



Duluth Superior
Symphony Orchestra

Dirk Meyer, Music Director

COME TOGETHER

2021-22 SEASON



Brandon VanWaeyenberghe
Executive Director

Thank you so much for being a patron of the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra. We are excited to welcome you back to the Symphony at the DECC this fall!

We have held your seat for you! If you are a subscriber, your seat(s) are still here, and we are waiting to see you in them. We want to ensure you can pick up where we abruptly left off more than 400 days ago.

Your health and safety are paramount. We do not know what regulations may still exist in the fall, but know that we will comply with all national, state, and local guidelines and continue to establish protocols that ensure both our musicians' and audiences' are health and safety.

The DSSO is not increasing ticket prices. For the second year in a row, the DSSO will not be increasing its ticket prices. We will be extending the Early Bird subscriber discount (20%) window until **June 10, 2021**. However, we will be increasing the per subscription handling fee to \$15, up from \$10 in previous years.

With all of the efforts to restructure last season, we did not get the opportunity to share with you some of the additions we made to our programming. This season we will finally see the return of our **Casual Concerts** – hour long programs designed for families to enjoy an afternoon of music in a relaxed setting. We have two programs scheduled for the afternoons of **October 30** and **December 4**. We have also changed our traditional New Year's Eve concert into a holiday performance for all ages to enjoy.

We also want to invite you to join us for other events throughout the season – outdoor performances this summer at Barker's Island and Bayfront Festival Park, chamber music at the Great Lakes Aquarium and other patios, and performances by our young musicians in our Youth Orchestras program.

We know the past year has been filled with uncertainty, but we are thrilled to be able to move forward with a full season of seven Masterworks and two Pops concerts for our community to enjoy. Our musicians have missed performing for full houses and while virtual concerts have helped us stay connected to each other, they can never replace the experience of being a part of a live concert. We look forward to welcoming you back this year, and again, thank you for supporting **your DSSO**.

Sincerely,

Brandon VanWaeyenberghe
Executive Director



Photos by Steven Mattos



BEERTHOVEN ON TOUR

Small ensembles from the DSSO
perform at various breweries in the Twin Ports
Thursdays in June
6-8pm



BEERTHOVEN AT THE GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM

Earth Rider Beer Garden
Small ensembles from the DSSO perform at the GLA
Thursdays in July and August
6-8pm



DSSO AT BAYSIDE PAVILION

BARKER'S ISLAND

Superior, WI
Sunday, June 6, 2021
2pm

DSSO AT DULUTH FOURTH FEST

BAYFRONT FESTIVAL PARK

Duluth, MN
Sunday, July 4, 2021
8pm

DSSO BRASS AND HUSKIES BASEBALL

WADE STADIUM

Duluth, MN
Monday Home Games 2021
May 31, June 14, July 5, July 26, August 9
one hour before game start



Welcome to the Symphony! It is good to see you!
This sentence never rang so true: It is *good* to see you! After the turbulent events of the past year, we are finally ready to enjoy life, together, once more. What better way to do so, than to experience the power of orchestral music and share this experience – *in person* – with our friends and fellow music lovers here at Symphony Hall.

The DSSO's 2021-22 Season celebrates our return to togetherness. We celebrate our friendships and companionship. We celebrate the shared experience of music!

In doing so, our new season bursts with breathtaking compositions – from the classics to the unknown. Each concert encompasses a wide range of emotions that let us celebrate, but also reflect, find peace, and learn something new.

From the Minnesota premiere of our season opener *Rush* by American composer Jonathan Leshnoff to the final sounds of the season, celebrating our ability to sing *together* again, this season invites us all to find ourselves in music.

Our year begins with two *Sinfoniettas* that couldn't be more different. Poulenc's colorful music gives us a wonderful taste of French harmonies, while Astor Piazzolla leads us into the passionate realm of the Argentinian Tango. Starting with the new year, we are finally able to continue the DSSO's *Beethoven Project*: Symphony No.3 and No.5 are on the docket for this season, bringing our project close to its completion.

Concerto highlights of the season include Tchaikovsky's iconic Piano Concerto No.1, featuring internationally renowned pianist Marika Bournaki, as well as Brahms' Violin Concerto with *the* up and coming superstar Geneva Lewis. Geneva's appearance is even more thrilling, as she will perform on the original Stradivarius violin on which this concerto was premiered in 1879.

Finally, I'm excited to welcome our wonderful concertmaster Erin Aldridge to the soloist spot with the unknown, yet dazzling, Violin Concerto by José White, an Afro-Cuban composer of the late 19th century.

I, personally, am very excited for the last two performances of the season: Bruckner's absolutely amazing Symphony No.4 is on the program together with Poulenc's wonderful Concerto for Two Pianos. And for our final concert of the season we created a real showstopper! Williams Dawson was one of the leading black American composers of the 20th century. His *Negro Folk Symphony* is based on spirituals and when you hear this incredible music, you truly hear the orchestra "sing" these emotional tunes. For the second half of the performance our beloved DSSO Chorus finally takes the stage again. And, because we haven't been able to sing together for so long, we simply enjoy our reunification with some of the greatest chorus numbers ever written!

There is much to celebrate in our lives and there is much to celebrate in music. Come Together at the DSSO: Real experiences, real emotions, real friendship. Best enjoyed *in person!*



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Just as the DSSO's 2021-22 Season celebrates our return to togetherness in friendships, companionship and music, we would also like to celebrate the togetherness of our community and musicians. In this year's brochure, we are spotlighting some of our own, in the town we call Home. With enthusiasm, we welcome you to **Come Together** and celebrate a great upcoming season.

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| OCT 9, 2021 | MW1 | To Discover Mozart & Ravel |
| OCT 30, 2021 | POPS1 | Chills & Thrills |
| NOV 20, 2021 | MW2 | To Explore Mendelssohn & Rodrigo |
| DEC 4, 2021 | POPS2 | Holiday Spectacular |
| JAN 15, 2022 | MW3 | To Be Bold Tchaikovsky & Beethoven |
| FEB 26, 2022 | MW4 | To Celebrate Brahms & Respighi |
| MAR 19, 2022 | MW5 | To Persevere Brahms & Beethoven |
| APR 9, 2022 | MW6 | To Fall in Love Poulenc & Bruckner |
| APR 30, 2022 | MW7 | To Sing Choral Showcase |



Masterworks



Pops



Youth Orchestras



BEERToven



Discovery

TO DISCOVER

MOZART
&
BEETHOVEN



9 OCT

Masterworks 1

LESHNOFF

Rush*

MOZART

Flute Concerto No. 1
Claudia White

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 10
(arr. Cooper)

POULENC

Sinfonietta

The season begins with the DSSO's premiere performance of Jonathan Leshnoff's suspenseful *Rush*, that is sure to get your heart racing. Then we feature our own principal flutist, Claudia White, in Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1, that delights with its bright and energetic themes. Join us in discovering the unfinished sketches of Beethoven's Symphony No. 10, arranged by Barry Cooper, before we close the evening with the lush harmonies of Poulenc's *Sinfonietta*.

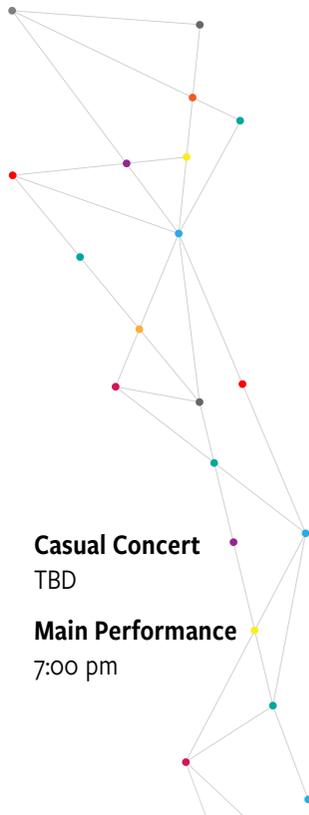
*Minnesota Premiere

OCT 30



Pops 1

Welcome to the spooky side of the Symphony! Hear everything from chilling pop tunes to creepy classical pieces. You may find your heart rate increasing as the *Jaws* theme begins or your skin crawl as you imagine the obsessive *Phantom of the Opera* try to woo his love. We'll add plenty of fun in there too, so... "Who Ya Gonna Call?"



CHILLS AND THRILLS



Michael Dayton, Principal oboe; Moon

Casual Concert

TBD

Main Performance

7:00 pm

TO EXPLORE

MENDELSSOHN
&
RODRIGO



Rossini's charming *L'Italiana in Algeri* Overture opens an evening of playful music that soon flows into the turbulent waters of *The Hebrides* by Mendelssohn. The evening continues with the most famous guitar concerto ever written, Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* featuring guest artist, Jiji. We conclude on an enchanting note with Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, an homage to French composer François Couperin.

 **20 NOV**
Masterworks 2

ROSSINI
L'Italiana in Algeri Overture

MENDELSSOHN
The Hebrides

PIAZZOLLA
Sinfonietta

RODRIGO
Concierto de Aranjuez
Jiji

RAVEL
Le Tombeau de Couperin

DEC 4 
Pops 2

It's that time of year when twinkling lights and hot cocoa comfort us through winter. Enjoy your favorite holiday tunes performed by the DSSO and the renowned handbell ensemble, Strikepoint! You can even join the orchestra in a sing-a-long (no audition required). Bring your family to ours and experience the wonders of the holiday season with the DSSO.

Casual Concert
TBD

Main Performance
7:00 pm

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR



Collin McGuire, Associate Concertmaster, Bentleyville

TO BE BOLD

TCHAIKOVSKY
&
BEETHOVEN



 **15 JAN**
Masterworks 3

TCHAIKOVSKY
Piano Concerto No.1
Marika Bournaki

BEETHOVEN
Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

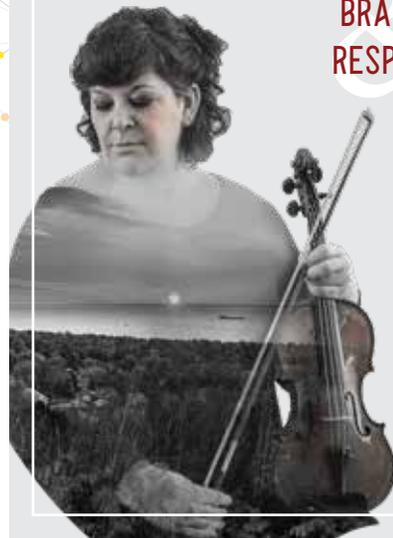
Tchaikovsky and Beethoven - two of the giants of orchestral music are featured on this breathtaking concert. From the first entrance of our guest pianist, Marika Bournaki, we know where we are headed: This is music that is bold, determined and full of conviction. We continue down this path of uncompromising musical ideas with Beethoven's revolutionary Symphony No.3. Dedicated to "the memory of a great man", Beethoven called it the *Eroica Symphony*, the heroic symphony.

FEB 26 
Masterworks 4

The concert begins with Johannes Brahms' musical throwback to student life as the boisterous sounds of his *Academic Festival Overture* fill the hall. Concertmaster Erin Aldridge then leads the Afro-Cuban composer José White's virtuosic Violin Concerto. The celebration now takes a jazzy turn with Duke Ellington's cinematic and toe-tapping *The River Suite* before ending with Respighi's exuberant *Roman Festivals*, a triumphant toast to 90 years of the DSSO.

TO CELEBRATE

BRAHMS
&
RESPIGHI



BRAHMS
Academic Festival Overture

WHITE
Violin Concerto*
Erin Aldridge

ELLINGTON
The River Suite

RESPIGHI
Roman Festivals

*Minnesota Premiere

TO PERSEVERE



BRAHMS
BEETHOVEN

 **19 MAR**
Masterworks 5

BRAHMS
Violin Concerto
Geneva Lewis

BEETHOVEN
Symphony No. 5

Intimacy and profoundness meet boldness and resilience in this evening's performance. Brahms wrote his beautiful, yet powerful, Violin Concerto for his friend Josef Joachim. For our performance, guest soloist Geneva Lewis will be playing the famed "Joachim Stradivarius" - the actual instrument on which Joachim premiered the piece in 1879. Beethoven's Symphony No.5 then brings down the house in a fury of unrelenting persistence. Following a compositional idea that takes us from darkness to light, Beethoven perfectly illustrates his own personal struggle with his oncoming deafness: Through struggle and perseverance, he leads us to victory and triumph.

Jefferson Campbell, bassoon; Blatnik Bridge

APR 9 
Masterworks 6

Fall in love with the originality of Fanny Mendelssohn's Overture in C, a piece that challenged conventions at a time when only men's compositions were recognized. Our program continues with a lively conversation between dual pianos and the orchestra in Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos. Concluding the concert is Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 4, his *Romantic Symphony*. From its hushed beginnings, with whispering strings and the iconic horn solo, it grows into a finale that will leave you breathless.

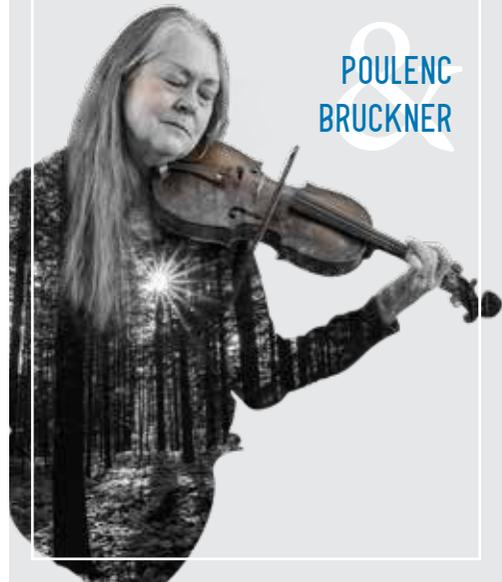
FANNY MENDELSSOHN-HENSEL
Overture in C

POULENC
Concerto for Two Pianos
Diana Shapiro
Stanislava Varshavski

BRUCKNER
Symphony No. 4, *Romantic*

 **PACHEL**
FOUNDATION

TO FALL IN LOVE



POULENC
BRUCKNER

Laurie Bastian, Principal second violin; Superior Hiking Trail



TO SING



 **30 APR**
Masterworks 7

DAWSON

Negro Folk Symphony

DSSO CHORUS

Featuring works by

Handel
Wagner
Verdi
Orff
& others

Join us for a night bursting with song! The concert opens with the *Negro Folk Symphony*, composed by William Dawson in 1934. Dawson creates a work that is reminiscent of Dvořák's *New World Symphony*, using traditional spirituals being sung across the instruments in the orchestra. Then, be spellbound by our Symphony Chorus as we perform an array of choral showstoppers including Orff's dramatic *O Fortuna* and Handel's timeless *Hallelujah* chorus.



Concert Information TBD.
Please keep up-to-date via

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SUPPORT OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Since 1940, young musicians throughout the Northland have found inspiration and expanded their musical talent in the Duluth Superior Symphony Youth Orchestras program. Members of the DSSYO work side by side with DSSO conductors and musicians in rehearsals, sectionals and performances throughout the season. For more information visit dssomn.com/youthorchestra

A special thank you to Steven Mattson of Zenith City Photography for all the wonderful photography used throughout this brochure!

TICKET INFORMATION

20% OFF

EARLY BIRD

Save 20%* off regular single ticket pricing when you purchase a full season package by June 10, 2021 @ 4pm

| | Price 1 | Price 2 | Price 3 | Price 4 | STUDENT/MILITARY |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Full Season Package All 9 concerts (Pops & Masterworks) | | | | | |
| Early Bird 20% OFF | \$420 | \$345 | \$260 | \$160 | — |
| Regular Price | \$445 | \$370 | \$275 | \$170 | \$90 |
| Mix & Match 3 or more concerts, price per ticket. | | | | | |
| Early Bird 15% OFF | \$50 | \$40 | \$32 | \$18 | — |
| Regular Price | \$53 | \$43 | \$33 | \$20 | \$10 |

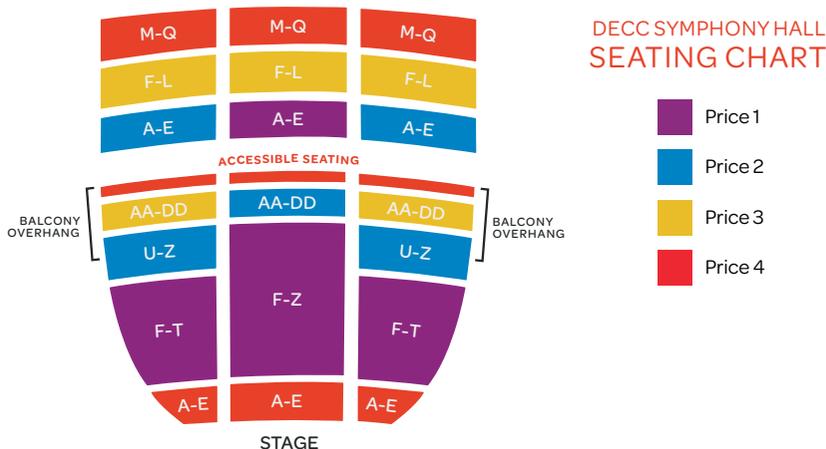
SEASON TICKET BENEFITS: \$5 discount on add'l single tickets + FREE lost ticket replacement + Easy ticket exchanges + Special events notifications

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| Regular Single Ticket Pricing On Sale August 30, 2021 @ 10am | | | | |
| Adult | \$58 | \$48 | \$37 | \$22 |
| Senior | \$56 | \$46 | \$35 | \$20 |
| Military/Student | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 |

*Returning members enjoy priority seating. New members seated starting in June. Ticket pricing does not include handling fee. Early Bird offer expires June 10, 2021. Some restrictions apply. All sales are final. Programs and artists subject to change. All season tickets will be mailed out 2 weeks prior to the first concert.



TO ORDER TICKETS 218.623.3776 • DSSO.COM



Thank you to those who have attended our virtual concerts over the past year. The DSSO had 700+ online attendees for each concert and has grown to 35 different states!

We are working on virtual options for the 2021-22 Season, so please stay tuned for future announcements.

The DSSO will be enhancing your summer experience! We are scheduling pop-up concerts and more opportunities for you and your family to enjoy the sweet melodies in the summer breeze. Follow online or at dso.com!

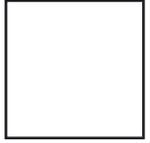




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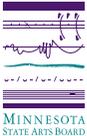
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