



# CELEBRATING A DECADE OF DARKO!

20<sup>23</sup><sub>24</sub>

CONCERT SEASON





Celebrate a

# DECADE OF DARKO

in his farewell season.

Featuring stellar soloists and iconic works like *Pictures at an Exhibition*, *Lincoln Portrait*, Mahler's Third Symphony, and Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, every concert will be a celebration!

**RENEW BY FRIDAY, MAY 26TH!**





SEASON OPENER

# Bach & Brahms

September 8, 2023 ● 7:30pm  
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Robert Lakatoš, Violin

BACH/BUTORAC Chaconne, Partita No. 2  
WIENIAWSKI Violin Concerto No. 1  
BRAHMS Symphony No. 4

Our season opener begins with the massive Chaconne from Bach's 2nd violin partita, orchestrated by our own Maestro Butorac. Performed by Serbian phenom Robert Lakatoš, Wieniawski's wickedly virtuosic concerto sets the stage for Brahms' masterpiece of tragedy and exuberance, the finale of which pays tribute to Bach, bookending this blockbuster program.

# Pictures at an Exhibition

October 13, 2023 ● 7:30pm  
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Roman Rabinovich, Piano

SILVESTROV *Evening Serenade*  
PROKOFIEV Piano Concerto No. 3  
MUSSORGSKY *Pictures at an Exhibition*

The ten movements in *Pictures at an Exhibition* serve as musical illustrations of drawings and watercolors by Viktor Hartmann, a dear friend of Mussorgsky's who died prematurely. Originally composed for piano, the symphonic version we love today was orchestrated by Maurice Ravel at the request of famed Russian conductor Serge Koussevitzky. In the final, and perhaps most recognizable movement, Ravel unleashes the full power of the orchestra through his vision of the Great Gate of Kiev. Though several of Hartmann's visual works are lost, they are immortalized in this vibrant musical masterpiece.





HOLIDAY MAGIC

# Cirque de Noel

December 9, 2023

3:00pm & 7:30pm

Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Cirque de la Symphonie

You asked, and we're delivering! The magic of Cirque de Noel returns! From the jaw-dropping feats of aerialists soaring over the orchestra, to the comedy of the jester's antics, every piece of this show is the perfect marriage of acrobatics and music. Our 2023 show will feature new music and cirque acts that will surely delight you and your family during the holiday season!

Choose your preferred performance time on your renewal form!

A TALLAHASSEE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

# Portraits of America

January 20, 2024 at 7:30pm

January 21, 2024 at 3:00pm

Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

HIGDON Cold Mountain Suite

COPLAND Lincoln Portrait, with photo choreography "The Eternal Struggle"

A BICENTENNIAL PHOTO CELEBRATION OF TALLAHASSEE

WILLIAM GRANT STILL Symphony No. 1, "Afro-American"

TSO journeys through America, past and present.

Composed in 1930, William Grant Still's "Afro-American" symphony was the first written by an African-American to be performed by a leading American orchestra. Our concert opens with a new work by Jennifer Higdon (commissioned, in part, by TSO) that captures the spirit of the Western Carolina mountains. Copland's iconic *Lincoln Portrait* tells American history through narration and visuals. A brand new photo-choreography work, with archival and contemporary photo submissions from our community, will celebrate Tallahassee's past and present to kick off our city's 200th anniversary!





MAHLER THREE

# A Summer's Midday Dream

March 23, 2024 • 7:30pm  
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

MAHLER Symphony No. 3

With six movements, Mahler's colossal 3rd Symphony is the longest, and one of the greatest works in the standard symphonic repertoire. His "midday dream" takes us on a journey from the heat of a summer day, to a flowery meadow, through the forest and finally, to a profound conclusion unlike anything Mahler had written before.

SEASON FINALE

# A Celebration of Beethoven & Butorac

May 4, 2024 • 7:30pm  
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Jon Kimura Parker, Piano

RAMEAU Overture to *Naïs*  
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3  
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

An evening of heroes rounds out the TSO's 2023-24 season. Music from Beethoven's middle stage of composition, the "heroic" period, takes front and center with pianistic hero Jon Kimura Parker performing the grand 3rd piano concerto. Following this, you'll hear the 3rd symphony—whose nickname *Eroica* means "hero"—conducted by TSO hero Maestro Darko Butorac in his final performance as Music Director and Conductor.





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