

76th Concert Season 2022-2023

Upcoming Concerts

Sunday October 9, 2022 **4:00 PM**
Genesee Community College, Stuart Steiner Theater
Meet the Orchestra **3:00 PM**

Dvořák and Ginastera!

Ravish and Mayhem/Stephanie Berg
Concerto for Harp and Orchestra/Ginastera
Rosanna Moore, Harp
Symphony no. 8 in G Major/Antonin Dvořák

Sunday December 4, 2022 **4:00 PM**
Genesee Community College, Stuart Steiner Theater
Holiday Stories!

A Christmas Carol: Opening Titles/Alan Silvestri
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major/Tchaikovsky
I. Allegro Moderato
2022 Y.A.C Winner Luke Pisani, Violin
Polonaise from Christmas Eve Suite/Rimsky-Korsakov
The Night Before Christmas
Laurence Tallman, Narrator
Christmas Festival/Anderson
And more Holiday Favorites!

Sunday February 19, 2023 **4:00 PM**
Genesee Community College, Stuart Steiner Theater
A Brahms Journey Part 1
featuring David Kim
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major/Brahms
David Kim, Violin
Symphony no. 4 in E Minor/Brahms

A Note from the GSO Newsletter Coordinator

Greetings to all and welcome to the 2022-2023 Concert Season of the Genesee Symphony Orchestra, now in its 76th Season. There has been a slight change in the format and availability of the GSO Newsletter.

First off, instead of our normal 4 editions to coincide with our 4 concerts, there will only be 2 editions, a Fall/Holiday Edition, and a Winter/Spring Edition.

Secondly, GSO is “Going Green!” The 2022 Fall/Holiday Edition will be our last mass hard copy newsletter! Beginning with the 2023 Winter/Spring Edition, GSO Newsletters will be delivered electronically via email. Please see below on how you can still get a hard copy snail mailed to you or how you can receive your GSO Newsletter electronically if you aren’t already.

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2022-2023 Ticket Information

Concert tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the concert or at the following GSO “place of business” supporters: Holland Land Office, The Coffee Press {on Jackson St.}, and YNGODESS. Tickets also available online: www.geneseesymphony.com

Rosanna Moore, Harp



Often described as a quirky and engaging performer, who is fully at home on stage both as a harpist, and as a storyteller and actor, Rosanna Moore, has made it her aim to combine theatre and music wherever possible. As a tenured member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Rosanna can often be seen with ensembles such as Ensemble Signal, Slee Sinfonietta, Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Symphor!a, Binghamton Philharmonic and Buffalo Philharmonic. In 2021, she appeared for the fifth year as principal harp with the Lake George Music Festival, NY. As an actress, she has worked as a narrator for orchestras and ensembles in addition to doing voice over work.

In addition to performing, Rosanna is the new Instructor of Harp/ Artist in Residence at the University of Oregon where she will teach students at the collegiate level as well as developing a community harp division. Rosanna is also the Harp Instructor at Opus Ithaca. She has been invited to present master classes for the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, UK, the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble in Atlanta, GA and has appeared as the adjudicator for the American Harp Society’s Auditions and Evaluations. Formerly she was the Professor of Harp at Nazareth College and the Harp Instructor at the Eastman Community Music School. In these roles, she works to bring the harp to as many students as possible and teaches students of all ages and abilities. She served as President of the Rochester Chapter of the American Harp Society from 2019-2021 and she is the co-founder and host of the Soundweavers Podcast with Dr. Adam Paul Cordle and Dr. Blaire Koerner. Soundweavers is a chamber music podcast that explores the trials and tribulations of being a chamber musician and composer in the gig economy.

Rosanna recently completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree with the Performer’s Certificate, an Arts Leadership Certificate, and a minor in theatre at the Eastman School of Music, supported by the Eileen Malone Scholarship. She previously studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and Chetham’s School of Music. Her wonderful mentors throughout the years have been Kathleen Bride and Eira Lynn Jones.

This coming season will see the release of her debut albums with Hats+Heels Duo (‘Womxn are...’), performances of the Ginastera and Debussy concerti, along with the US premiere of Kelly Marie-Murphy’s *En el Oscuro, es Todo Uno* for ‘cello, harp and orchestra and the world premiere and tour of DJ Sparr’s ‘Extraordinary Motion’ concerto for electric harp and orchestra.

For more information, please see <https://www.rosannaharp.com/>

Music Notes from Co-President Melzie Case

Welcome to season 76! Sincere thanks to our wonderful audiences and patrons for 75 years of ongoing support. I am excited to continue serving the GSO, this year in a new capacity, and I send my utmost gratitude to the Board members, musicians, and patrons who made the first 75 seasons of the GSO an enduring success.

We are excited to kick off the season with harp soloist Rosanna Moore in our concert Dvořák and Ginastera! We also look forward to the return of our Meet the Orchestra student event at the October concert. We hope the children, grandchildren, and students in your lives will sign up for this fun and unique musical opportunity!

I would also like to acknowledge GCC for hosting us again this year. We are honored to be their orchestra-in-residence and appreciate all that they do to help our season run smoothly. We look forward to a continued partnership with this valuable educational presence in Genesee County. We look forward to seeing you on October 9th~bring a friend (or two!) for a delightful afternoon of music!

A Note from GSO Historian

From the history books: The GSO Third Concert of its 33rd Season was held on Saturday April 19, 1980 at the Batavia High School Auditorium. It included Young Artist Competition winner Eric Kosiorek, at age 16, on the violin and was chiefly sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Batavia, GTE Sylvania, Genesee Monroe Racing Association and Lapp Division (Interspace Corporation). Among the musical numbers performed, the musicians of the GSO brought to life Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8 in G Major*. It's cheerful and optimistic melody was well received during a time when the cost of living was starting to rise, GDP growth began to dwindle and a country at war miles away triggered a recession that would last for 3 years. Sound familiar? History tends to mirror itself, a cycle repeated as much as a brief musical interlude in one of our favorite numbers. But just as time goes by, so do the events that we share, captured briefly in an article tid bit, to be read by another generation.

Want to learn more about the Genesee Symphony Orchestra and its history? Visit the memory books in the reference section of the Richmond Memorial Library or the permanent display at the Holland Land Office Museum.

Joanne Tumminello, GSO Historian

Message from the Maestro

Dear Friends,

We at the Genesee Symphony Orchestra are gearing up for the start of our 2022/2023 season! We have five, count 'em, FIVE awesome concerts in store for you this season! Our first performance will mix familiar and maybe unfamiliar pieces. We start with Stephanie Berg's *Ravish and Mayhem*; a wild joy ride that is a mix of virtuosic playing as well as straight up fun. Next, my dear friend Rosanna Moore, second harpist for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, will bring to life the Ginastera *Harp Concerto*. A staple in the solo harp repertoire, this concerto contains intense and exciting rhythms reminiscent of the *Rite of Spring*. You would never expect a harp to play like this! After the intermission, the orchestra and I will perform Dvořák's tuneful *8th Symphony*. An audience favorite, this symphony contains some of Dvořák's greatest melodies as well as featuring many musicians and sections of the orchestra.

Next on the docket, will be our annual Holiday Concert. As well as featuring our traditional favorites, we will also play music that involves stories, such as the *Night Before Christmas*, music from Rimsky Korsakov's *Christmas Eve Suite* and more! This concert will also feature our 2022 Young Artist Winner Luke Pisani. Luke, a brilliant young violinist, will perform the first movement of Tchaikovsky's virtuosic *Violin Concerto*. I assure you that you will not want to miss either of these exciting performances! ~Shade

GSO Website

Visit us at www.geneseesymphony.com and find the most up to date information for concert events and symphony news. Purchase your concert tickets online, and sign up for the email version of the GSO newsletter!

Adopt-a-Chair



This is an exciting program affording the participant a first-hand experience with the orchestra. For \$35.00, you may "adopt" a musician of the orchestra. You choose your favorite instrument and sit in that section during the dress rehearsal, for a "behind the scenes" experience in which you will see and hear an orchestra work.

Contact GSO Board Member Helen Parkins at hparkins3373@gmail.com to arrange your Adopt-a-Chair experience.

GSO 2022 Young Artist Competition Winner Luke Pisani, Violin



Luke is an award-winning violinist who attends Hilton High School. He began playing violin at the age of 3 and studied at the Hochstein School of Music in Rochester. He served as concertmaster for the Hochstein Youth Orchestra during the 2019-2020 season. He has won several contests and even placed second in the International Chicago Violin Competition.

In addition to playing the violin, Luke plays basketball for Hilton High and is a member of the National Honor Society. Luke will perform the first movement of Tchaikovsky's virtuosic *Concerto for Violin* on the December 4, 2022, GSO Holiday Concert.

GSO'S 76th Season's Raffle

Grand Package at Salvatore's Grand Hotel

Raffle #1: Grand Package at Salvatore's Grand Hotel, 6675 Transit Road, Buffalo, NY. Includes whirlpool suite, dinner for 2 at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More. Breakfast the following morning. Any night except New Year's Eve. There are many activities to choose from in the Buffalo Area.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 for one ticket, 3 for \$10. Raffle tickets will be sold at our Oct. 9th and December 4th concerts or concert or from any of the GSO Board Members. Raffle to be drawn at the Dec. 4th concert.

Raffle #2: Grand Package at Salvatore's Grand Hotel, 6675 Transit Road, Buffalo, NY. Includes whirlpool suite, dinner for 2 at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More and morning breakfast. Excludes Saturday night and holiday night stays. In addition there is a Gift Certificate to a show at Shea's Theater. Dinner, Shea's Theater Show, overnight at Salvatore's Grand Hotel and Breakfast. Raffle Tickets are \$5 for one ticket, 3 for \$10. Raffle tickets will be sold at our February 19th, April 2nd and May 13th concerts or from any of the GSO Board Members. Raffle to be drawn at the May 13th concert.

Meet the Orchestra is back!

Students in grades 3-8 are invited to sit in on our dress rehearsal on Friday, October 7th, alongside an instrument/musician of their choice. On Sunday, October 9th, students will hear live instrument demos from GSO musicians before enjoying the concert. Each participant will receive free admission to Sunday's concert as well as a complimentary ticket for an adult.

Send an email to geneseesymphonyorchestra@gmail.com for more information or to sign up!