



CIVIC SYMPHONY *of* GREEN BAY

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CIVIC SYMPHONY OF GREEN BAY ANNOUNCES CAST FOR ELLIS ISLAND: THE DREAM OF AMERICA

GREEN BAY, Wis. – The Civic Symphony of Green Bay is pleased to announce the cast for its upcoming performance of *Ellis Island: The Dream of America* at the orchestra's concert "Coming to America" on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Peter Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream of America* celebrates the historic American immigrant experience and the American dream. The 45-minute multimedia work combines music played by the orchestra, actors reading the words of actual American immigrants, and projected historical images from the Ellis Island archives.

Local actors auditioned to read each of the seven immigrant stories, monologues delivered in the first person with musical underscoring. The seven roles will be played by:

- Elly Kirkendall - Words of Helen Cohen, emigrated from Poland in 1920 at age 20
- Sergio Heredia - Words of James Apanomith, emigrated from Greece in 1911 at age 16
- Grace Heine - Words of Lillian Galletta, emigrated from Italy in 1928 at age 4
- Nicholas Schuh - Words of Lazarus Salamon, emigrated from Hungary in 1920 at age 16
- Carol Marbes - Words of Helen Rosenthal, emigrated from Belgium in 1940 at age 30
- Daniel Green - Words of Manny Steen, emigrated from Ireland in 1925 at age 19
- Sandy Zochert - Words of Katherine Beychok, emigrated from Russia in 1910 at age 10

In addition to the *Ellis Island* work, the orchestra's 28th season finale concert will also include Victor Herbert's *American Fantasia* and a presentation by the Brown County Historical Society focusing on Wisconsin immigrants, including the history of the Hmong American community. Join the musicians in the lobby following the performance for cookies.

Coming to America - Civic Symphony of Green Bay concert

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3:00 pm

St. Norbert College, 315 Third Street, De Pere

Abbot Pennings Hall of Fine Arts – Byron L. Walter Theatre

The Civic Symphony of Green Bay is committed to its mission of providing accessible symphonic music through interactive and innovative experiences. Choose between in-person or virtual tickets for the April performance at St. Norbert College. Tickets are available at <https://gbcivic.org/events>. Adult \$18, Senior \$15, Student \$10, Livestream \$18 (plus box office fees). Questions can be sent to info@gbcivic.org or 920-432-4676.

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Founded in 1995, the Civic Symphony of Green Bay is a community of musicians committed to sustaining the wonder and beauty of symphonic music through live performances and artistic collaborations. Volunteer musicians of all ages play in the Civic Symphony of Green Bay. They are professional musicians and amateurs from all walks of life, drawn together by the love of great symphonic music and the desire to share it with others. Seong-Kyung Graham has been the conductor and artistic director of the orchestra since 2005.

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