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ANNIVERSARY

2020-21 SEASON



Duluth Superior
Symphony Orchestra

Dirk Meyer, Music Director

LET'S CELEBRATE!

We are thrilled to welcome you to this season of big anniversaries. 2020 marks Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday. We celebrate this giant of orchestra music with the completion of the DSSO's five-year collaboration, *The Beethoven Project*, with Minnesota Public Radio. Since 2016, we will have performed and recorded all nine of Beethoven's symphonies – some of the pillars of the symphonic repertoire and amongst the most beloved works of all time. This season we conclude this epic undertaking with two of his greatest works. Our season opens with the *Eroica Symphony*, a work dedicated to the memory of "a great man." And our season closes with Beethoven's paradigm shifting Symphony No. 9, the *Ode to Joy*. With this work, we celebrate yet another milestone: The DSSO's 90th anniversary!

The year was 1931 when our organization was first created in the carriage house of music teacher Alphin Flaaten. The Duluth Civic Orchestra soon grew into the Duluth Symphony Association and today is one of the oldest, continuously performing symphony orchestras in the United States. Now, that's something to celebrate! Our 90th anniversary program is bookended by two works written in the year of our founding, 1931. Samuel Barber's brilliant *School for Scandal* opens this all-American program before we feature our musicians' virtuosity with music from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. The second half not only features amazing music, but also a visual tour of our wonderful country. We explore our great National Parks with Charles Ives' *Symphony No. 1* and finally the Grand Canyon, with music by Ferde Grofé. When we invite our Youth Symphony Orchestra to join us onstage for the final number, we truly celebrate all that the DSSO has to offer!

We are so excited for this season of celebration that includes an incredible Pops lineup (from Halloween to Sinatra), and will also see an expansion of our Casual Concert Series, the perfect way to treat the entire family to symphonic music.

Come celebrate with us and you will see that you can find fun at the Symphony. You can find relaxation at the Symphony. You can find yourself at the Symphony!



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BEETHOVEN CELEBRATION: EROICA

Sat Sept 26 • 7 pm

Maconchy: Proud Thames
Korngold: Violin Concerto
Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

Erin Aldridge, violin

A solo trumpet pierces the air and your journey of intrigue begins—first with British composer Elizabeth Maconchy’s *Proud Thames*, followed by Korngold’s soaring and mysterious Violin Concerto, performed by Concertmaster Erin Aldridge. Finally, the furious finale of Beethoven’s heroic Symphony No. 3.



CHILLS & THRILLS

Sat Oct 17 • 7 pm

Welcome to the spooky side of the Symphony!
Hear everything from modern 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 do promise to add some fun in there too, so... “Who Ya Gonna Call?”



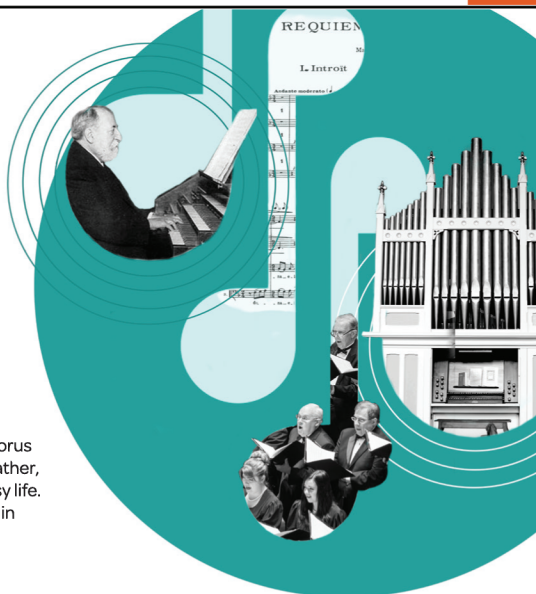
ORGAN SYMPHONY

Sat Nov 7 • 7 pm

Durufié: Requiem
Saint-Saëns: Symphony No. 3

DSSO Chorus
Richard Robbins, Chorus Master
Stephen Hamilton, organ
Georgia Jacobsen, mezzo soprano

Melt into your seat as the strings swell and the warm tones of the chorus surround you. Durufié’s Requiem, dedicated to the memory of his father, will take you into a reflective space – a perfect respite from your busy life. The organ remains a thread throughout this concert, featured again in Saint-Saëns’ Symphony No. 3.





Pops

BENTLEYVILLE HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Sat Dec 5 • 7 pm

Strikepoint, handbell ensemble

It's that time of year when twinkling lights and hot cocoa comfort us through winter. Enjoy visuals from Bentleyville's archives paired with your holiday favorites from the orchestra. 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.

Pops

SINATRA: COME FLY WITH ME

Sat Feb 6 • 7 pm

Michael Andrew joins the Orchestra and brings the magic of "Ol' Blue Eyes" to the stage as he performs Frank Sinatra's greatest hits. Relax, kick back, and let the DSSO fly you to the moon. Leave Symphony Hall with a smile on your face, a snap to your fingers, and a spring in your step.



Masterworks

MOZART SYMPHONY NO. 40

Sat Feb 27 • 7 pm

Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony, op.110a
Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 1
Mozart: Symphony No. 40

Fei-Fei, piano

Experience the tension and wide range of emotions Shostakovich endured in Soviet-controlled Russia as you listen to his *Chamber Symphony*. Then, brilliant soloist Fei-Fei takes you to a brighter place with a flurry of cascading melodies in Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1. Finally, hear one of only two minor symphonies that Mozart ever wrote—the popular Symphony No. 40.



Masterworks



DSSO CELEBRATES 90th

Sat Mar 20 • 7 pm

Barber: *School for Scandal*
Gershwin: *Catfish Row*
Ives: *Symphony No. 1, Adagio*
Grofé: *Grand Canyon Suite*

DSSYO Youth Symphony

Join us! The anniversary party begins with two pieces composed in 1931, the year the DSSO was founded—Barber's *School for Scandal* and Grofé's *Grand Canyon Suite*. This special concert celebrates the past, and delights in the future, pairing the musicians of the Youth Symphony side by side with the professionals. The concert includes Gershwin's boisterous *Suite from Porgy and Bess* "Catfish Row" (and the rare sight of a banjo onstage!) as well as the beautiful *Adagio* from Charles Ives' *Symphony No. 1*.



Masterworks

THE RITE OF SPRING

Sat Apr 17 • 7 pm

Assad: *Saravá*
Chopin: *Piano Concerto No. 1*
Stravinsky: *Le Sacre du Printemps (The Rite of Spring)*

Clayton Stephenson, piano

Round out your classical experience with old favorites and new discoveries. First, meet composer Clarice Assad in a DSSO premiere of her piece *Saravá* – which pays homage to Brazilian poet Vinicius de Moraes. Then you'll meet the young prodigy Clayton Stephenson, as he performs Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 1*, a performance sure to leave you stunned. And finally, listen to the thunderous piece that led to one of the biggest scandals in music history, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.



Masterworks



BEETHOVEN CELEBRATION: ODE TO JOY

Sat May 8 • 7 pm

Beethoven: *Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus*
Schmitt: *La Tragédie de Salomé (The Tragedy of Salome)*
Beethoven: *Symphony No. 9, Ode to Joy*

DSSO Chorus

Richard Robbins, Chorus Master

Sarah Lawrence, soprano

Christina Christensen, mezzo soprano

Daniel Montenegro, tenor

Cory Renbarger, baritone

Be a part of an international celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday! Get a burst of energy with Beethoven's short and fiery *Prometheus*. Then, discover something new in a DSSO premiere of Florent Schmitt's masterpiece *The Tragedy of Salome*, a work full of beauty and power that has been unjustly forgotten. The evening ends with Beethoven's iconic *Symphony No. 9 Ode to Joy* - music that is sure to give you goosebumps.





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 dssso.com/youthorchestra



FALL CONCERT

Dec 6 • Superior High School

LOLLIPOP CONCERT

Mar 21 • DECC Symphony Hall

SPRING CONCERT

May 2 • CSS Mitchell Auditorium

AFTERNOON SPOOKTACULAR

Sunday, Oct 18, 2020 • 2 pm
DECC Symphony Hall

BENTLEYVILLE AFTERNOON SPECTACULAR

Saturday, Dec 5, 2020 • 2 pm
DECC Symphony Hall



CASUAL CONCERT SERIES

Bring your family to ours! Come as you are and enjoy a sample of the DSSO with this relaxed and casual afternoon concert experience for all ages. This series features a range of popular classics and modern favorites in a short, but sweet, 1-hour concert with some fun, free activities before and after the performance.

It's perfect for the symphony-curious and symphony-lovers alike. **Ages 17 and under are free** for these performances. Tickets will go on sale approximately two weeks prior to each event.

For more information visit: dssso.com/casual



SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

TICKET INFORMATION

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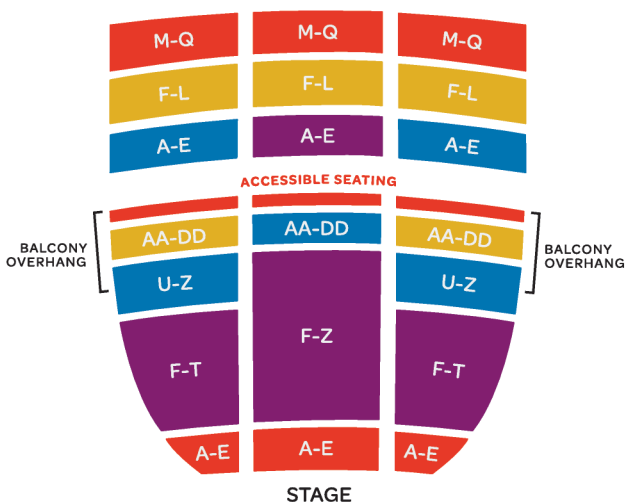
EARLY BIRD

Save 20%* off regular single ticket pricing when you purchase a full season package by Apr 30, 2020.

	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

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Mix & Match 3 or more concerts, price per ticket.					
Early Bird 15% OFF	\$50	\$40	\$32	\$18	—
Regular Price	\$53	\$43	\$33	\$20	\$10

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Regular Single Ticket Pricing On Sale Aug. 10, 2020 at 10 am				
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 April 30, 2020. 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.



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