

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MARK RUSSELL SMITH, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

Courage and Beauty 2023-24 SEASON

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QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Welcome

The musicians of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and I welcome you to our 2023-24 season, Courage & Beauty. As you have come to expect, our season is full of emotion, discovery, and beauty, brought to you by the dedicated and passionate musicians of your Quad City Symphony Orchestra. I am excited and inspired to take this journey with you!

The best way to experience our orchestra is as a subscriber, and you can choose from Masterworks, Movie, and Up Close packages to tailor this year of music to perfectly fit you. As a subscriber, not only do you get to experience the power of live music at the lowest prices, but you earn early access to the best seats in the house for all QCSO concerts, including our Gala Concert featuring world-renowned pianist, Emanuel Ax.

The QCSO is where access meets inspiration, and we strive to engage the entire Quad Cities Community with our incredibly diverse season. We invite you to revisit long-time favorites, explore more recent works by Jessie Montgomery, Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, and Michael Abels, and experience the premieres of two commissions by Jacob Bancks and Angel Lam. We are pleased to welcome back beloved soloists including cellist Tommy Mesa and vocalists Sarah Shafer and Nathaniel Sullivan, introduce you to piano virtuoso Michelle Cann and clarinetist Ricardo Morales, and showcase the spectacular talent among our orchestra with featured solos from many of our principal players!

We are pleased to continue the treasured traditions of Quad City Bank & Trust Riverfront Pops with a Celebration of the Music of Journey, the Harry Potter[™] Film Concert Series with the sixth installment, and two performances of Holiday Brass. We hope you will join us in celebrating the start of the extended holiday season with Disney's Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Concert on Halloween weekend.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to surprising and delighting you in the concert hall this season!

With profound gratitude,

Mark Russell⁽Smith Music director & conductor

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OCT 7, 2023 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE OCT 8, 2023 | 2:00 PM CENTENNIAL HALL

SAMUEL BARBER The School for Scandal Overture ANDREA CASARRUBIOS Seven JESSIE MONTGOMERY Divided DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5

Tommy Mesa, cello

We open our 109th Season with Samuel Barber's vivid and witty The School for Scandal Overture, capturing the madcap spirit of Richard Sheridan's comedic play. Cellist Tommy Mesa returns to the Quad Cities to perform Andrea Casarrubios's *Seven*, a hauntingly beautiful tribute to the pandemic's essential workers and those who lost their lives, followed by Jessie Montgomery's Divided, which finds beauty amid conflict and chaos. The concert comes to a triumphant close with Dmitri Shostakovich's breathtaking artistic statement emerging from a period of Soviet artist suppression, his Fifth Symphony.

MASTERWORKS II an **Merican Tapestry**

NOV 4, 2023 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE NOV 5, 2023 | 2:00 PM CENTENNIAL HALL

AARON COPLAND Buckaroo Holiday from Rodeo JUDITH SHATIN Piping the Earth AMY BEACH Symphony No. 2, Third Movement JOHN ADAMS Short Ride in a Fast Machine SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 2

Michelle Cann, piano

Our symphonic tapestry of American music begins with a journey to the Wild West in Aaron Copland's rousing "Buckaroo Holiday" from *Rodeo*. Be swept away with Judith Shatin's *Piping the Earth* before falling in love with the third movement of Amy Beach's romantic Second Symphony. We close the first half with the driving energy of John Adams's *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*. We then celebrate the 150th Birthday of Sergei Rachmaninoff, who eventually made Beverly Hills his home, with his rhapsodic Second Piano Concerto featuring virtuoso Michelle Cann in her first performance with the QCSO.

MASTERWORKS III Winter Wonders

DEC 2, 2023 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE DEC 3, 2023 | 2:00 PM BARTLETT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL *Alexander's Feast* Suite

JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA' TATE The Indian Spirit at Mesa Falls, from Winter Moons

JOHN HARBISON Snow Country

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART Symphony No. 39, K. 543

Andrew Parker, oboe

Delight in the wonders of winter beginning with the revelry of George Frideric Handel's Alexander's Feast Suite, which will take you through a gambit of fiery revenge, overwhelming love, and transcendent joy. Gather under a full moon for the tragic tale of two lovers swept away by a river in Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate's "The Indian Spirit at Mesa Falls" from Winter Moons. Uncover the beautiful earthly colors hidden under a snowy white terrain in John Harbison's Snow Country featuring QCSO Principal Oboe Andrew Parker. Ward off the coldness of winter with the warmth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's stately yet energetic Symphony No. 39.

MASTERWORKS IV the Stars above * Sands below

FEB 3, 2024 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE FEB 4, 2024 | 2:00 PM CENTENNIAL HALL

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN The Depiction of Chaos, from *The Creation* MARY HOWE Stars and Sand MICHAEL ABELS Liquify BEDŘICH SMETANA The Moldau, from *Má vlast* LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 6, "Pastorale"

The creation of heaven and earth opens our homage to the natural wonders that surround us in Franz Joseph Haydn's "The Depiction of Chaos" from The Creation. Take in the beauty and peace of space before feeling the gritty grains of sand shifting through your fingers in Mary Howe's Stars and Sand. Be swept away by the cascading scenes of Michael Abel's Liquify, featuring the premiere of KV 265's accompanying film that fuses science and art. We continue downriver with the majesty of Bedřich Smetana's beloved tone poem "The Moldau" before ending our journey with a stroll through the countryside on an unexpectedly stormy day in Beethoven's "Pastorale" Symphony.

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MASTERWORKS V Fauré Requiem

MAR 2, 2024 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE MAR 3, 2024 | 2:00 PM CENTENNIAL HALL

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen! from *Cantata No. 51* Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1 Air from Suite No. 3 Excerpts from *St. Matthew Passion* Brandenburg Concerto No. 2

GABRIEL FAURÉ Requiem

Sarah Shafer, soprano Nathaniel Sullivan, baritone Matthew Baker, trumpet Hannah Holman, cello Augustana Oratorio Society & Choral Artists, Jon Hurty, director

Sarah Shafer and Quad City native Nathaniel Sullivan join us in presenting beloved works by Johann Sebastian Bach and Gabriel Fauré. QCSO Principal Trumpet Matthew Baker joins Shafer for the Aria "Rejoice unto God in All Lands!," followed by Principal Cello Hannah Holman performing the iconic Prelude from the First Cello Suite. Feel the yearning of the famous "Air on a G-String" from Bach's Third Orchestral Suite before the Augustana Oratorio Society & Choral Artists join the ensemble and soloists for selections from the *St. Matthew Passion*. The first half closes with the virtuosic flourishes of Bach's Second Brandenburg Concerto. Experience the peaceful serenity of life after death in Fauré's soaring *Requiem*. Composed after the loss of his parents, Fauré balances profound sorrow and longing with light, hope, and the exultation of heaven.

MASTERWORKS VI Force of Fate

APR 6, 2024 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE APR 7, 2024 | 2:00 PM CENTENNIAL HALL

ANGEL LAM

Premiere of a new work presented as part of the Virginia B. Toulmin Orchestral Commission Program

JACOB BANCKS Clarinet Concerto QCSO co-commission premiere

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 4

> Ricardo Morales, clarinet

Our Season Finale opens with a new work by Angel Lam, one of America's foremost female composers, lauded for her use of sounds to express detailed emotions and passion for life. Ricardo Morales will guide you through the Unruly, Tender, and Defiant movements of the QCSO premiere of the cocommissioned Clarinet Concerto by beloved local composer Jacob Bancks. We close our season with the unyielding task of finding happiness despite one's fate in Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's powerful Fourth Symphony.

GALA CONCERT Emanuel Ax

APR 27, 2024 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE

GUSTAV MAHLER Blumine

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART Piano Concerto No. 25, K. 503 Piano Concerto No. 20, K. 466

IGOR STRAVINSKY The Firebird Suite

Emanuel Ax, piano

Our Gala Concert tradition continues with world-renowned pianist Emanuel Ax. The multi-Grammy®-awardwinning artist will join the QCSO to perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's lyrical and heroic Piano Concerto No. 25 followed by his darker and more tempestuous Piano Concerto No. 20. Experience the full colors of the orchestra with Gustav Mahler's shimmering *Blumine* to open the concert and Igor Stravinsky's dazzling and triumphant *The Firebird* Suite to close the evening.

champagne Afterglow

THE GOLD ROOM, HOTEL BLACKHAWK

Join us for a decadent dessert reception immediately following the gala concert. At this ticketed event, mingle with fellow concert goers, Musicians, and the Maestro, and have an opportunity to personally congratulate the guest of honor on an incredible performance.

QUAD CITY BANK & TRUST RIVERFRONT POPS

SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF

AUG 26, 2023 | 7:30 PM LECLAIRE PARK

Ernesto Estigarribia conductor "When the lights go down in the city" join us along the banks of the Mississippi for the Party of the Summer! Celebrate Journey's 50th Anniversary by belting out the band's greatest hits, including "Separate Ways," "Wheel In The Sky," "Open Arms," and "Don't Stop Believin'!" This spectacular event closes with our traditional renditions of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever set to a brilliant fireworks display.

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OCT 28, 2023 | 2:00 PM ADLER THEATRE

Ernesto Estigarribia conductor

This Halloween, experience *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* like never before! Follow the earnest-but-misguided adventures of Jack Skellington, Halloween Town's beloved Pumpkin King, as he attempts to kidnap Santa Clause and take over the Christmas holiday. Watch this timeless holiday classic in its entirety as the Quad City Symphony Orchestra performs every note of Grammy[®]-winning composer Danny Elfman's score live to film.

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE FILM WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA

AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

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NOV 18, 2023 | 2:00 PM NOV 18, 2023 | 7:30 PM ADLER THEATRE Ernesto Estigarribia conductor

Relive the magic of year six in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*[™] in Concert. With this film, based on the sixth installment of the classic saga, fans of all ages can now experience the thrilling tale of Harry's obsession with a mysterious potions book accompanied by the music of the Quad City Symphony orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen in HD!

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Up Close Chamber Music Series

UP CLOSE with Mesa-Zelek Duo

SEP 23, 2023 | 7:30 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVENPORT

Tommy Mesa, cello & Greg Zelek, organ

Enjoy an evening of cello and organ music before Tommy Mesa joins the QCSO to open our Masterworks Season.



UP CLOSE with Living Lands & Waters

JAN 20, 2024 | 7:30 PM FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Emily Nash & Sabrina Tabby, *violin*, Bruno Vaz da Silva, *viola*, Hannah Holman, *cello*, Kit Polen, *bass,* & Marian Lee, *piano*

Celebrate the natural wonders around us with works by ANGEL LAM, JOHN LUTHER ADAMS, FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN, & FRANZ SCHUBERT.

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UP CLOSE with Marc Zyla

MAY 19, 2024 | 5:00 PM FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Marc Zyla, horn & Marian Lee, piano

Join principal horn Marc Zyla for an evening of music by MARGARET BROUWER, FREDERICK TILLIS, GUSTAV MAHLER, & PAUL HINDEMITH.

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UP CLOSE with **Dave Scholl**

JUNE 8, 2024 | 7:30 PM BUTTERWORTH CENTER

Dave Scholl, bass & Mio Nakamura, piano

Enjoy an intimate evening of music with principal bass Dave Scholl at the historic Butterworth Center followed by a season-closing cocktail reception.

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AUG 3, 2023 | 6:00 PM MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTILLING COMPANY

Kick off the season with an evening of beautiful rooftop views of the Mississippi River, delicious spirits and cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, great music, and fantastic company, all while supporting the QCSO.

Soirée

OCT 21, 2023 | 5:30 PM FIGGE ART MUSEUM

5:30 PM Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

7:30 PM Dinner, Auction, & Performance

Experience an elegant evening at the Figge for one of the most popular fundraising events in the Quad Cities! Tickets include cocktail hour, dinner, and a performance, plus a paddle raise and live auction with Maestro Mark Russell Smith as your auctioneer to benefit the QCSO's education programs.

Holiday Brass

DEC 9, 2023 | 7:30 PM SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND

DEC 10, 2023 | 3:00 PM ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, DAVENPORT

Ring in the holiday season with members of the QCSO Brass and Percussion sections! Under the direction of Maestro Mark Russell Smith, the ensemble is joined by organist Chris Nelson to perform uplifting sections of classical and holiday favorites.

Chris Nelson, organ

Mark Russell Smith, conductor

QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Youth Ensembles

The Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles (QCSYE) consists of four school-year orchestras for musicians of all ability levels, ages 7 to 18. The program provides a rigorous and inspiring learning environment founded on musical excellence for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. Students develop valuable musical, social, and leadership skills which set them up for success in school and beyond. Financial aid is available so everyone can participate regardless of ability to pay.

Highlights

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- Sectionals with the region's finest professional musicians
- Annual Concerto Competition
- Complimentary tickets to QCSO concerts
- College and Summer Camp scholarship opportunities
- Full & partial financial aid

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QCSYE Fall Concert

NOV 12, 2023 | 3:00 PM ADLER THEATRE

QCSYE Winter Concerts

FEB 18, 2024 | 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM BARTLETT CENTER

QCSO/QCSYE Side-by-Side Concert

APR 28, 2024 | 5:30 PM ADLER THEATRE

YSO **Finale Concert**

MAY 12, 2024 | 3:00 PM LOCATION TBA

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INSIDE THE MUSIC

Join QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith in an exploration of the Masterworks programs on the Thursday evening preceding each Masterworks Concert. Free admission. Cash bar available.

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CONCERT CONVERSATIONS

One hour prior to each Masterworks performance, concert goers are invited to attend informational pre-concert conversations to hear about the works on the program. A video is also available on all QCSO social media platforms.

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Mingle with Maestro Mark Russell Smith, guest artists, and members of the QCSO in the Hotel Blackhawk lobby immediately following the Saturday Masterworks Performances. Free admission. Cash bar available.

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SHUTTLE BUSES

A convenient park-and-ride shuttle service is available for Sunday Masterworks performances. Visit QCSO.org for pickup times and locations. A \$5.00 return ticket is required and available for purchase at the venue box office or will-call table.

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GALA CONCERT Emanuel Ax Apr 27, 2024 | 7:30 pm | adler theatre

World-renowned pianist Emanuel Ax will perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Concertos Nos. 25 & 20. The QCSO will bookend these works with Gustav Mahler's *Blumine* and Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird* Suite.

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