

ATA ORCHESTRA LUMOS 2022-2023 SEASON GLARGE



A Gala Evening with Maria Friedman

September 24, 2022

New Worlds

Awadagin Pratt
October 15 & 16, 2022

Light and Love Revealed

Alisa Weilerstein November 19 & 20, 2022

Nature's Light

Dalí String Quartet March 4 & 5, 2023

Fireworks with Joshua Bell

Joshua Bell April 1 & 2, 2023

Light, Right and Fanciful Flight

Mark Bebbington & Joel Thompson May 13 & 14, 2023

Small Space Series

Autumnal Brass meets Thundering Organ

Organ and Brass October 23, 2022 First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

Rebels and Trailblazers

String Quartet November 6, 2022 The Westport Library

With Added Viola!

String Quintet January 22, 2023 Stamford Museum and Nature Center

ORGANized Fun in the Kitchen!

Organ and Percussion February 26, 2023 First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, The Fish Church

A Deepness of Double Basses?

Double Bass Quartet March 19, 2023 The Westport Library

Windward Blow!

Wind Quintet Sunday, April 23, 2023 First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO We present and share exceptional musical experiences: awe-inspiring concerts with world-renowned soloists and family-friendly programs that surprise and delight all ages. We are also bringing more intimate performances in smaller spaces, handson education programs, and community presentations across the county.





Michael SternMusic Director

WHERE TO HEAR US The Palace Theatre in Stamford is our home base, but now you also can join us from Greenwich to Bridgeport at your local library, school, museum, brewery, place of worship, or community venue. We'll see you at the space that works best for you.

WHAT TO EXPECT Whether you're a classical aficionado, a first-time concertgoer seeking a fun night out, or a family looking for an entertaining afternoon, you'll be thrilled, entranced, and recharged!

why we've Changed our Name Our name needed to better reflect who we are and are becoming. With our new footprint across Fairfield County, more performances, and much-enhanced educational offerings—all led by our Music Director, Michael Stern—we needed a new name. Orchestra Lumos is all about shining a bright light on extraordinary music and musicians, radiating energy, engaging new audiences, and sharing new possibilities.

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and vocalists

Ross Lekites
(Tina—The Tina Turner Musical)

Lewis Cleale (The Book of Mormon)

Students from the Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Theatre Arts Program

Sunday, October 16, at 3:00pm AWADAGIN PRATT PIANO PIANO TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

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Gareth Wood

Lumos Fanfare Orchestra Lumos commission

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Jesse Montgomery

Rounds for Piano and String Orchestra

Antonín Dvořák

Symphony No. 9 From the New World

here could be no more fitting way to launch

Orchestra Lumos than with Dvořák's celebrated ninth
symphony, From the New World, as we indeed step into
a new world of music-making for all of Fairfield County.
This symphony is achingly nostalgic for Dvořák's native
Bohemian roots, and yet contains the soulful melody
later adapted as the popular song Goin' Home, often
mistaken for a spiritual. Puerto Rican composer Iván
Enrique Rodriguez describes his orchestral fantasy
Luminis as "the encirclement of light by darkness."
Completing the program, the outstanding American
pianist Awadagin Pratt plays a new dance-inspired work
by Jessie Montgomery, Rounds for Piano and String
Orchestra.

Palace Series

Saturday, November 19, at 7:30pm Sunday, November 20, at 3:00pm

ALISA WEILERSTEIN CELLO LIGHT



Einojuhani Rautavaara

Into the heart of light

Dmitri Shostakovich

Cello Concerto No. 1

Franz Schubert

Symphony No. 7 *Unfinished*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Leonore Overture, No. 3

inojuhani Rautavaar's Into the heart of light bubbles with energy as it creates the illusion of being underwater in the darkness, looking upwards towards a distantly shining light. Beethoven's Leonore Overture written for his only opera, Fidelio, a profound love story, is inspired by Leonore's rescue of her wrongly imprisoned husband from his dungeon cell and brings him back into the light. The mystery and touching beauty of Schubert's miraculous Unfinished Symphony expresses the frailty, vulnerability, and longing of the human condition. World-renowned cellist Alisa Weilerstein plays Dmitri Shostakovich's formidable first Cello Concerto, one of the most technically demanding and soul-searching works for the cello.

Palace Series
Saturday, March 4 at 7:30pm
Sunday, March 5 at 3:00pm

MICHAEL STERN CONDUCTOR

RE'S DALÍ STRING QUARTET

Joseph Schwantner

Chasing Light

Juan Ramirez

Suite Latina

Ludwig van Beethoven

Symphony No. 6, Pastorale

ARI ISAACMAN-BECK VIOLIN CARLOS RUBIO VIOLIN ADRIANA LINARES VIOLA JESÚS MORALES CELLO oseph Schwantner described his work *Chasing Light* as "drawing spirit, energy and inspiration from the celebration of vibrant colors and light that penetrate the morning mist as it wafts through the trees in the high New England hills." Now jump back to 1808, with Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony, which he explicitly intended to evoke nature, including bird calls, the murmuring of gurgling streams, and the thunder of a sudden storm. It has not lost any of its ability to transport us. Juan Ramirez's sensual and passionate *Suite Latina*, for string quartet and string orchestra, is a perfect vehicle for the high-octane Dalí Quartet.



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Stacey GarropSpectacle of Light

Palace Series

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 2 at 3:00pm

Felix Mendelssohn
Violin Concerto

Johannes Brahms

Serenade No. 1

ritten at just 25 years of age, Brahms' Serenade is a young person's piece, full of life, energy and spirit. A quixotic flash of Baroque light comes from the vibrant American composer Stacey Garrop, inspired by Handel's famous *Royal Fireworks Music*. A fireworks show is what audiences have come to expect when Joshua Bell takes the stage, a rare artist who can transcend instrumental technique and communicate directly with his audiences. The Mendelssohn Violin Concerto is ardently melodic and rhythmically exuberant, and there is no better way to experience it than through the eloquent artistry of Joshua Bell.

Palace Series Saturday, May 13 at 7:30pm Sunday, May 14 at 3:00pm

LIGHT, BEBBINGTON PIANO RIGHT

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Carolyn Bremer

Early Light

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Piano Concerto No. 23

Joel Thompson

To Awaken the Sleeper

Igor Stravinsky

The Firebird Suite (1919)

ritish pianist Mark Bebbington plays one of Mozart's greatest achievements. This concerto is unusually personal, intimate, and lyrical-imbued with remarkable elegance, and at peace with the world. Joel Thompson, already a force in American music, has made the case through his music for the marriage of art and activism. Awaken the Sleeper is music of principle and shines a light on the question of justice in our world. And beginning and closing, more light-Carolyn Bremer's brilliant showpiece Early Light incorporates an affectionate baseball nod to our national pastime, as well as to the National Anthem. Finally, the magic and fantasy of Stravinsky's revolutionary ballet music, The Firebird, a hypnotic melodic invention

and rhythmic frenzy, concludes in a blaze of glory.

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YOUR ORCHESTRA LUMOS **EXPERIENCE**

Whether you're new to us or a longtime Stamford Symphony subscriber, here's what you can expect from our concerts.

Palace Series

- Make a night (or an afternoon) of it: Concerts are typically under two hours and include a 20-minute intermission.
- → **Be yourself:** All are welcome, and there's no dress code. Wear whatever you'd likejeans, a suit, or anything in betweenyou'll see a mix at our concerts.
- → Wine and dine: Show your ticket and save: visit our website for a list of local restaurant partners.
- → Close and affordable: \$3 parking across the street at the Landmark Square Garage.
- → Learn before you go: You don't need to know anything about music to enjoy the performance, but program notes for each concert are available on our website.
- → Behind the Baton: Meet the conductor and soloist at our free Behind the Baton talk one hour before each concert.
- → **Musikids:** Bring the whole family to a free, interactive pre-show program just for kids on Sundays at 2:00pm for ages 5-12.

Small Space Series

- → In a new light: Our Small Space concerts that showcase our musicians in a fresh way.
- → Unique locations across Fairfield County: From a farmhouse to your favorite house of worship, enjoy Orchestra Lumos close to home.
- → Short and sweet: Concerts are usually 75 minutes in duration, often without an intermission.
- → All great seats: All concerts are general admission—in these intimate venues, you'll see and hear our musicians up close.



ORCHESTRA LUMOS

ILLUMINATING MUSIC FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY

We asked Music Director Michael Stern, Violinist Sue Lorentsen, and Community Engagement and Education Manager Nicolas Gonzalez to share their thoughts on our new identity—and the vision behind it. **Here is what they said.**



NICOLAS It's very exciting that we are now **Orchestra Lumos!** What do you see as the most important reasons for this change, and why now?

MICHAEL The silver lining of COVID was being able to pause and consider how we could truly live up to our mission to deliver great music to our entire community. We'll be playing a lot more different kinds of music—in large and small venues—to meet our audiences where they are—and to connect with people new to the Orchestra. Sue, as a musician, how do you feel about this expanded role?

SUE We all want to share the joy of music with more people and in more ways. We also look forward to telling folks more about the music we perform—and nurturing young aspiring musicians. What's most exciting for you as we start this new chapter?

MICHAEL There's been tremendous growth. We will have more musicians for our full orchestra programs, world-class guest artists Joshua Bell and Alisa Weilerstein, and seven small-scale concerts from Greenwich to Westport. Thanks to you, Nic, we're also doing much more in classrooms and with after-school partners. We're engaging with new audiences, which is overdue, and the possibilities are endless.

NICOLAS Thanks Michael. We've created a 5-year strategy for growth in education and engagement with public school teachers, community leaders, and music program directors. Despite working within COVID restrictions, we've launched an impressive range of activities across Fairfield County in our first year.

SUE It's something we've wanted to do too. We have great educational expertise amongst our musicians, and we're excited to share it. We especially look forward to connecting with students who would not otherwise have access to hands-on music training. Beyond education, Michael, how have you been thinking about engaging our community?

MICHAEL We are reconsidering the composers we perform—from the past and those creating today—and the soloists we work with. I am delighted that we will play more music by women composers and we will have more artists of color on our stage: including the extraordinary Awadagin Pratt, and the composer and presenter Joel Thompson.

represented on our stage, including our rich Latinx community. With that in mind we are excited that The Dalí Quartet, our first Artists in the Community, will be performing across the county and participating in our education and engagement initiatives.

SUE This is all great, and, importantly, none of these developments are at the expense of our home here in Stamford.



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Michael Stern

Music Director

MICHAEL Absolutely not—our musical investment in Stamford is increasing! We'll have more public school classroom visits and programs for special needs kids with Concordia Conservatory. We'll perform at the fabulous Knobloch Family Farmhouse at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center, and in the wonderful Fish Church. We'll also play at the Ferguson Library, Half Full Brewery and Stamford Town Center.

SUE I think we are all energized and excited for the future! **Orchestra Lumos** is going to be a leading example of what an orchestra can be, in and for its community. As **Orchestra Lumos** musicians, we look forward to sharing the power and joy of music with the diverse audiences across Fairfield County.

SMALL SPACESERIES

Orchestra Lumos presents a series of intimate space concerts created and performed by our musicians in a venue near you.



Autumnal Brass meets Thundering Organ

Sunday, October 23 at 3:00pm First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

Nothing compares to a brass quintet and a mighty organ, presenting truly transcendent music for the soul in stunning church acoustics.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

David Sampson Fanfare for Canterbury

Giovanni Gabrieli Canzona Per Sonare No. 1 **Henry Purcell** Sonata for Trumpet and Organ **Johann Melchior Molter**

Concerto for Two Trumpets in D major Eugène Gigout Grand Chœur Dialogué Flor Peeters Entrata Festiva Op. 93 **Alan Hovhaness** Prayer of Saint Gregory

Donald Batchelder and John Dent, trumpets Lawrence DiBello, horn Richard Clark, trombone Brian Brown, tuba Terence Flanagan, organ

Rebels and Trailblazers

Sunday, November 6 at 2:00pm The Westport Library 20 Jesup Road, Westport

All the composers represented in this program have been rebels in their own ways-breaking new ground in their communities and in the world of music. They blazed new paths with their unique creativity.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

Ludwig van Beethoven

String Quartet No. 11 Op. 95, 1st and 2nd mvts

George Walker

String Quartet No. 1, Lyric, 1st mvt

Fanny Mendelssohn

String Quartet in E flat, 1st mvt

Milad Yousufi Refugee

Jessie Montgomery *Source Code*

Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson

Movement for String Trio

Rhiannon Giddens

At the Purchaser's Option

Sebu Sirinian and Lisa Tipton, violins Shelley Holland-Moritz, viola Jacqueline Stern, cello

With Added Viola!

Sunday, January 22 at 3:00pm **Stamford Museum and Nature Center** 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford

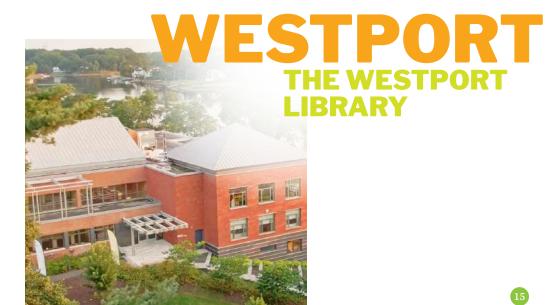
Brahms followed Mozart's lead in adding a second viola to the standard string quartet format. These two pieces, one dark and melancholic, the other full of genial and vigorous vitality, are among the finest of their kind.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

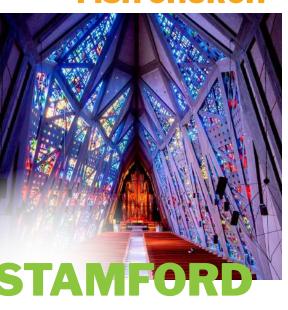
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart String Quintet No. 4 in G minor, K.516 **Johannes Brahms**

String Quintet No. 1 in F Major, Op.88

Deborah Buck and Elizabeth Lim-Dutton, violins Lois Martin and Adria Benjamin, violas Caroline Stinson, cello



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE FISH CHURCH



ORGANized fun in the Kitchen!

Sunday, February 26 at 3:00pm First Presbyterian Church, The Fish Church 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford

Join percussionist virtuoso Dan Haskins and Fish Church organist Kevin Bailey for an impromptu afternoon of fun featuring all the ways percussion instruments, known as the kitchen department, can partner with the mighty organ, the King of Instruments.

A Deepness of Double Basses?

Sunday, March 19 at 2:00pm **The Westport Library** 20 Jesup Road, Westport

Whatever the collective noun is for a quartet of double basses, this unique program showcases the captivating, unexpected collaboration of the Orchestra's double bass section!

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

Gregg August Fortune's Lament Orchestra Lumos commission **Gunther Schuller Quartet for Double Basses Georges Bizet** Carmen Fantasy **Aram Khachaturian** Sabre Dance

Peter Weitzner Richard Ostrovsky Troy Rinker **Andrew Trombley**

> **CONGREGATIONA CHURCH OF GREENWICH** GREE



Sunday, April 23 2023 at 3:00pm **First Congregational Church of Greenwich** 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Greenwich

Groove along to this rhythmic and spirited program that explores how the Orchestra's wind players pay homage to theatre, jazz, and living in the South.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

Darius Ibert Trois pièces brèves **Valerie Coleman** Red Clay and Mississippi Delta **Paul Hindemith**

Kleine Kammermusic Op.24 No 2 Maurice Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin Paquito D'Rivera Aires Tropicales

Elizabeth Mann, flute Melanie Feld, oboe Pavel Vinnitsky, clarinet Cynde Iverson, bassoon Lawrence DiBello, horn



STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

In Time of Fear

Sunday, June 4 at 3:00pm **Stamford Museum and Nature Center** 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford

Some of the finest works in all music have been inspired by periods of oppression, tyranny and war. This powerful program demonstrates the power of music to represent such forces, and yet provide solace and healing.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

Katie Palka Process, a setting of Ethel Smyth's March of the Women

Dimitri Shostakovich

String Quartet No. 8, 1st mvt

Erwin Schulhoff Five Pieces for String Quartet, 4th mvt

Ralph Vaughan Williams String Quartet No. 2 **Quincey Porter** Our Lady of Potchaiv, **Ukrainian Folksong**

Robert Zubrycki and Lisa Tipton, violins Adria Benjamin, viola Peter Sanders, cello





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Shining brilliantly across Fairfield County, Orchestra Lumos' ever-expanding education programs bring the joy of music-making to hundreds of students every year, fostering valuable musical, academic, and personal skills. We also engage diverse audiences in a variety of settings, including houses of worship, schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities.

WE'RE PROUD TO EXPAND OUR **ROLE IN MAKING FAIRFIELD COUNTY A DYNAMIC PLACE** TO LIVE, LEARN, **WORK, RAISE FAMILIES, AND ENJOY A STELLAR QUALITY OF LIFE."**

Nicolas Gonzalez

Community Engagement and Education Manager



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