

# PRELUDE

THE ROSEMARY A. C. GOTTLIEB 2019-20 SEASON

APRIL 2020

## Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

I hope that you are all staying healthy and safe during these most unusual times. Obviously, we are all disappointed that circumstances have led to a temporary cessation of our concerts. However, I am very pleased to report that *Scheherazade and Other Remarkable Women*, featuring Principal Clarinetist Angelique Poteat and Concertmaster Denise Dillenbeck, *String Fever* and the *Villalobos Brothers* have not been "canceled." Rather they have been *postponed*, and we plan to present all three of them during the 2021-22 season.

Before we get to the 2021-22 season, however, we will present our 2020-21 season *In Full Bloom*, a celebration of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra's fifty years! Our most exciting and ambitious season yet, the Yakima Valley Classical Series and the history of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra mirror the season of the Yakima Valley itself; from planting the seeds, setting down roots, blossoming and finally to where we are now: *In Full Bloom!* Paying homage to five decades of memorable performances, we'll be playing some of the greatest 5th symphonies ever penned, including those of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Mahler. We've got some blockbuster shows lined up on our Gilbert Orchards Pops Series as well, including *Bohemian Rhapsody: The Music of Queen* and the return of Cirque de la Symphonie! To top it all off we will present violin superstar Joshua Bell playing the Bruch Violin Concerto in a special gala concert—sure to go down as one of the most momentous cultural events in Yakima's history.

Some people have asked what my days are looking like right now, given that normally my life is a whirlwind of travel, concerts and other public events—all of which have come to a screeching halt. Well, I am working from home in a variety of ways. I am putting the final touches on programming for the 2020-21 season, studying scores in preparation for that season, beginning the planning for 2021-22, practicing violin for upcoming performances such as our annual Conductor's Circle Soirée, working on the publication of a book on the subject of score study, and having one Zoom Meeting after another for board meetings, committee meetings and teaching. A wonderful silver lining of the current situation is that I have the opportunity to be with my family! Even though I am working throughout most of each day and my children are "in school" virtually, we are still together—and in the evenings we are enjoying a lot of movie nights!

While we don't know exactly when the next Yakima Symphony Orchestra performance will take place, I can tell you with the utmost certainty that we are looking forward to it with the most ardent enthusiasm!

Sincerely,



Lawrence Golan  
The Helen N. Jewett Music Director  
Yakima Symphony Orchestra



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- Address
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## Thank you for supporting the Yakima Symphony Orchestra!

Your support is more important than ever as we work to support our musicians—many of whom derive their principal income solely from live performance opportunities—and preserve the viability of live orchestral music in central Washington through the months and years ahead.

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YSO musicians (clockwise) Denise Dillenbeck, Josh Gianola, Ryan Hare, Kara Hunnicutt, Angelique Poteat, Jeff Snedeker

## From the Executive Director

Much has changed since the publication of our last Prelude newsletter, here in Yakima and around the world. Like most of you, the staff of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra are now working from home, and at this time it is not clear when that can change, much less when we can all once again gather for the singular experience of live orchestral music in the Capitol Theatre.

As of mid-April, we have canceled three of our last four subscription programs of the season. Many of you have been in touch already to let us know what you would like us to do with your tickets to these concerts, and we are encouraged by the number of patrons who have chosen to donate the value of their tickets to the YSO. If you have not yet contacted us about your tickets, please do. The best way to reach us is by email at [info@ysomusic.org](mailto:info@ysomusic.org). You also can print and mail the form on the last page of this newsletter, or you can leave a message at our office telephone number, (509) 248-1414, and someone can return your call – though we ask for a little extra patience as our offsite logistics simply aren't as efficient as working together in a single office. If you are not in a position to donate your tickets, you may exchange them for a voucher for comparable tickets to a future concert, or you may request a refund.

Along with those three concerts, a lot of other community work has been put on hold, including dozens of performances in local schools by YSO chamber ensembles and our annual concerts in the Capitol Theatre for area 4th and 5th graders, conducted by Aaron Hirsch. As the updates on the next page indicate, our affiliates and community partners are working to adapt their work to the situation as well as possible. We expect to make a decision about our final program of the year in the coming week, as we explore whether there might be any logistical options that could allow an orchestra and chorus to collaborate fruitfully and safely in Yakima as early as the end of May.

In the meantime, while we cannot gather in the concert hall or at restaurants and coffee shops for a while yet, I hope you will continue to support our local businesses and cultural institutions in whatever ways you can, from ordering take-out food service to making that extra purchase at a small, local retail business or a donation that can help our whole community weather the challenges ahead.

I look forward to seeing you again at the symphony,

David Rogers, Executive Director  
Yakima Symphony Orchestra



## Affiliate & Partnership Updates

**Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra (YYSO) & Yakima Ensemble for Strings (YES!) YYSO.ORG**  
**Bruce Walker, YYSO Conductor**  
**Christy Baisinger, YES! Conductor**

The Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra and Yakima Ensemble for Strings Spring concert cannot be performed on April 19. The majority of the pieces on this program will, instead, be performed on the 2020–21 season Winter Concert. In-person rehearsals for the YYSO and YES have been canceled; we are developing ways to work with current and prospective students in preparation for upcoming auditions. Please visit the youth symphony page on the YSO website for updates: <http://www.yso.org/connecting/youth-symphony/>

### **Yakima Symphony Chorus (YSC) / Justin Raffa, Chorusmaster**

The Yakima Symphony Chorus was to have begun rehearsals this week for the Beethoven Choral Fantasy, but like everyone else we are now working from home. In the event we are able to present the final program of the season in some form at the end of May, we are beginning our preparation with videos of other performances of the work, along with YouTube study aids which highlight each vocal part so that each singer can begin to learn the music even without the benefit of having the full ensemble in one room together.

While we don't know exactly what choral music will look like in the months ahead, we also are looking forward to next season, which will begin for us with a program at St. Paul Cathedral in early October, followed by performances with YYSO on the *Holiday Pops Spectacular* in December, *The Music of Queen* in late February, and the season finale with Mendelssohn's Second Symphony, which will be the major project of the year. In the meantime, you can keep up with us on the YSC Facebook page (in addition to the YYSO page!), or if you're interested to join the chorus you can contact chorusmaster Justin Raffa for more information: [chorusmaster@yso.org](mailto:chorusmaster@yso.org).

### **Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA) / Josh Gianola, YYSO Teaching Artist**

The staff of YAMA have rallied together to quickly and creatively offer support (and music) to our students and families. With schools now closed until the end of the school year, YAMA is unable to maintain in-person programming, and all events and performances have been cancelled until further notice. While this change has been disruptive to our students, our community has come together (virtually) to offer a variety of ways to stay connected and engaged with music.

The YAMA website has been updated to include downloadable versions of all music. Teaching videos and play-along tracks have been created and can be found on YouTube, Facebook, and the YAMA website. Teachers have hand-delivered instruments to families to facilitate continued practice and growth, and teachers continue to regularly check in with students over the phone, in Zoom meetings, and on social media platforms.

To connect with YAMA, please visit and engage with our online presence!

**Facebook:** [yama.program](https://www.facebook.com/yama.program)

**Website:** [yamamusic.org](http://yamamusic.org)

Maestro Lawrence Golan is working from home on next season's scores. This one is "Circuits" by Cindy McTee, to be performed on our first Pops concert, *Cirque de la Symphonie*, on September 19, 2020.

## Meet The Orchestra!



After 73 monthly sessions, starting on September 3, 2014, **Meet the Orchestra** sessions are suspended until the Yakima Valley Museum re-opens. Please visit the **Meet the Orchestra** page on the

YYSO website for updates: [www.yso.org/connecting/meet-the-orchestra-the-yso-the-yakima-valley-museum/](http://www.yso.org/connecting/meet-the-orchestra-the-yso-the-yakima-valley-museum/)



*Beethoven Bear and Berlioz Bear practicing at home for the next "Meet the Orchestra"*

Enjoy the YYSO's weekly column, **forte**, published on Thursdays in the *Yakima Herald-Republic's* SCENE section ([yakimaherald.com](http://yakimaherald.com)) Past columns may be accessed via links on our website, [www.yso.org](http://www.yso.org)

## Music in our Community

We look forward to once again sharing information about other music performances in our community in future *Preludes*.



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## THE ROSEMARY A. C. GOTTLIEB 2020-21 SEASON IN FULL BLOOM—*Celebrating 50 Years!*

The 50th Season of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra includes **six Classical Series concerts**, **five Pops Series concerts** and **one Special Gala Concert** at the Capitol Theatre, and one special performance by the Yakima Symphony Chorus at St. Paul Cathedral. Performances are conducted by YSO Music Director Lawrence Golan except as otherwise indicated.

### THE YAKIMA VALLEY CLASSICAL SERIES

#### **Opening Night: Tchaikovsky's 5th**

October 10, 2020, 7:30pm  
Rich Ridenour, piano

#### **Planting the Seeds: Bach's Brandenburg Concerti**

January 9, 2021, 7:30pm

#### **Celebrating Our Roots: Mozart and the Magic of Mexico**

February 6, 2021, 7:30pm  
Lawrence Golan, conductor and violin  
Nicholas Bardonay, photographer & multimedia artist

#### **Spring Blossoms**

March 20, 2021, 7:30pm  
Efe Baltacıgil, cello

#### **In Full Bloom: Mahler 5**

April 17, 2021, 7:30pm

#### **Season Finale: The Magnificent Mendelssohn**

May 22, 2021, 7:30pm  
Yakima Symphony Chorus; Justin Raffa, chorumaster

### THE GILBERT ORCHARDS POPS SERIES

#### **Cirque de la Symphonie**

September 19, 2020, 7:30pm

#### **Hooray For Hollywood**

November 7, 2020, 7:30pm  
Robert Moody, guest conductor

#### **Holiday Pops Spectacular**

December 5, 2020, 7:30pm  
OR December 6, 2020, 4:00pm matinee  
Yakima Symphony Chorus;  
Justin Raffa, chorumaster  
Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA);  
Stephanie Hsu, director

#### **Bohemian Rhapsody: The Music of Queen**

February 27, 2021, 7:30pm  
Jeans'n Classics  
Yakima Symphony Chorus;  
Justin Raffa, chorumaster

#### **Lindsay Deutsch: Violin Rock Star**

May 8, 2021, 7:30pm  
Lindsay Deutsch, violin

### SPECIAL GALA CONCERT

#### **Joshua Bell**

May 4, 2021, 7:30pm  
The Capitol Theatre

### YAKIMA SYMPHONY CHORUS

#### **Serenade to Music**

October 2, 2020, 7:30pm  
St. Paul Cathedral  
Justin Raffa, conductor

RAISE THE BATON  
Gala Fundraiser

June 19, 2020, 5:30pm • The 4th Street Theatre  
Doors open at 5:30pm, activities begin at 6:00pm

Tickets: \$75 / Table for 8: \$500

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