



CIVIC SYMPHONY *of* GREEN BAY

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"MUSICIAN'S JOURNEY: BEGINNER TO ADULT" PRESENTED BY THE CIVIC SYMPHONY OF GREEN BAY

DE PERE, Wis. – The Civic Symphony of Green Bay continues its 29th season with an upcoming concert entitled "Musician's Journey: Beginner to Adult." The family-friendly concert will be held in the Walter Theatre at St. Norbert College at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024. This program is sponsored by the George Kress Foundation, a long-time supporter of the orchestra.

The concert will demonstrate the progression from beginner groups to the college level, and how a student's musical journey can continue well into adulthood. With a focus on educational outreach, the program features collaborations with several local school groups, bringing more than 160 musicians together for the combined concert.

- 11 students from Suzuki Music Academy of Green Bay, directors Carrie Kulas & Bruce Bowers
- 29 students from De Pere Middle School Orchestra, director James Wagner
- 24 students from Green Bay East High School Chamber Orchestra, director Joseph Baltus
- 34 students from St. Norbert College String Orchestra, director Taylor Giorgio
- 2 student winners of the 2023 Miroslav Pansky Memorial Concerto Competition
- 65 members of the Civic Symphony of Green Bay, artistic director Seong-Kyung Graham

As part of its commitment to arts education, this year the Civic Symphony of Green Bay will also offer two abbreviated performances of the program, open to local schools and homeschools, that same morning. Nearly 1200 students, teachers, and chaperones are registered to attend these "Music for Young Listeners" concerts.

Concertgoers will hear a variety of music, at appropriate difficulty levels for each performing ensemble. The young string students will join the Civic Symphony on stage to experience what it is like to play in a full orchestra. Many of the works on the program are dances – favorites of current orchestra patrons and perfect for first-time attendees.

- *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Variations* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- *Go Tell Aunt Rhody* folk song
- *Allegro* by Shinichi Suzuki
- *Farandole* by Georges Bizet
- *Russian Sailors' Dance* by Reinhold Glière
- *Romanian Folk Dances* by Béla Bartók
- *Polovtsian Dances* by Alexander Borodin
- *Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major (mvt 1)* by Sergei Prokofiev
- *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* by Benjamin Britten

The concert will also showcase the winners of the orchestra's Miroslav Pansky Memorial Concerto Competition. Sophia Serra, a senior at Wisconsin Connections Academy, will perform during the morning concert. Lawrence University senior Gabe Roethle will perform with the orchestra at the evening concert. Each will present their preparation of the first movement of Prokofiev's first violin concerto.

Tickets for the evening concert are now on sale with pricing for adults (\$25), seniors (\$20), and students (\$15). There is also a livestream option available (\$25) for those unable to attend in-person. Total prices as shown, no additional fees. Free parking available in the visitor lots on campus. For more information, visit gbcivic.org/events.

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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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