

## Ovation 2023-2024 SEASON

### Celebrating the *iconic*

Welcome to the 23rd season of your North State Symphony! The year ahead is filled with thrilling masterworks ranging from the beautiful melodies and emotional heights of one of Tchaikovsky's most iconic ballets to Mozart's final work, a piece that encompasses the scope of humanity in one wondrous sitting. *Ovation* will also include music from the movies, offering up fun for the whole family. Who wouldn't love hearing some of their favorite movie themes being played by a full orchestra?

> We look forward to sharing this one-ofa-kind symphonic experience with you, be it through our amazing orchestra, impactful programming, or riveting array of guest artists. Come enjoy the show in your favorite seat surrounded by friends, family, and a community of like-minded music lovers!

The North State Symphony is your orchestra, and if you want to help bring large-scale events like these to life, or if you have a piece or composer you would like featured in a future concert, please come talk to me! We currently have openings on our advisory board for passionate advocates of live orchestral music. If you share our vision of keeping our younger generations engaged and inspired, consider joining the Redding League or the Chico Guild.

See you at the symphony!

**Scott Seaton,** Music Director



November 11, 2023 | Cascade Theatre, Redding | 7:30 p.m. November 12, 2023 | Laxson Auditorium, Chico | 2:00 p.m.

Allie Braito, piano, Young Artist winner Amanda Michelle Britt, soprano, Young Artist winner MTAC Youth Orchestra | Yoshie Muratani, Director Shasta College Youth Strings | Jeff Specht, Director

BRITTEN Soirées musicales, Op. 9 (after Rossini) MOZART Piano Concerto No. 20, I PUCCINI Donde Lieta Usci from La Boheme STRAUSS JR. Czardas from Die Fledermaus TCHAIKOVSKY Swan Lake Suite

The season takes off with the elegant and unforgettable melodies of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake suite, a timeless tale of love and transformation. The winners of the 2023 Young Artist Auditions are also showcased in works by Mozart, Puccini, and Strauss Jr. The concert opens with a side-by-side performance of Benjamin Britten's *Soirées musicales* with the youth orchestras of Chico and Redding.

# Mozart Requiem

**February 17, 2024** | Laxson Auditorium, Chico | 7:30 p.m. **February 18, 2024** | Cascade Theatre, Redding | 2:00 p.m.

Terrie Baune, violin Susie Lundberg, oboe Nala Kathleen, soprano Molly Mahoney, mezzo-soprano Dashiell John Waterbury, tenor Daniel Yoder, bass-baritone Simpson Symphonic Choir | Steve Kim, Director Shasta College Chorus | Elizabeth Waterbury, Director Butte College Chorus | Ryan Heimlich, Director Trinity Concert Choir | Steve Kim, Director

Mozart's beloved Requiem was left unfinished at the time of his death, leaving many questions unanswered about the true intention of the work. Composers old and new have tried their hand at completing it, though what Mozart had in mind will never

be known. This dramatic work is paired with George Walker's Lyric for Strings, dedicated in memory of the composer's grandmother who passed away during its composition. The timeless music of Bach and his double concerto for violin and oboe will feature our concertmaster, Terrie Baune, and our principal oboe, Susie Lundberg. This concert reflects the human condition of life and death, birth and rebirth, and ultimately, the hope of resurrection. WALKER Lyric for Strings BACH Concerto for Oboe and Violin MOZART Requiem

# Sounds of the Cinema

May 11, 2024 Cascade Theatre, Redding 7:30 p.m.

May 12, 2024 Laxson Auditorium, Chico 2:00 p.m.

Jeffrey LaDeur, piano



Jeffrey LaDeur is known for his rare blend of insight, spontaneity, and approachable, communicative stage presence. Clic Musique Magazine (France) lauded "...an irreproachable legato, a beautiful palette of nuances, and an always well-balanced sound." Having inherited a rich tradition of pianism and interpretation from Annie Sherter, student of Vlado Perlemuter and Alfred Cortot, LaDeur has established himself as a compelling exponent of classic and new repertoire. In March of 2018, LaDeur made his solo recital debut at Carnegie Hall on the centennial of Claude Debussy's death. He appears regularly with orchestra and maintains a repertoire of over 40 concerti. LaDeur is the founder and artistic director of the San Francisco International Piano Festival and president of the American Liszt Society, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

2023-2024 season highlights include engagements at the International Piano Series, College of Charleston, Mendocino Music Festival Piano Series, Rossmoor Chamber Music Society, and the Vallejo Symphony led by Marc Taddei. LaDeur's most recent solo recording features music of Liszt and was released by Music & Arts in April of 2022. Critic Henry Fogel wrote, "The beauty of his coloration, the rightness of his phrasing, and his sensitive dynamic shaping, all draw the listener into Liszt's world." A chamber musician of distinction, Jeffrey's collaboration with mezzo soprano Kindra Scharich has produced To My Distant Beloved. an album exploring the connections between Beethoven and Schumann through cycles in song and solo piano works. LaDeur has collaborated with distinguished artists such as Robert Mann, Bonnie Hampton, Ian Swensen, Axel Strauss, Geoff Nuttall, and the Alexander String Quartet.

An active educator, Jeffrey offers masterclasses frequently as guest artist in universities throughout the United States and coaches gifted pre-college piano and string ensembles at Young Chamber Musicians in Burlingame, California. LaDeur holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and San Francisco Conservatory of Music in piano performance and chamber music, respectively. Jeffrey counts among his teachers Mark Edwards, Douglas Humpherys, Yoshikazu Nagai, and Robert McDonald.

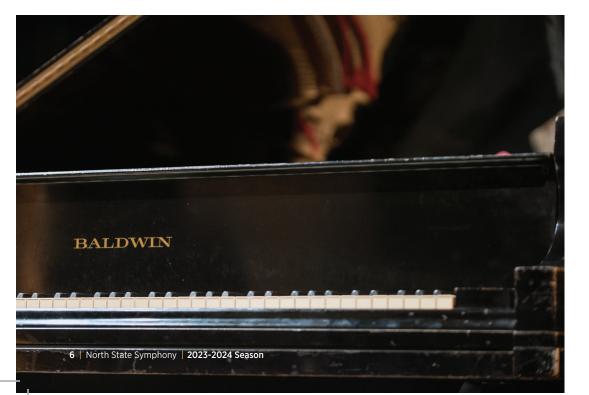
### YOUTH CONCERTS Extraordinary Beethoven

March 5, 2024 | Cascade Theatre, Redding March 6, 2024 | State Theatre, Red Bluff March 7, 2024 | Laxson Auditorium, Chico

Bradley Martin, piano

Learn about the incredible life of one of the most influential composers in history, Ludwig van Beethoven. Through an exploration of some of his most iconic music, learn how he used rhythm to create the golden standard of what symphonic music was to be for centuries to come. You will experience movements from his most memorable symphonic works, and pianist Bradley Martin will highlight some of the most powerful moments in Beethoven's works for piano and orchestra.





### Tickets August 1 Bubscribers August 8 Single Tickets August 15



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