

CHAMBER 2016.17 SEASON ORCHESTRA

We are delighted to announce our 2016.17 season, one that reveals the full emotional range of the SPCO's repertoire. In programs that explore the outer edges of light and darkness, joy and sadness, innocence and worldliness, the virtuosity of the SPCO musicians and the fierce artistic commitment of our stellar roster of Artistic Partners combine to offer distinctive and transformational performances for our community.

Two new Artistic Partners begin their tenure in the 2016.17 season — multi-instrumentalist, conductor and Baroque specialist Jonathan Cohen and extraordinary violinist Pekka Kuusisto. Jeremy Denk, Martin Fröst. Patricia Kopatchinskaja and Thomas Zehetmair all return to lead the SPCO in thrilling programs that combine SPCO core repertoire with a myriad of premieres and intimate chamber works.

Fröst and Kuusisto will be our musical guides for Where Words End, a festival in May 2017 that takes its name from a quote by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, "For me, music begins where words end." The festival explores the themes of immigration and cultural identity through programs that bring together artists of various disciplines and backgrounds, with a special focus on Nordic music and culture. In addition to Fröst and Kuusisto, featured artists include composer and performer Gabriel Kahane, indie folk musician Sam Amidon and conductor Eric Jacobsen, all in their SPCO debuts.

Another thematic focus woven into programs throughout the season is music born out of the horrors of war. Important works by Gideon Klein and Erwin Schulhoff, composers imprisoned in concentration camps during the Holocaust, will be performed, as well as seminal chamber orchestra works written in the shadows of World War II including Bartók's Divertimento for Strings and Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony based on his Third String Quartet.

The SPCO continues our commitment to offering the most dynamic and engaging musician-led performances of any major American orchestra with celebratory works like Bizet's First Symphony, Schubert's Second and Fifth Symphonies, and Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony, all performed without a conductor. We will also welcome MacArthur Fellow flutist Claire Chase, adventurous keyboardist and conductor Richard Egarr and exciting bass-baritone Dashon Burton, among others, for their debut performances with the SPCO. Additionally, the return of audience favorites like Jonathan Biss and Paul McCreesh guarantee that this will be a thrilling season.

We look forward to sharing the season with you!

Kyu-Young Kim

Artistic Director and Principal Violin



MEET OUR ARTISTIC PARTNERS

We are thrilled to welcome violinist Pekka Kuusisto and conductor, keyboardist and cellist Jonathan Cohen to our roster of world-renowned Artistic Partners in the 2016.17 season.



NEW! Pekka Kuusisto violin

- "...a violinist whose rare gift is to become rather than perform the music he plays..."

 – The Guardian
- "Pekka Kuusisto...surely has
- the most personal sound of any classical violinist now alive."

 The Telegraph

"There's not an inch of formality

to his playing: he might as well have wandered the hall and whispered, crooned and stomped directly into our ears... What a thrill." – *The Guardian*

"Kuusisto navigates his way brilliantly through the gamut of effects including multiple-stopping, microtones, harmonics et al, all expressed with a broadly legato flow..." – *Gramophone*



NEW! Jonathan Cohen conductor, keyboard and cello

- "...rising like a shooting star through the period performance sector..." - Huffington Post
- "From his vantage point at the harpsichord, Cohen didn't always need to do much conducting... His

interpolations of instrumental works supplied contrasting textures and highlighted the breadth of expertise he had to showcase." – *The Times*, London

"What musical intelligence! ... Jonathan Cohen appears as one of the spokesmen of 'Baroque 2.0.'...This is the exploration of a wider range of nuances and subtleties in many combinations and colorings." – Le Devoir



Jeremy Denk piano

"Denk is a lot more than just an athletic pianist... He plays not only with a wonderful rhythmic drive, but with a wide range of dynamics, a supple way of shaping phrases, and a free but not excessive employment of rubato."

– The Boston Globe

"Mr. Denk, clearly, is a pianist you want to hear no matter what he performs, in whatever combination—both for his penetrating intellectual engagement with the music and for the generosity of his playing." – The New York Times

"Denk is a pianist with much more than commendable technical skills. His keen intellectual curiosity, combined with insightful phrasing, can generate unusually vivid interpretations of an extensive repertoire." – *The Baltimore Sun*



Martin Fröst clarinet

"Fröst exhibited a virtuosity and a musicianship unsurpassed by any clarinetist—perhaps any instrumentalist—in my memory." — The New York Times

"Seamlessly and with a velvety tone, he strides through the huge

range of his instrument, and on the borders of silence, there are windows to the soul opening up."

— Leipziger Volkszeitung

"In earlier times, the talent of Martin Fröst would have attracted suspicion. Like that of Paganini...there is something approaching the supernatural about his command of his instrument." – The New York Times

"Until you've heard Martin Fröst, you really haven't heard the clarinet." – *The Times*, London



Patricia Kopatchinskaja violin

"What is beyond argument is her fierce questing intelligence, allied to a virtuosity that lets her turn her instrument into a thousand characters in a drama to which only she has the script. Touching, mesmerizing and slightly mad: like everything she does." – The Times, London

- "...she brings a fiery originality to everything she plays." The Independent
- "Patricia Kopatchinskaja marries consummate technical brilliance and an amazing aural imagination with a capacity to bring completely new interpretive perspectives to some very familiar music." BBC Music



Thomas Zehetmair

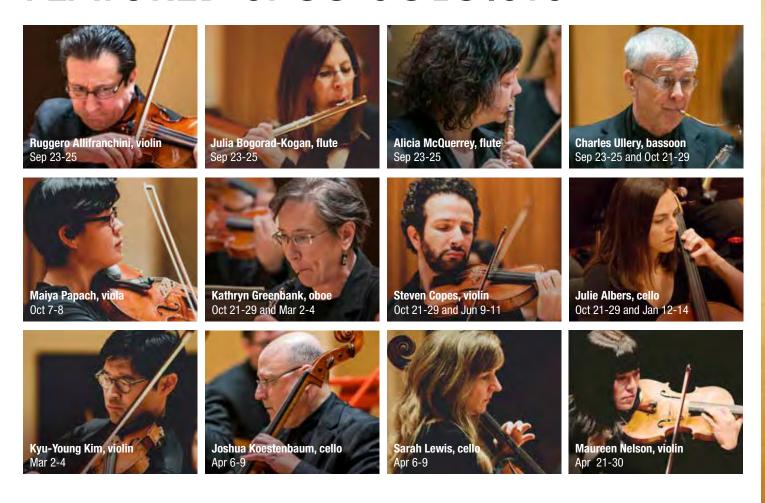
conductor and violin

"Thomas Zehetmair conducted with passion, driving the music dramatically, creating a sense of devastation and mourning in the orchestra's dissonances. As soloist, he made the most of the violin's anguished utterances in

his raw, uninhibited playing." - Star Tribune

"Under Zehetmair, the orchestra sounded at its best, playing with precision and passion." – Star Tribune

FEATURED SPCO SOLOISTS



GUEST ARTISTS



Top left to right: Avery Amereau, mezzo-soprano; Sam Amidon, fiddle, guitar and vocals; Elizabeth Atherton, soprano; Jonathan Biss, piano; Dashon Burton, bass-baritone; Claire Chase, flute; Richard Egarr, keyboard; Eric Jacobsen, conductor; Gabriel Kahane, piano, guitar and vocals; Paul McCreesh, conductor; Tito Muñoz, conductor; Kathy Saltzman Romey, artistic director, Minnesota Chorale; Mischa Santora, conductor; James Sewell, artistic director, James Sewell Ballet; Jeannette Sorrell, harpsichord; Thomas Walker, tenor

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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

THE NEXT STAGE CAMPAIGN

STRENGTHENING THE SPCO'S CAPACITY TO SERVE THE TWIN CITIES

A UNIQUE MOMENT

Today the SPCO has a unique opportunity to serve the community at a profound level by building on the tangible success of recent initiatives:

- A historical commitment to expanding access to our concerts by
 offering extremely affordable tickets currently, over 50% of tickets
 are sold for \$12 or less and by performing at an expanding
 number of venues throughout the Twin Cities
- The opening of the new Concert Hall at the Ordway Center in 2015 — an acoustically superb venue that is already transforming the concert experience for our audience
- The addition of several outstanding new musicians to the orchestra and a commitment to recruiting and auditioning the finest musicians worldwide
- The aggressive pursuit of new possibilities for bringing music to more people through free digital media, as well as through new and nontraditional venues and programs throughout the broader community
- Continuing to build on and strengthen a sound financial platform



THE NEXT STAGE: MORE TO BE DONE

Through The Next Stage Campaign, we hope to secure the resources not only to maintain our current level of accessibility and artistic excellence, but also to expand our capacity to serve more people from all parts of this community. We are building an SPCO that always offers riveting performances and reflects the entire community we are proud to serve.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$26.4 MILLION

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: JUNE 30, 2017

INCREASE

Annual Fund to \$4 million by 2017
This will total \$11.4 million over 3 years.

DEVELOP

Project Fund of \$5 million

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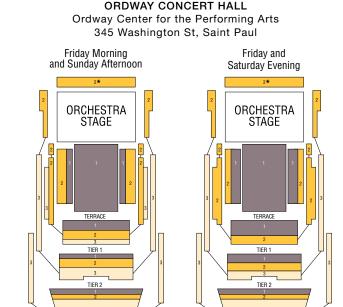
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Schubert: Song D. 531 from Death and the Maiden Patricia Kopatchinskaja, director and violin Quartet for String Orchestra (arr. Wiancko) Dowland: Pavan from Seaven Teares for String Quintet Kurtág: Ligatura Schubert: Death and the Maiden Quartet for String Orchestra Jeremy Denk Plays Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 Schumann: Pictures from Fairyland for Viola and Piano 7 7 7 **OCT** 8 8 8 Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 23 Kurtág: Homage to Robert Schumann for Clarinet, Led by SPCO musicians Viola and Piano Jeremy Denk, director and piano Schubert: Symphony No. 2 Maiya Papach, viola Schubert's Fifth Symphony Tsontakis: New work (world premiere, SPCO commission) **OCT** 28 28 29 29 28 29 Haydn: Sinfonia concertante for Oboe, Bassoon, Led by SPCO musicians Violin and Cello Kathryn Greenbank, oboe Schubert: Symphony No. 5 Charles Ullery, bassoon Steven Copes, violin Julie Albers, cello Dvořák's Serenade for Winds Smit: Sextet for Piano and Winds NOV 25 25 25 25 26 26 26 26 26 27 Weill: Suite from The Threepenny Opera Led by SPCO musicians Schulhoff: Concertino for Flute, Viola and Double Bass Dvořák: Serenade in D Minor for Winds Haydn: Symphony No. 101, The Clock Pekka Kuusisto: Time Machine 7 7 7 JAN 6 6 6 Purcell: Chacony in G Minor (arr. Britten) Pekka Kuusisto, director and violin Kreisler: Violin Concerto in C (in the style of Vivaldi) Respighi: Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite III Prokofiev: Symphony No. 1, Classical Beethoven's Eighth Symphony Program to include: 13 13 14 JAN 13 14 14 Schumann: Cello Concerto Led by SPCO musicians Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 Julie Álbers, cello Jonathan Biss Plays Beethoven's Ravel: Le Tombeau de Couperin 20 21 JAN 21 21 **First Piano Concerto** Beamish: Piano Concerto (world premiere, SPCO co-commission) Mischa Santora, conductor Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 Jonathan Biss, piano Dvořák in America Saint-Georges: Symphony No. 1 JAN 28 28 Mozart: Serenade No. 12 in C Minor for Wind Octet Led by SPCO musicians Marsalis: Selections from At the Octoroon Balls Dvořák: American Quartet for String Orchestra Flights of Fancy Adès: The Mysterious Barricades Quintet **FEB** 4 4 Tito Muñoz, conductor Couperin: The Nightingale in Love for Flute and Harp Claire Chase, flute Fujikura: Concerto for Flute and Chamber Ensemble (Midwest premiere, SPCO co-commission) Adès: Three Studies from Couperin Respighi: The Birds Martin Fröst Plays Copland and Brahms Copland: Clarinet Concerto **FEB** 10 10 10 10 11 11 11 12 Brahms: Hungarian Dances (arr. Göran Fröst) Martin Fröst, director and clarinet Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B Minor Program to include: Mendelssohn's Octet for Strings with FEB 18 18 18 **James Sewell Ballet** Mendelssohn: Octet for Strings James Sewell Ballet; James Sewell, artistic director Jeremy Denk Plays Beethoven's Bach: Selected preludes and fugues for solo piano 24 24 24 24 MAR 24 25 25 25 **Fourth Piano Concerto** Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony (after String Quartet No. 3), Opus 73a (arr. 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Jaakko Kuusisto) Pekka Kuusisto, director and violin Sibelius: Intimate Voices Quartet for String Orchestra Where Words End Grieg: Holberg Suite MAY 12 12 12 12 13 13 13 Pekka Kuusisto: Migration Patterns Kahane: Orinoco Sketches for String Orchestra Traditional: Finnish and American Folk Songs Pekka Kuusisto, director and violin (arr. Amidon/Kuusisto/Muhly) Eric Jacobsen, conductor Gabriel Kahane, piano, guitar and vocals Sam Amidon, fiddle, guitar and vocals Sibelius: Valse Triste Lindberg: Violin Concerto Where Words End Ligeti: Ramifications 27 27 27 MAY 26 26 26 26 27 **Exodus: Musicians in Exile** Golijov: Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind Chaplin: Smile from Modern Times (arr. Pontinen) Martin Fröst, director and clarinet Ollas: Exodus for Clarinet and Strings (American premiere) Swedish traditional: Jag Vet en Dejlig Rosa (I Know a Fair Rose) (arr. Ek) Swedish traditional: Rolig Pers Polska (Funny Person Polska) (arr. Ek) Swedish traditional: Emigrantvisa (Emigrant Song) (American premiere) (arr. Göran Fröst) Mendelssohn: Fair Melusina Overture Season Finale: Beethoven's Seventh Symphony JUN 10 10 10 10 10 11 Jalbert: Violin Concerto Thomas Zehetmair, conductor (world premiere, SPCO commission) Steven Copes, violin Beethoven: Symphony No. 7

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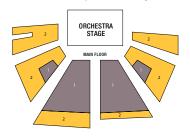
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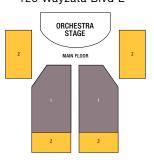
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OCT	25	27				21	22	23			Schubert's Fifth Symphony Led by SPCO musicians Kathryn Greenbank, oboe Charles Ullery, bassoon Steven Copes, violin Julie Albers, cello Tsontakis: New work (world premiere, SPCO commission) Haydn: Sinfonia concertante for Oboe, Bassoon, Violin and Cello Schubert: Symphony No. 5	
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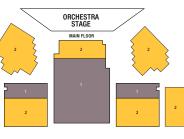
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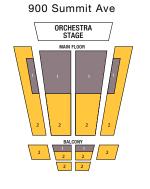
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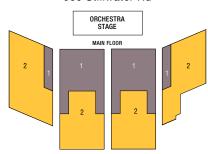
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Opening Night: Patricia Kopatchinskaja Plays Prokofiev

Friday, September 9, 8:00pm Saturday, September 10, 8:00pm Sunday, September 11, 2:00pm Ordway Concert Hall, Saint Paul

Led by SPCO musicians Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

Mozart: Symphony No. 25 **Prokofiev:** Violin Concerto No. 2 **Bizet:** Symphony No. 1

The electric Patricia Kopatchinskaja, who "is incapable of giving a boring performance" (*Bachtrack*), takes center stage as soloist for Prokofiev's imaginative and virtuosic Violin Concerto No. 2. In addition to the concerto, Mozart's stormy Symphony No. 25 and Bizet's delightful First Symphony, featuring one of the great oboe melodies of all time played by Principal Oboe Kathryn Greenbank, combine for a celebratory opening to the SPCO's 2016.17 season.

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Sphinx Virtuosi with Catalyst Quartet Latin Voyages: Viajes Latinos

Sunday, October 30, 3:00pm Ordway Concert Hall, Saint Paul

Copresented with the Ordway and The Schubert Club

Please note: The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra does not perform on this program.

The Sphinx Virtuosi is one of America's most dynamic string ensembles, comprised of the nation's top Black and Latino classical string soloists who are all alumni of the prestigious Sphinx Competition for young American string players. *Latin Voyages: Viajes Latinos* takes audiences on a journey that honors our vastly diverse backgrounds through music. Featuring the tantalizing Argentine tango, the nocturnal imagery of Mexico, a grand tribute to the great Piazzolla and a final invitation to a Catalan dance, this program explores the great palette of the string medium through the prism of both revered and lesser known composers of Latin heritage.

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Thursday, December 8, 7:30pm Temple Israel, Minneapolis Friday, December 9, 8:00pm Saturday, December 10, 8:00pm Ordway Concert Hall, Saint Paul

Led by SPCO musicians and soloists

Continuing our annual holiday tradition, the SPCO presents Bach's most cherished set of orchestral works, the *Brandenburg* Concertos. The profound inventiveness and instrumental virtuosity of these enduring Baroque masterpieces will be on full display as led by our own SPCO musicians and soloists.

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Handel's Messiah

Friday, December 16, 8:00pm
Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis
Saturday, December 17, 8:00pm
Sunday, December 18, 2:00pm
Ordway Concert Hall, Saint Paul

Paul McCreesh, conductor Elizabeth Atherton, soprano Avery Amereau, mezzo-soprano Thomas Walker, tenor Dashon Burton, bass-baritone Minnesota Chorale Kathy Saltzman Romey, artistic director Celebrate the holidays with one of classical music's most beloved traditions as the SPCO performs Handel's *Messiah*. English conductor Paul McCreesh returns to conduct the SPCO after leading "illuminating performances" (*Star Tribune*) of Bach's *Saint Matthew Passion* during the 2015.16 season. Now turning to another masterpiece of the Baroque repertoire, McCreesh brings his "arresting vision" (*Pioneer Press*) to Handel's *Messiah*. This is sure to be a wonderful musical experience for the whole family and a highlight of the Twin Cities holiday season.

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