

North State Symphony
2020-2021 Season
Rediscover NSS: Twenty-Year Celebration

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REDISCOVER NORTH STATE SYMPHONY
20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

CHICO/REDDING, CA – After many months of challenges and uncertainty, North State Symphony is looking forward to beginning a special new time of rediscovery and celebration as we mark our 20th year of bringing excellence in classical music to beautiful northern California.

Starting on Thursday, October 29th, 2020, and continuing through April of 2021, NSS is excited to announce our 2020-21 Season, featuring 6 brand new monthly concert experiences, along with other new and innovative ways to connect listeners and viewers with our musicians and the fascinating world of classical music. To ensure the safety and comfort of concert attendees and musicians, performances will be professionally pre-recorded and will premier Thursday evenings on North State Symphony's YouTube channel and on public access TV.

Through all-new performances of repertoire for smaller ensembles, chosen and performed by Maestro Scott Seaton and NSS musicians, viewers will rediscover: how beautiful and perfectly crafted a melody by Mozart can be, how warm a powerful string quartet can make you feel, and some delightful hidden jewels of the classical chamber music genre. Besides the concerts themselves, each month will also feature additional virtual music, interviews and conversations across the artistic spectrum, including:

- Pre-concert talks
- Watch parties of past concerts
- Interviews with NSS musicians in our "Musician Accents" series
- "Just Ask!" with special guest artists from the North State and beyond

- A new series called "Cracking the Score" where Maestro Seaton and guests dig into the great works of the classical music canon

“Due to state restrictions on large gatherings, we’re unable to perform on stage with the orchestra which typically includes between 45-75 musicians; and theatres are not yet open for audiences of any size,” says Elizabeth Quivey, Executive Director of North State Symphony. “For this season, we’ve decided to offer a series of chamber music performances and additional musical offerings, interviews, and conversations across the artistic spectrum, to be aired virtually. Our season theme is appropriate because during this unprecedented time, we’re rediscovering our love for the music and what it’s like to perform together, though in a very different way. That said, we really can’t wait for the day when we’ll be able to present live music once again, and our 2021-22 Season planning is already underway.”

Also new this season, North State Symphony is introducing a membership model. Instead of purchasing tickets, all are welcome to attend the monthly virtual concerts and related activities, such as pre-concert talks, for free thanks to the generous support of sponsors. However, memberships will help sustain NSS through these challenging times for performing arts organizations by supporting its virtual concert series and more. NSS Members will also get exclusive access to special content, including unique musical performances, interviews, behind-the-scenes discussions with the Maestro and guests, and more. Memberships are \$120 per household for the entire season.

“Despite these challenging times, there’s still much to celebrate as we embark on this season,” says Scott Seaton, Music Director and Conductor of the North State Symphony. “We hope to connect with all of you to share and explore new and exciting virtual discoveries. Please join us at a concert or lend your support by becoming a member – either way, it’s your presence that gives us vibrancy and keeps the music alive. We also want to extend a special thank you to season sponsor Dignity Health, whose remarkably generous and consistent support has helped sustain us for the past five years”.

North State Symphony (www.northstatesymphony.org) is a professional orchestra dedicated to achieving excellence in musical performance and educational opportunities, while engaging and shaping the cultural life of Northern California.