Symphony New Hampshire's Centennial Celebration continues with new venues, new collaborations, two world premieres and more

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Nashua-based Drum Corps International's The Spartans

vocalist Corrine Byrne, harpist Rosanna Moore, narrator Danny Rivera

A symphonic journey through the music of video games

The music of John Williams

Two World Premieres: commissioned collaboration with Dartmouth & UNH composers, world premiere by D.J. Sparr and Janine Joseph

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Symphony NH

Symphony NH's continues to celebrate its heritage in Part II of its Centennial Celebration with an exciting 2023-24 season. Offering new music, new collaborators, several firsts for the orchestra, and special guest stars, the season celebrates the history and future of the orchestra, as well as the state, all season-long. With a larger focus on connecting with communities throughout the state, in all ten counties, Symphony NH (SNH) presents its main series in six venues: Nashua's Keefe Center for the Arts and it's eponymous Center for the Arts on Main Street, Derry's Stockbridge Theatre, Manchester's The Rex Theatre and Concord's Capitol Center for the Arts including Chubb Theatre and Bank of New Hampshire stage. World-renowned artists - Sandeep Das of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble, renowned Bollywood American Indian singer Anuradha "Juju" Palakurthi, the Nashua-based Drum Corps International's The Spartans, SNH returning favorite vocalist Corrine Byrne, harpist Rosanna Moore and narrator Danny Rivera in their SNH debuts will shine on the SNH mainstage.

Continuing to contribute to the classical music cannon, SNH presents the world premiere commissioned collaboration with composers from Dartmouth and UNH - a new piece written for the 100th by several young composers, and a thrilling world premiere by D.J. Sparr and Janine Joseph. Two special Halloween concerts - a matinee for children and an evening concert for adults, plus the Holiday Pops - add a bit of Holiday Cheer. Movie and video game aficionados will enjoy the all-video game music concert and the all-John Williams concert. Costumes are strongly encouraged for the Halloween, videogame, and John Williams concerts.

As Symphony NH moves into its second century as New Hampshire's oldest professional orchestra and the "symphonic sound of the Granite State," the organization is focusing even more on accessibility, developing new relationships and expanding its musical and educational reach throughout all ten counties. Look for the symphony in new locales throughout the state, as well as familiar venues.

Stay updated on all the news via the Symlphony NH website at <u>www.symphonynh.org</u>, and the newsletter, which you can sign up for here.

Executive Director **Deanna Hoying** stated, "As we enter the second half of our centennial celebration, Symphony NH continues to move forward to connect with our community in every county. We are excited to be expanding our relationships with venues state-wide, to present compelling and exciting music and innovative collaborations. and to reinforce Symphony NH's reputation as "the symphonic sound of the Granite State."

Music Director **Roger Kalia** added, "We are excited for the 2023-24 season! Symphony NH continues to expand its wide range of musical offerings; from classical warhorses to new works to popular video game music and legendary movie music, not to mention pop and holiday music, our season highlights the incredible caliber of our musicians. Our many special guest stars and first-time collaborators reflect the rich cultural diversity of our state in innovative programs. We invite you to join us as we continue our celebration of 100 years of musicmaking in New Hampshire!"

Tickets are available for purchase to the public beginning April 1, 2023.

Symphony NH Centennial Celebration Part II 2023-24 Season September 2023 - June 2024



East meets West Vol. II –Season Opening Concert Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 7:30 PM Keefe Center for the Arts | Nashua

Symphony NH's 100th Anniversary continues! Kicking off the 2023-24 Season with a fusion of Eastern and Western music, Grammy-winning tabla player **Sandeep Das**, member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble, joins SNH and Maestro Roger Kalia in the SNH and **New Hampshire premiere** of Dinuk Wijeratne's *Concerto for Tabla and Orchestra*, an evocative merging of North Indian Classical, quasi-baroque, electronic and traditional Tabla styles. To close this concert, a beloved Beethoven; his energetic and exuberant Symphony No. 7 in A Major.

Halloween Kids! a family concert



Halloween Magic – Family Concert Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 11:00 am (Children's matinee) Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm (Pops I) <u>Keefe Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua

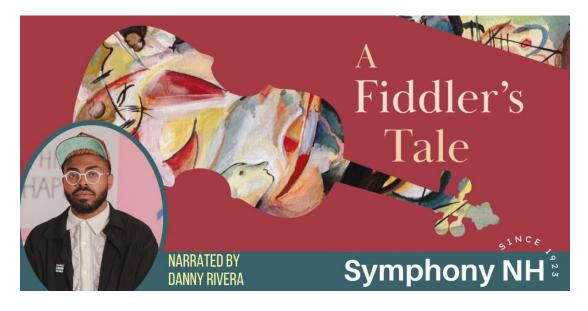
Musical tricks and treats abound in Symphony NH's Family Halloween Pops concert! Humans of all ages will have a hauntingly good time with cherished Halloween favorites including "Hedwig's Theme" from *Harry*

Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Danse Macabre, Night on Bald Mountain and other Halloween favorites. **Costumes encouraged!**



Symphony NH Presents Symphony Masala with Anuradha "Juju" Palakurthi Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm <u>Nashua Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua

Symphony NH presents a first of its kind concert featuring brand new arrangements of Bollywood favorites performed by **Anuradha "Juju" Palakurthi**. A new collaboration with Juju Productions, Symphony Masala will explore the vast musical catalog of Bollywood. Tickets will support Symphony NH's education and community engagement programs.



Wynton Marsalis's *A Fiddler's Tale* Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7:30 pm <u>Stockbridge Theatre</u>, Derry

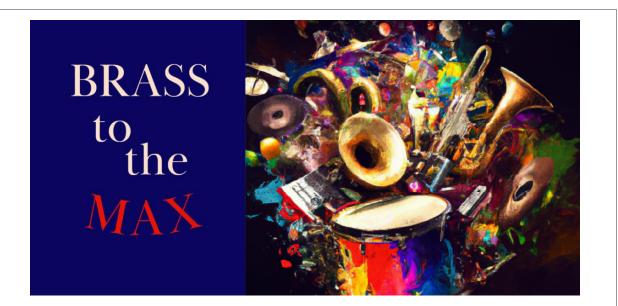
Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm <u>The Rex</u> | Manchester Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm <u>The Bank of New Hampshire Stage</u> | Concord

Symphony NH premieres Grammy Award winning jazz trumpeter and composer Wynton Marsalis's acclaimed *A Fiddler's Tale. A* modernized version of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, an iconic tale of fame, fortune and the devil. Blues, Jazz, tangos, rags, waltzes, classical music – and more -are heard in this updated story of love, greed, and Faustian bargains. Guest Artist **Danny Rivera** joins Symphony NH as narrator.



Holiday Pops Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm <u>Keefe Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua Sunday, December 10, 2023 Venue TBA

A New Hampshire favorite. Nobody rings in the holidays like SNH! Join Maestro Kalia for a fun-filled, high energy performance -Jack Frost has nothing on us! Guaranteed to have you hoping you're on Santa's "nice" list!



Brass to the Max! Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 7:30 pm <u>Keefe Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua

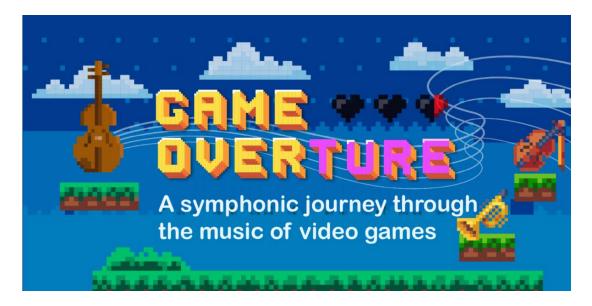
An exciting musical collaboration! For the first time, Symphony NH's brass and percussion join forces with the talented young musicians of **Nashuabased Drum Corps International's The Spartans** in a thrilling, high octane performance of brass and percussion favorites. WARNING – this concert will be LOUD. Earplugs will be available or bring your own.



Penelope Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm <u>The Rex</u> | Manchester Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 3:00 pm <u>The Bank of New Hampshire Stage</u> | Concord Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 pm

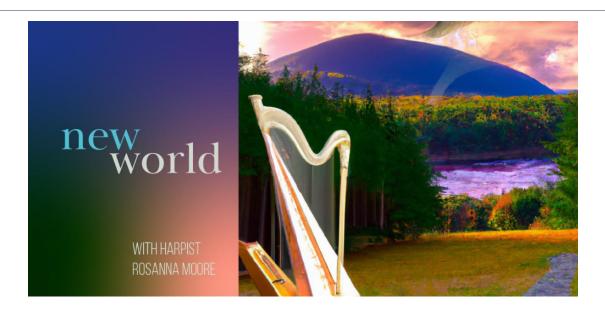
Stockbridge Theatre | Derry

Vocalist **Corrine Byrne** returns to SNH to reprise her role in Sarah Kirkland Snider's *Penelope*, an evocative and moving song cycle inspired by Homer's *The Odyssey*. Praised by Gramophone Magazine as "One of the most powerful expressions of the indie classical style" *Penelope* is "a meditation on memory, identity and what it means to come home."



Game Over(ture) -a symphonic journey through the music of video games Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm <u>Chubb Theatre, Capitol Center for the Arts</u> | Concord Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 3:00 pm <u>Keefe Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua

You don't want to be AFK (Away From Keyboard) for this! Get camping and secure your tickets for this GG! Join Maestro Roger Kalia, and special guests for a musical journey through the incredible musical world of video games. We promise no Easter Eggs and plenty of DLC before the concert. From the iconic music of Koji Kondo (Mario and Zelda) to the award-winning score for Austin Wintory's *Journey*, and so much more, don't let this be "game over" for you - get your tickets before they are gone!



New World Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm <u>Keefe Center for the Arts</u> | Nashua

New Hampshire Concerto (World Premiere commission) D.J. SPARR / Janine JOSEPH Extraordinary Motion: Concerto for Electric Harp (World Premiere) DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, "New World"

Two new world premieres feature in this exciting musical fusion of past and present that shines a spotlight on our incredible orchestra musicians. Opening with the world premiere of *New Hampshire Concerto*, **Symphony NH's first collaborative commission** with **college composers from Dartmouth and the University of New Hampshire** and followed by the world premiere of **composer D.J. Sparr**'s dynamic *Extraordinary Motion: Concerto for Electric Harp* with **poet/co-creator Janine Joseph and harpist Rosanna Moore.** The performance ends with one of the most popular symphonic works of all time - Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, "New World." Inspired by the spirit of African-American spirituals and Native American music that he heard during his travels in America, the work is a fitting tribute to New Hampshire, the spirit of the people who have come before, and those that will come after us. What better way to move forward in our second century as the symphonic sound of the Granite State?



Music of John Williams – Star Wars and more! Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm Capitol Center for the Arts | Concord Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 3:00 pm Keefe Center for the Arts | Nashua

Symphony NH closes our 100th Anniversary celebration with the timeless sounds of one of the most iconic composers and conductors of all time, John Williams. Revel in the majestic music of John Williams - everyone's favorite is here - from Star Wars to Superman to Indiana Jones to Harry Potter and more! Come dressed as your favorite character! Maestro Roger Kalia leads Symphony NH in a grand season finale befitting our history.

About Symphony NH, EST. 1923

A celebrated source of innovation, inspiration, education and entertainment since 1923, Symphony New Hampshire is the premiere symphony orchestra of the Granite State. From its humble beginnings as a mainly all-Nashua musician group that performed two concerts each season in the City of Nashua, the orchestra has grown over the last 100 years into a vibrant jewel in the cultural crown of New Hampshire. Today, concerts are offered not only in Nashua, but throughout Southern New Hampshire and in special performances ound the region. As the organization heads towards its centennial milestone on April 29, 2023, and looks to its second century of music making, it is led by Music Director Roger Kalia in his fifth season (and second year of his extended three-year contract) who has served as Music Director of SNH since the 2020-21 season. Presenting masterworks, choral extrava-ganzas, contemporary pieces and rare jewels of the orchestral repertoire, the symphony today comprises top musicians throughout New England. It is acclaimed for its memorable performances, including premieres by composers Kevin Siegfried, and Randall Thompson; wide-ranging repertoire from Bach to Bartok, including New Hampshire native Amy

Beach, and from Bernstein to the Beatles and more. Today, Symphony NH is known as the "symphonic sound of the Granite State."

Among the notable guest artists that have graced the orchestra's stage are pianists Emanuel Ax, Herbert Stessin, Max Levinson, and Victor Borge; violinists Caroline Goulding, Jennifer Koh, Irina Muresanu, and Mark O'Connor; cellist Sergey Antonov, The Irish Tenors; and conductor Eiji Oue, as well as collaborations with such local organizations as the Boston Ballet, Nashua Choral Society, Granite State Chorale, Nashoba Valley Chorale, Lowell State Chorus, Chelmsford Choral Society, Worcester Chorus, Concord Chorus, and Merrimack Lyric Opera Company, to name a few.

Founded as the Nashua Symphony Orchestra by Clayton A. Eaton, the organization has gone through several incarnations as the community experienced the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II and other events in its history. At one time also called the Nashua Symphony Association, the orchestra changed its name on June 19, 2012, to Symphony NH to reflect its expanded mission "to inspire and enlighten through exceptional live music" serving the state, not just the city of Nashua.

Symphony NH is committed to its community beyond its popular concert series. Through its Community Partnership program, the organization offers music education programs that introduce students to instruments and live performances as well as helping to enrich existing music programs across Southern New Hampshire. <u>www.symphonynh.org</u>

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