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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
**PHILHARMONIC**  
Mélisse Brunet, Music Director

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*a season of*  
**DISCOVERY**

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# Warm Greetings!

Last season we celebrated several important milestones: our long-awaited return to the concert halls after the pandemic, our 50th anniversary, and a successful Gala honoring Geisinger, John Magagna, and PNC. Of course, none of this would have been possible without you—our loyal patrons. Your belief in what we do is the reason why the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic continues to thrive.

As we begin our next 50 years, we offer you a season with some of the most well-known and beloved pieces in the orchestral repertoire. In this *Season of Discovery*, we will also offer some exciting works that are new to orchestral literature. We are confident you will discover new music, composers, and guest artists that will impress and delight!

It is with mixed emotions that I announce this season will be Mélisse Brunet's last season as our Music Director. While we anticipated that the national and international attention she has been receiving would eventually lead her to another orchestral position, we had hoped for a few more years under her brilliant musical direction. We are proud to have discovered Mélisse and hope to give her a warm and enthusiastic send-off. Mark your calendars for every single opportunity offered this season to experience her amazing conducting! In the meantime, we will keep you updated about our search for the next Music Director of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

I know I can speak for our orchestra members in saying that we look forward to seeing you in the audience—your presence is what makes the experience of live symphonic music so satisfying! Don't delay—purchase your tickets today!

*Nancy* Executive Director

# PNC POPS

Presented with Dr. Seth and Carolyn Fisher



## BLOCKBUSTER BROADWAY!

Back by popular demand, Spot On Entertainment returns to NEPA with their spectacular production of Blockbuster Broadway! Come experience all the show-stopping tunes you love from Broadway's biggest hits! Spend an evening with songs from *Wicked*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Annie*, *Jersey Boys*, *The Sound of Music*, *Chicago*, *CATS*, *The Lion King*, and *A Chorus Line* performed by some of New York's top vocalists. It's the ultimate show tune extravaganza!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 | 8:00PM**  
Scranton Preparatory School Theater, Scranton

## HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

Ring in the Holidays by enjoying the festive sounds of the Philharmonic's Holiday Concert featuring the Ballet Theater of Scranton, the Choral Society of Northeastern PA, the Bloomsburg University Concert Choir 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!



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 | 7:00PM**  
Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 | 7:00PM**  
F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre

## MOVIE NIGHT WITH JOHN WILLIAMS

Celebrate the iconic film scores that inspire the imaginations of children and adults alike through the music of legendary composer, John Williams. From *Indiana Jones* to *Harry Potter* to *Star Wars*, these instantly-recognizable Hollywood soundtracks are brought to life onstage with your Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic!



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 | 8:00PM**  
F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre

# MASTERWORKS

## DISCOVERING KATYA MOELLER\*

We are proud and excited to present to you our newest discovery: 18-year-old violinist Katya Moeller. She is an extraordinary violinist who plays with tremendous technique and expression. Katya will be performing Coleridge Taylor's breathtaking Violin Concerto in G minor. Beginning the program is the lighthearted Overture to Mozart's Magic Flute and closing this concert is Dvorak's bucolic and joyful Symphony No. 8.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022 | 8:00 PM**

Abington Heights High School, Clarks Summit

\*GENERAL ADMISSION: SEE "ADDITIONAL CONCERTS" ON SUBSCRIPTION FORM



## DISCOVERING BRUCE REIPRICH

This concert features our Philharmonic performing some of the most well-known and loved music written for string orchestra, including Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Debussy's *Danses Sacrées et Profanes*, and Grieg's *Holberg Suite*. Also, we will discover Bruce Reiprich's beautiful *When Quiet Comes*, which he composed in 2021. Bruce will be joining us; don't miss your opportunity to meet and greet with him after the concert!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 | 8:00 PM**

Kirby Center for the Creative Arts, Wyoming Seminary Upper School, Kingston

## DISCOVERING LAURA GILBERT

Leonard Bernstein's witty and playful *Candide Overture* opens this program. Bernstein passionately believed that music makes a powerful impact on the human spirit—and we're sure you'll agree with him after listening to this piece! Next is the Flute Concerto by recent Pulitzer Prize Winner, Kevin Puts, featuring our own Principal Flutist, Laura Gilbert. The concerto's rhythmic vitality culminates in a highly energetic dialogue between the soloist and musicians. Closing the performance is Rimsky-Korsakov's stirring *Scheherazade*, which weaves Middle Eastern musical influences with gorgeous and colorful melodies.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 | 8:00 PM**

F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre

# CHAMBER SERIES

## CHAMBER I

Join us for an exploration of the rich and unique timbre of the oboe along with the velvety sound of its cousin, the English horn. NEPP oboist Karen Blundell is joined by violist David Creswell and pianist Matthew Graybill in a program of works genuinely blending these instruments, including 2 *Rhapsodies*, by impressionist composer Charles Martin Loeffler.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 | 7:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit

## CHAMBER II

We continue our musical exploration with bursts of colorful sounds by an eclectic combination of instruments with NEPP percussionist Steven Mathiesen and pianist Rick Hoffenberg. This program will take you on a journey through contrasting and unique soundscapes.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

Marian Chapel, Marywood University, Scranton

## CHAMBER III

Discover Joseph Haydn's very last string quartet. Enjoy Haydn's elegance, paired with the intensity of Caroline Shaw's *Entr'acte*, and the flamboyance of Spanish composer Joaquin Turina. Performed by violinist Robyn Quinnett, violinist Gabriel Schaff, violist Orlando Wells, and cellist Peter Brubaker.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton

## CHAMBER IV

We end our *Season of Discovery* with a program of works exploring contrasting musical textures including the exuberant clarinet trio by Zemlinsky and the groovy *Disco Toccata* by Connesson, with clarinetist Pascal Archer, cellist Alberto Parrini and pianist Spencer Myer.

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre





# MÉLISSE BRUNET

*Our Music Director*

The Music Director of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, Mélisse Brunet, is quickly gaining attention on both sides of the Atlantic as a "skilled and polished conductor with panache" (*ClevelandClassical.com*).

Ms. Brunet was one of the six conductors selected for the 2018 Bruno Walter National Conductor Preview of the League of American Orchestras, chosen for their "experience, talent, leadership potential, and commitment to a career in service to American orchestras."



Mélisse is as passionate about performing at the highest level as she is to teaching and sharing her art with the younger generation. She is the first woman to have won the position of Director of Orchestral Activities at the "Big Ten" University of Iowa-School of Music, and will be starting her second year conducting the orchestras in symphonic concerts, operas, and musical theater, as well as teaching orchestral conducting to Masters and Doctorate students. In addition, Mélisse will begin her first year as the newly appointed Music Director of the Lexington Philharmonic, located in Lexington Kentucky.

Besides the stages and University, Mélisse enjoys learning languages, exercising, reading books, and spending time with her friends and family.



# SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## GUARANTEED SEATING

Enjoy your choice of premium seating for all performances at discounted pricing.

## TICKET DISCOUNTS

Take advantage of reduced Early Bird subscription prices. Subscribers will also receive a 10% discount on the purchase of additional tickets.

## SNEAK PEEKS

Sneak preview of the upcoming season and opportunities to purchase tickets before the general public.

## FLEX TICKETING

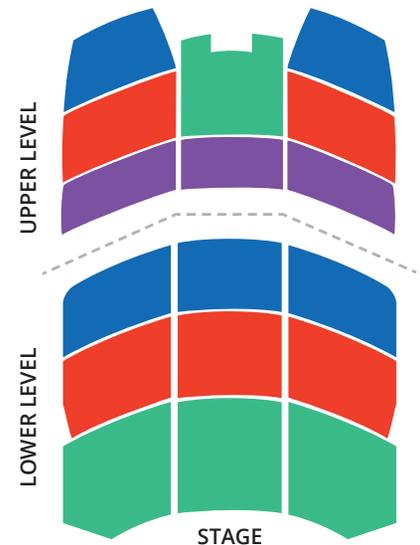
Exchange your tickets prior to the performance for an alternate hall or another performance.

## BRING TWO GUESTS

Bring two guests to a concert of your choice, compliments of us! Just call the office to make arrangements prior to the performance.

## INVITATION TO ATTEND

- Subscriber-only post-concert reception with Mélisse Brunet
- An open rehearsal



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- ORCHESTRA C AND REAR BALCONY