The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic's 2016-2017 Season follows a theme that is as inspiring as it is timeless; we will feature music that takes a close look at heroism, passion and inspiration. From Beethoven's epic Symphony No. 3, to the rousing Symphony No.10 of Shostakovich or Dvorak's beloved New World Symphony, each Masterworks concert will celebrate heroes of the symphonic world.

I am pleased to announce we are revisiting an old tradition of having a Masterworks concert in both Scranton and Wilkes-Barre locations. Our breathtaking opening concert will be held at the beautifully refurbished Theater at North (Scranton) and also in Wyoming Seminary's impressive Kirby Center for the Creative Arts (Kingston).

We are also proud to introduce our 2016-2017 Pops series, PNC Pops at Mohegan Sun Pocono. This season all of our Pops concerts will be held in the Keystone Grand Ballroom at Mohegan Sun Pocono, where you can enjoy free valet parking, plenty of restaurants for your dining pleasure and, even a new hotel in case you want to turn a Pops concert into a weekend get-away! Conveniently located between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, it is just 2 miles from Route 81, Exit 170.

Rounding out this spectacular season is our Chamber Series, which will feature five Chamber concerts at WVIA's Sordoni Theater. These concerts are so popular with audience members that we have added a fifth concert to the series. Seats are limited, so be sure to get your tickets far in advance!

Free tickets to our Masterworks concerts are available for students through grade 12—be a hero and introduce a young person to the incredible experience of hearing live symphonic music! Also, please consider participating in the “Tickets for Our Troops” program. By purchasing a pair of tickets for our men and women in the military, you will help us honor these heroes of NEPA.

Warm regards,

Nancy Sanderson
Executive Director
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic
AN ALL BEETHOVEN PROGRAM

Beethoven’s epic Symphony No. 3 was originally dedicated to Napoleon, whom Beethoven thought to be the great hero of the French Revolution. Beethoven was so enraged when he learned Napoleon had crowned himself Emperor of France that he renamed the triumphant Symphony the “Eroica” and dedicated it to the heroics of humanity. Also on the program is Beethoven’s stunning Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, performed by highly acclaimed international artist, Shai Wosner. Join us to experience the explosive energy and powerful sound of one of the world’s greatest composers!

Overture to “The Creatures of Prometheus” Op. 43
Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor Op. 37 Shai Wosner, Pianist
Symphony No. 3 in E Flat major, Op. 55 (“Eroica”)

MASTERWORKS I
Guest Artist Shai Wosner, Pianist
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 | 8PM
Theater at North, 1539 N. Main Ave., Scranton, PA 18508
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 | 3PM
Kirby Center for the Creative Arts, Wyoming Seminary, Kingston

MUSIC OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN COMPOSERS

Although Ruslan and Lyudmila is based on a poem that is full of heroics and fantasy, the true hero of this concert is Dmitri Shostakovich. Under the reign of Joseph Stalin, government censors frequently deemed Shostakovich’s music “anti-Soviet,” or “pro-Western” and as a result, his life was under constant threat. Regardless, Shostakovich still stayed true to his artistic integrity, which took tremendous courage and personal resolve. Indeed, the 10th Symphony is a profound testament to his unbreakable human spirit. Also on the program is Tchaikovsky’s beloved Violin Concerto performed by Arnaud Sussmann. This work of jaw-dropping virtuosity and incredible beauty is the perfect match for Sussmann’s impressive playing!

GLINKA    TCHAIKOVSKY    SHOSTAKOVICH

MASTERWORKS II
Guest Artist Arnaud Sussmann, Violinist
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016 | 8PM
F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre
A SEASON’S GRAND FINALE

Mozart’s compelling masterpiece, Requiem is an extraordinary work that captures the essence of his musical genius and expresses intense emotion, both powerful and serene. The orchestra, soloists and the Philharmonic Festival Chorus will perform this work of the artist and hero who profoundly shaped classical music. Also on the program is Dvorak’s popular Symphony No. 9 “From the New World”. This symphony is Dvorak’s “love letter” to America that captures the unsinkable spirit of a budding nation and the resiliency of those upon whose shoulders it was built—the heroes of America.

DVORAK Symphony No. 9
("From the New World")
in E minor Op. 95

MOZART Requiem in D minor K. 626

MASTERWORKS IV
Guest Artists Meredith Lustig, Soprano
Kaleigh Decker, Mezzo Soprano
Cameron Schutza, Tenor
Matthew Scollin, Bass-Baritone
Philharmonic Festival Chorus,
Steven Thomas, Chorus Master

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 | 8PM
The F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre
Free valet parking is easy and convenient at Mohegan Sun Pocono! Simply drive to the hotel entrance (behind the casino) and valet drivers will park your car for you. It won’t matter if it is raining or snowing—you’ll be under a roof from the minute you get out of your car. They’ve got you covered!

**WICKED DIVAS**

Join us for a Wicked-good evening of Diva showstoppers from the world of Broadway, opera and pop! The evening will feature Elphaba and Glinda from the Tony Award-winning production of Wicked. In addition to the untold tale of the witches of Oz, the program includes favorites from *Gypsy, Ragtime, Titanic* and *Carmen*. You’re sure to love their bewitching and bedazzling performance!

**PNC POPS I**

Guest Artists Julia Murney Emily Rozek

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016 | 8PM**

Keystone Grand Ballroom
at Mohegan Sun Pocono, 1280 Highway 315

**A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS**

As Hollywood prepares for the annual Academy Awards®, come help the NEPA Philharmonic celebrate past Oscar-winning movies and scores. From John Williams to John Barry, you’ll hear unforgettable music from films like *Titanic, Gone With the Wind, Schindler’s List, The Godfather, Out of Africa, Star Wars* and more! Maestro Loh and our musicians will bring their flair to some of the most cherished and honored movie scores.

**PNC POPS II**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 | 8PM**

Keystone Grand Ballroom
at Mohegan Sun Pocono, 1280 Highway 315

**THE PIANO MEN**

Rock the night away to the epic music of Billy Joel and Elton John! The Philharmonic and the rock group Piano Men will join forces to give you the songs of Billy and Elton in full symphonic glory. Joe Boucher and his group will perform such favorites as: *Allentown, Don’t Go Breaking My Heart, Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Rocket Man* and *New York State of Mind*. The wow factor for this concert is off the charts!

**PNC POPS III**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 | 8PM**

Keystone Grand Ballroom
at Mohegan Sun Pocono, 1280 Highway 315

Joe Boucher
Experience our Philharmonic players up close and personal and broaden your knowledge of the composers you love! WVIA's intimate Sordoni Theater guarantees you a comfortable, satisfying evening. Pair a chamber concert with a masterworks concert to make your own mini-festival weekend!

**REFRESHMENTS:** 6:30 PM  |  **PERFORMANCES:** 7:00 PM

**PNC HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES**

**SOUNDS OF THE SEASON**

Ring in the holidays by enjoying the festive sounds of the NEPA Philharmonic’s annual Holiday concert featuring the Choral Society of NEPA, Ballet Theater of Scranton, guest artists and a special visit from you-know-who. This is a fun, family-friendly concert that will get you into the spirit of the most wonderful time of the year!

**PNC HOLIDAY**

Special Guest Conductor Dr. Méllisse Brunet

Guest Artists Ballet Theater of Scranton

The Choral Society of NEPA

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016**  |  **7PM**

Scranton Cultural Center

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016**  |  **7PM**

F.M. Kirby Center

**THE INTIMATE BEETHOVEN**

Enjoy what is considered to be Beethoven’s most beautiful Piano Trio, the “Archduke Trio,” as well as a Beethoven cello sonata. This concert will feature Concertmaster Erica Kiesewetter, Cellist Jeremy Lamb and Pianist Spencer Myer.

**CHAMBER SERIES**

**AT WVIA STUDIOS**

REFRESHMENTS: 6:30 PM  |  PERFORMANCES: 7:00 PM

**SELDOM HEARD VOICES**

Join us for Randall Thompson's “Trio for Oboe, Clarinet and Viola” performed by Principal Clarinetist Pascal Archer, Violist David Creswell and our new Principal Oboist.

**CHAMBER I**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

WVIA Sordoni Theater, Pittston

**THE ENCHANTING HARP**

Warm yourself on a cold January evening with some elegant solo harp music performed by our Principal Harpist Andre Tarantiles.

**CHAMBER II**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

WVIA Sordoni Theater, Pittston

**MEET LAURA GILBERT!**

Get to know our Principal Flutist as she masterfully performs the music of J. S. Bach, Arthur Foote and John Harbison. Molly Morkoski will join her on piano.

**CHAMBER III**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

WVIA Sordoni Theater, Pittston

**UNBUTTONED DVORAK!**

Experience Dvorak’s Quintet in A major for Piano and Strings, one of the greatest chamber masterpieces of all time. This will be an evening of inspiring music performed by great musicians!

**CHAMBER IV**

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

WVIA Sordoni Theater, Pittston

**CHAMBER V**

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

WVIA Sordoni Theater, Pittston
While we have multiple performance venues, the seating levels for the Masterworks Series and Holiday performances are comparable. Please use these two theater maps to determine your approximate seat location and price levels.

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Sneak preview of the upcoming season and opportunities to purchase tickets before the general public.
Join us for a season that celebrates heroes on and off the stage! Let us move, delight and transform you through the power of great music! The Philharmonic welcomes you to our 2016–2017 season!