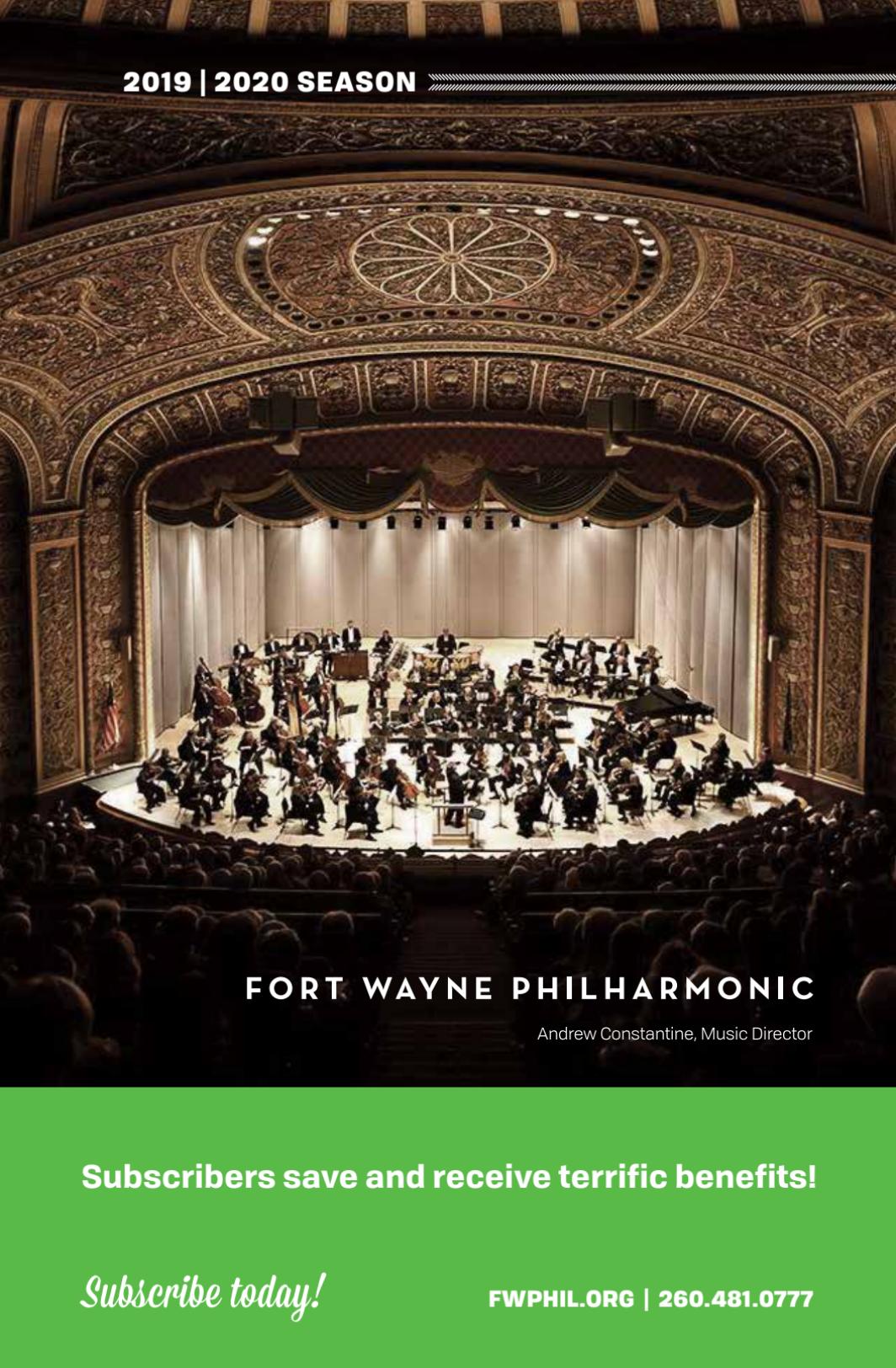


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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Philharmonic:

I am delighted to announce the 2019-2020 Season of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. My colleagues and I could not be happier about the sense of community we are forging around the orchestra, and that our relationships with loyal audiences continue to deepen and grow. More and more people are discovering the joys of live classical music with our esteemed Philharmonic. The opportunity to share this musical journey with you is so meaningful to all of us, whether you attend in the Embassy Theatre, at a free summer concert on the lake, or at any other of our numerous venues.

The 2019-2020 Season truly offers something for everyone. Masterworks Series highlights include a *Tchaikovsky Spectacular*, Beethoven's 5th, *Peer Gynt* and the *Polovtsian Dances*, the breathtaking virtuoso violinist Pinchas Zukerman, Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and Shostakovich's 5th Symphony.

Pops never sounded so good. The Series begins with the Hoosier feel good cinematic classic *Rudy*, screened with the Philharmonic performing Jerry Goldsmith's lush score live. The fun continues with Holiday Pops, *Piano Themes from Cinema's Golden Age*, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club singing Broadway, a *Cole Porter Celebration in Concert* with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, and *Abba: the Concert*.

Family, Freimann, and Chamber Orchestra Series offer treasured themes, beloved repertory, and some fun surprises. And, lastly, don't miss the 75th Birthday Bash Concert and stay afterwards for a celebratory slice of cake.

Thank you again and again for your devotion and support. We look forward to seeing you at the Philharmonic.

Sincerely,



Andrew Constantine, Music Director

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TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR

OCTOBER 5, 2019

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Nikolai Demidenko, piano

Tchaikovsky
Tchaikovsky

Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 23
Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36

From lush, romantic piano harmonies to flurries of scales and powerful brass passages, this opening night concert is a feast for the senses.



BEETHOVEN'S 5th

NOVEMBER 2, 2019

7:30 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Brett Deubner, viola

Patrick O'Malley
Danielpour
Beethoven

Rest and Restless
Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, "The Voyager"
Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67

Nothing says 'classical music' like the opening of Beethoven's most famous work. Drama, darkness, and triumph, the 5th promises a journey of power and transcendence.



VIOLINS OF HOPE

NOVEMBER 23, 2019

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Igor Yuzefovich, violin

Brecht
Mendelssohn
Williams
Mahler

Verwehte Blätter, Op. 18b (8 Small Pieces for Orchestra)
Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64
Three pieces from *Schindler's List*
Symphony No. 1 in D major, "Titan"

Sixteen violins that survived the Holocaust. Three composers banned by the Nazis. *Violins of Hope* tells stories of defiance, resilience, and legacy, a testament to the power of music.





PEER GYNT AND POLOVTSIAN DANCES

JANUARY 11, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Violetta Todorova, violin

Janáček
Borodin
Borodin
Grieg
Grieg

The Fiddler's Child
Prince Igor: Overture
Prince Igor: Polovtsian Dances
Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1, Op. 46
Peer Gynt: Suite No. 2, Op. 55

Enjoy enduringly popular melodies like *In the Hall of the Mountain King* and Borodin's famous theme, incorporated into the 1953 Broadway musical *Kismet* as *Stranger in Paradise*.



PINCHAS ZUKERMAN PLAYS BRAHMS

FEBRUARY 1, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Pinchas Zukerman, violin
Amanda Forsyth, cello

Schumann
Bruch
Brahms

Manfred Overture, Op. 115
Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26
Concert for Violin and Cello in A Minor, Op. 102

A brilliant musical master, about whom the Los Angeles Times says, "Zukerman again seemed the forever-young virtuoso...expressively resourceful...technically impeccable, effortless..."



RAVEL'S BOLÉRO

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Berlioz
Debussy
Copland
Ravel

Roman Carnival Overture
La Mer
Appalachian Spring
Boléro

One simple tune – 15 persistent minutes of the snare drum – that bursts with orchestral fireworks. *Boléro* began as a compositional exercise but remains Ravel's most popular work.



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CARMINA BURANA

MARCH 14, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Ilya Yakushev, piano
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus; Fort Wayne Children's Chorus

Mussorgsky
Shostakovich
Orff

Night on Bald Mountain
Piano Concerto No. 2 in F major, Op. 102
Carmina Burana

With its large, percussion-driven orchestra and mixed chorus that sings racy texts by wayward monks, *Carmina Burana* celebrates the joys of the tavern, nature, humor, and love.



MOZART AND TWO PIANOS

APRIL 4, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Alessio Bax and Lucille Chung, pianos

Mozart
Schnittke
Mozart

Concerto for Two Pianos, No. 10 in E-flat major, K. 365
Concerto for Piano (Four-Hands) and Chamber Orchestra
Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major, K. 543

What's better than a grand piano? Two grand pianos! The internationally celebrated husband and wife team perform works by Mozart and the Russian master Schnittke.

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DURUFLÉ'S REQUIEM

OCTOBER 26, 2019

7:30 p.m. | First Wayne Street U.M.C.

Benjamin Rivera, conductor; Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus

Ravel
Fauré
Duruflé

Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)
Pelléas et Mélisande, Op. 80: Suite
Requiem

Duruflé's masterpiece is softly luminous, sumptuous, and suffused with a tender radiance. An unlikely requiem, it is a work of noble and restrained eloquence.



MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2019

7:30 p.m. | First Wayne Street U.M.C.

Benjamin Rivera, conductor; Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus

Handel Messiah, HWV 56

Handel's most recognizable and revered masterpiece is performed to the warm glow of candlelight. Experience the "Hallelujah" Chorus and other unforgettable Christmas favorites.



BEETHOVEN'S VIOLIN

APRIL 25, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor; Vadim Gluzman, violin

Elgar
Beethoven

Falstaff, Op. 68
Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61

Nine symphonies, five piano concertos, but only one Violin Concerto? Beethoven's singular masterpiece will be performed by one of the violin world's most spellbinding artists.



CONSTANTINE CONDUCTS SHOSTAKOVICH

MAY 16, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Khachaturian
Shostakovich

Suites from *Spartacus*
Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47

Andrew Constantine closes the season with Shostakovich's best-known symphony, a work whose sublime third movement caused members of the audience to weep at its premiere.

Chamber Orchestra Series - Classical Greats



WINNER CONDUCTS MOZART

FEBRUARY 8, 2020

7:30 p.m. | First Wayne Street U.M.C.

Winner of the 2019 Conductor's Workshop, conductor; Megan Shusta, horn

Mozart
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Eine kleine Nachtmusik (Serenade, K. 525)
Horn Concerto No. 4, K. 495 in E-flat major
Overture to *Così fan tutte*, K. 588
Symphony No. 35, K. 385 in D major (Haffner)

Conducted by the winner of the 2019 Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Conductors Guild International Conductors Workshop, this program represents the pinnacle that beauty has attained in the sphere of music.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WITH FORT WAYNE BALLET

MARCH 20, 21 & 22, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Arts United Center

Caleb Young, conductor
Fort Wayne Ballet, Karen Gibbons-Brown, Artistic Director

Mendelssohn A Midsummer Night's Dream

William Shakespeare's ode to the summer solstice relishes in joyful abandon and dreamlike fantasy, a world of non-stop adventure.



MUSIC FROM *THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO*

NOVEMBER 6 & 10, 2019

Nov 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab
Nov 10 - 2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Mozart	Selections from <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> , K. 492
Liebertmann	Sonata for Flute and Harp, Op. 56
Shostakovich	String Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Op. 110

Mozart's effervescent music for wind octet opens this varied program that highlights the intensely autobiographical 8th String Quartet of Shostakovich. The Quartet's first private performance caused the composer to bury his head in his hands and weep.



BRAHMS CLARINET QUINTET

JANUARY 22 & 26, 2020

Jan 22 - 7:30 p.m. | Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab
Jan 26 - 2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Zelenka	Sonata No. 5 for 2 Oboes, Bassoon & Continuo in F major
Sampson	Morning Music
Brahms	Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115

Disillusioned, Brahms was about to give up composing when he heard a performance by an extraordinary clarinetist whom he excitedly described as 'the greatest wind player alive.' This inspired the nostalgic, autumnal Clarinet Quintet, a work of unabashed sentimentality and grace.

STAR



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

OCTOBER 20, 2019

2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne
Caleb Young, conductor

Music from Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and Wonder Woman will accompany family-friendly ghosts and goblins converging in costume at this concert of Halloween favorites.



FLYING WITH *E.T.* AND *PETER PAN*

JANUARY 19, 2020

2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne
Caleb Young, conductor

Join the Philharmonic for adventures in Neverland, indulging in every young person's dream of flying. Music from Peter Pan, Hook, and E.T. will fill the air.



FREIMANN QUARTET PLAYS BEETHOVEN

MARCH 4 & 8, 2020

Mar 4 - 7:30 p.m. | Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab
Mar 8 - 2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Tower Copperwave (2006)
Brahms Trio in E-flat Major for Piano, Violin & Horn, Op. 40
Beethoven String Quartet No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Op. 131

Beethoven's C# minor Quartet was a personal favorite of the composer, a work about which Schubert remarked, "After this, what is left for us to write?"



BLISS

APRIL 29 & MAY 3, 2020

Apr 29 - 7:30 p.m. | Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab
May 3 - 2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

Mann Torden og Lyn (Thunder and Lightning)
Prokofiev Sonata for Violin and Piano in D major, Op.94a
Stravinsky Octet for Wind Instruments
Bliss Quintet for Oboe and String Quartet

Sir Arthur Bliss served in the Royal Army before becoming Master of the Queen's Music. His Wind Quintet was written in 1927, when "Bliss's voice assumed the mantle of maturity...imbued with a quality of contentment reflecting his serenity."

Family Series



PIRATES OF THE SEA

APRIL 5, 2020

2:00 p.m. | Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne
Caleb Young, conductor

Ahoy, mateys, it's a concert that celebrates the buccaneer in all of us, with music from Pirates of the Caribbean, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *The Flying Dutchman*. Shiver me timbers!



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RUDY IN CONCERT

WITH THE FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC

OCTOBER 12, 2019

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Caleb Young, conductor

Experience the film as it plays on a 40-foot screen while Jerry Goldsmith's iconic score is performed live by the Philharmonic. This timeless underdog story delights fans of all ages with a truly inspirational message: Never give up on your dreams!



HOLIDAY POPS

DEC. 13, 14 & 21, 2019

Embassy Theatre

Caleb Young, conductor

Experience the traditional music, memories, and excitement of Christmas, with exquisite dancing, Santa & Mrs. Claus, a carol sing-along, and the "Hallelujah" Chorus.



PIANO THEMES FROM CINEMA'S GOLDEN AGE

JANUARY 25, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Caleb Young, conductor

Pianist Valentina Lisitsa looks back to the glory days of the silver screen, performing the Warsaw Concerto, plus music from *Murder on the Orient Express*, *On Golden Pond* and *Pride & Prejudice*.





PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB SINGS BROADWAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Caleb Young, conductor

Joining the Philharmonic and soloists in Broadway's most popular tunes are Indiana's great showmen ambassadors, in one-of-a-kind arrangements for this tailor-made performance.



A COLE PORTER CELEBRATION IN CONCERT WITH THE FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC & CIVIC THEATRE

MARCH 28 & 29, 2020

Embassy Theatre

Andrew Constantine, conductor

The Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Civic Theatre team up to present the timeless music of this Hoosier native, including songs from *Anything Goes*, *Can Can*, *Silk Stockings*, and *Kiss Me Kate*.



ABBA: THE CONCERT

MAY 2, 2020

7:30 p.m. | Embassy Theatre

Caleb Young, conductor

It's the most authentic ABBA tribute show in the world. Come dance, come sing, having the time of your life with iconic hits like "Mamma Mia," "S. O. S.," "Waterloo," and "Dancing Queen."

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