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Message from the President

The Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra's (PSO) 2021-22 season commences with more excitement than ever. After nearly two years away from the stage, I think I can speak for all of us when I say that a return to live performances has never felt more essential or fulfilling.

I am proud of how the PSO continues to grow, evolve and strengthen as an organization. This year, I'm particularly in awe of the musical programs we have lined up, which promise to be both unique and inspiring. Under the direction of Maestro John Page, who marks his 10th season with the PSO this year, our symphony of fantastic musicians from the Seacoast and beyond is ready to deliver compelling performances of the world's musical masterpieces.

In addition to our calendar of full orchestral performances at The Music Hall and our annual Holiday Pops! performances at Portsmouth High School, we are excited to announce our new "Up Close and Personal with the PSO" chamber music series at Jimmy's on Congress. This new six concert series, which will run from November to May, will explore the borderlands between jazz and classical music in Jimmy's century-old, spectacularly restored, state-of-the-art club.

Beyond our public performances, the PSO also works behind the scenes to help build the next generation of musicians. As the father of two young musicians, I have seen firsthand how music builds lifelong skills including persistence, attention to detail, problem solving, collaboration, self-confidence, and so much more. Our tuition free youth education program, Stringendo, is just one way that the PSO is investing in our youth and our community.

Everything we do is made possible by you, our loyal audiences, corporate sponsors and individual supporters. The tickets you buy and the donations you make, large and small, sustain us and our work. We thank you and encourage you to help us expand our base of support this year by inviting a friend or family member to an upcoming concert so that they too may discover why the PSO is so much more than music.

On behalf of everyone at the PSO, we hope your year is filled with peace, good health and wonderful music.

Mike Schwartz
President of the Board of Directors



Message from the Music Director

Dearest friends,

We are so happy and relieved to be back making music for our community and for ourselves. I've always believed that music is a source of healing, but I have never believed in that power as much as now, emerging from the isolation and silence of

the last few years. We need each other, we need to feel connected and to share our common experiences and we need to give voice to our emotions. It'll come as no surprise that the transition from darkness to light is an underlying theme for the season. We will experience it in Shakespeare's masterful and magical *Tempest* as vividly expressed by Tchaikovsky and in Strauss' magnificent and touching portrayal of what lies beyond death. We will also experience it through the mastery of Ludwig van Beethoven in his unyielding Fifth Symphony. The music we will play this year allows us to share our humanity and hopefully will help begin the process of healing. We need to play for you, and we want to help you heal. For so many reasons, it's good to be back.

Warmly,
John Page

This year the PSO lost a beloved and deeply valued Board member, Edward "Ned" Tate, II. He was a passionate lover of music and opera and the PSO was most fortunate to benefit from Ned's wisdom and generosity.

Long-time friend and fellow PSO board member Rick Miller remembers Ned this way:

"His exquisite manners and affability set a high aspirational bar for others who would be as successful and likeable as Ned. Many organizations pursued Ned for their board, and the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra was one of the lucky ones to enjoy his excellent judgment and support. Ned's strongest suit was positivism and constructiveness, always aiming for the ideal but attainable."



The PSO dedicates the 2021-22 concert season to Ned's memory.



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Overview

The Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is committed to contributing high quality symphonic music to the Seacoast community and to educating, entertaining, and encouraging the audiences of today and tomorrow.

Now in its 24th season, the PSO is the Seacoast's longest-standing symphony orchestra and is The Music Hall's first ever resident orchestra.

Led by Music Director John Page and comprised of over 65 local professionals, educators, highly accomplished amateurs and advanced students, the full PSO orchestra typically presents four mainstage concerts and a New Year's Eve pops performance at

The Music Hall. In addition, the PSO offers audiences a chance to get "Up Close and Personal" with a chamber music series (formerly known as the "Get Cozy" series).

As the Seacoast's only year-round orchestra, the PSO is also uniquely positioned to support the educational and enrichment needs of the Seacoast's students, which we do through the Stringendo strings program, the annual Young Artist Competition, and the Explore and Learn partnership with local elementary schools and The Music Hall.

The Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra is so much more than music. We invite you to learn more and to join us.

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Mainstage Series

The full symphony orchestra performs four concerts per year with programs spanning time and genre.

PSO "Up Close and Personal"

In this entertaining and widely varied series, year round members of the Portsmouth Symphony perform chamber masterworks in smaller venues in order to shrink the barrier between performer and listener.

Explore and Learn

As part of our mission to encourage the next generation of music lovers and makers, the PSO partners with The Music Hall to offer a musical outreach program. The popular enrichment curriculum and school day concerts draw audiences from 32 area elementary schools. The PSO also offers small ensemble performances to schools as requested throughout the school year.



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2022 Young Artist Competition

Requirements for eligibility:

- Applicant must be in high school
- Applicant must live within NH or the Seacoast region of MA and ME (from Beverly, MA to York, ME)
- Applicant cannot be a former PSO Young Artist
- Competition winner
- The competition is open to piano, guitar, saxophone, and all orchestral instruments
- Applicants compete with their own accompanist (mandatory) in the video submission, due March 15, 2022

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Email aubrie.dionne@portsmouthsymphony.org or visit
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John Page, Music Director

Award winning conductor John Page was appointed Music Director of the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra in 2011. Mr. Page's conducting career began with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland in 2000, and his 2002 performances of Viktor Ullmann's *The Emperor of Atlantis* garnered the prestigious Irish Times Opera of the Year award. Since then he has returned to Ireland frequently to record with the Irish Film Orchestra and his many recordings with PBS show *Celtic Woman* have earned multiple platinum discs.

In 2003 Mr. Page moved to the US and was appointed Zander Fellow to the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and from 2005 to 2009 he was the orchestra's Assistant Conductor. In

2006 John Page joined the Faculty of New England Conservatory as Resident Conductor and Music Director of the NEC Sinfonietta and later, NEC Symphony. In spring 2011 Mr. Page was a Visiting Associate Professor at Boston University assuming the duties of Director of Orchestral Activities. He is co-founder and Artistic Director of the PARMA Orchestra and was appointed Director of Orchestral Activities at Tufts University in 2012 with responsibility for the Tufts Symphony Orchestra, Tufts Chamber Orchestra and Tufts Youth Philharmonic. In Fall 2017 John Page was invited to direct *Carmen* with the newly formed Foyle Opera in his hometown of Derry, Northern Ireland. In recognition of his work with younger musicians Mr. Page was selected to conduct the 2018 NH All-State Festival Orchestra at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord.

From December 2011 to 2014 Mr. Page conducted the extremely successful *Celtic Woman* Symphony Tours of the US. He has conducted many major orchestras including the Atlanta Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Virginia Symphony and West Virginia Symphony, the Ulster Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland.

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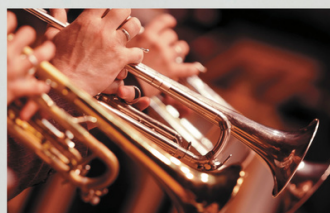
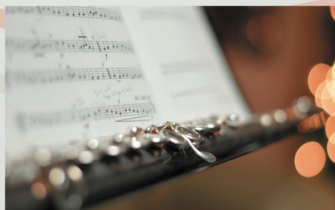
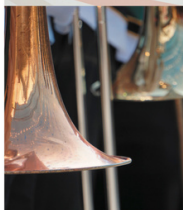
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PORTSMOUTH SYMPHONY CHAMBER PLAYERS AT JIMMY'S ON CONGRESS

The PSO gets “Up Close and Personal @ Jimmy’s”

The PSO is thrilled to be presented by Portsmouth’s newest venue Jimmy’s Jazz and Blues Club.

The *Up Close and Personal @ Jimmy’s* Chamber Music Series presents exciting dinner concerts at the intersection of classical and jazz.

In this six-concert series, ensembles of Portsmouth Symphony musicians will showcase the richness, flexibility, and often surprising range of the classical chamber music repertoire in Jimmy’s century-old, spectacularly restored, state-of-the-art club. Paired with fine food and libations, this series promises chamber music like you’ve never experienced it before.

Guest will be able to order from Jimmy's fine menu a la carte. The Dinner & Concert package includes appetizer, dinner, and dessert. Drinks are sold separately. Children's menu available.

See you @ Jimmy's

“String Quartet Tasting Menu”

November 21, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Join us for the opening night of the PSO @ Jimmy’s Chamber Music Series! The PSO players will kick off the six-concert series with a string quartet tasting menu designed to showcase the near endless variety of extraordinary musical flavors, colors and sounds of the string quartet repertoire. Dvorak, Schubert, Haydn, Ravel, Still, and myriad other composers wrote some of their most profound works of art for the string quartet. Tonight, you’ll get a hearty sampling.

This evening’s program will include:

Antonin Dvorak - String quartet No.12 in F major, *American* : *Allegro ma non troppo*

Florence Price - String quartet No.2 in A minor : *Andante Cantabile & Juba*

Franz Schubert - String quartet No 13 in A minor, Op.29 : *Andante*

Antonin Dvorak - String quartet No.12 in F major, *American* : *Finale Vivace ma non troppo*

Astor Piazzolla - *Libertango*

William Grant Still - *Lyric Quartette* (Musical Portraits of Three Friends)

Maurice Ravel - String quartet in F major : *Assez vif*

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"Brass (R)Evolution"

December 12, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Travel through space and time with the PSO Brass Quintet on a colorful and vibrant musical journey through many styles and genres of music composed specifically for the brass ensemble. The brass quintet of today traces its origin from many backgrounds including the streets of post-civil war New Orleans where disbanding military groups provided a sudden supply of cheap brass instruments and inspired a true crossover of creativity and innovation. From there, musical freedoms and avant-garde composers experimented with brass quintet music written in many different modern and post-modernist styles. This vibrant concert will leave the listener in a wash of sounds and impressions of the brass ensembles evolution.

This evening's program will include:

Jennifer Higdon - Fanfare Quintet

Anthony Holborne/ed. EBQ - *Elizabethan Dance Suite*

Giovanni Gabrieli/ed. Arnold - *Fromme Canzon per sonare* Prime a 5

Johann S. Bach/arr. Robert King - *Contrapunctus I*

Victor Ewald - Symphony in Bb major

Malcolm Arnold - Quintet

Scott Joplin/arr. Samuel Pilafian - *Paragon Rag* (Ragtime)

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"Rhapsody"

January 23, 2022 @ 5:30pm

The winter blues have never sounded more beautiful. Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, arranged for piano quartet, blends jazz and classical music and is the centerpiece of this concert.

Performed by Boston based pianist [Tianhong Yang](#) on Jimmy's resident Steinway piano, this concert is guaranteed to light up a dark winter evening. The performance includes the sublime *Spiegel im Spiegel* by Arvo Pärt. A work that exemplifies a style he invented and termed tintinnabuli, in which simple fragments of sound recur, like the ringing of bells. An iconic work with an introspective atmosphere created by the simplicity and pure sonorities of the music.

This evening's program will include:

George Gershwin - *Rhapsody in Blue* for piano quartet, Tianhong Yang, piano

Arvo Pärt – *Spiegel im Spiegel*

And more exciting selections

"Respiro di colori"

February 27, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Experience a "Breath of Colors" in this special performance with the PSO wind musicians in colorful combinations of wind ensembles. In this program that blurs the boundaries of classical and jazz, enjoy selections from this vast body of music, rich in rhythmical playfulness, melancholy laments, and the most elegant of musical dialogues.

This evening's program will include:

Malcolm Arnold - *Divertimento* for wind trio Op. 37

John Williams - *Viktor's Tale* from *The Terminal*

Claude Debussy - *Syrinx* for solo flute

Madeleine Dring - Trio for flute, oboe and piano

Ludwig v. Beethoven - Trio Op. 87 for flute, oboe and clarinet

Frederic Poulenc - Sonata for clarinet and piano

Jaques Ibert - *Piece* for flute solo

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PORTSMOUTH SYMPHONY CHAMBER PLAYERS AT JIMMY'S ON CONGRESS

Jean Berger - *Toadiñha* for oboe and piano

Paul deWailly - *Aubade* for flute, oboe and clarinet

"Strings + One"

April 24, 2022 @ 5:30pm

Several Hitchcock movies owe much suspense to composer Bernard Herrmann who knew how to create tension and atmosphere with his music. In this moody selection of powerhouse pieces, select PSO players will perform *Souvenir de Voyage*, Herrmann's last concert piece. Paired with Milhaud's *Le Creation du Monde* and other atmospheric works for strings + one, this evening is moody—in the best sense of the word.

This evening's program will include:

Dmitri Shostakovich - Piano quintet in G minor, Op.57: *Lento*

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Bernard Herrmann - *Souvenir de voyage* for clarinet and string quartet: *Lento*

Wolfgang A. Mozart - Piano quartet No. 1 in G minor, K.478: *Rondo*

Johannes Brahms - Horn trio in Eb Major Op.40: *Andante & Allegro con brio*

Darius Milhaud - *Le Creation du Monde* (arr. for clarinet, 2 violins, cello and piano)

Amy Beach - Piano quintet in F# minor, Op.67 - *Adagio espressivo*

Wolfgang A. Mozart - Horn quintet in Eb major, K.407 - *Rondo Allegro*

"Intimate Voices"

June 19, 2022 @ 5:30pm

The PSO @ Jimmy's Chamber Music Series comes to a rousing finale as the PSO musicians come together in a larger chamber ensemble to sweep you away in a performance where classical and jazz meet and intertwine effortlessly.

Copland's invocation of jazz can be found in his heavy use of jazz influenced rhythms in *Appalachian Spring*.

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PORTSMOUTH SYMPHONY CHAMBER PLAYERS AT JIMMY'S ON CONGRESS

Arnold Schoenberg is probably best known as the bad boy of early twentieth century classical music with his radical "serialist" approach but tonight we discover his nostalgic side in two unique orchestrations of pieces by other composers.

Debussy's luxurious *Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune* was a watershed moment in classical music and its harmonic language feels closer to the world of jazz than classical music. In this arrangement it's intimacy and clarity are perhaps even more daring than the original. Mahler's *Wayfarer Songs* formed the basis of his explosive *First Symphony*, but unlike that huge work here we find Mahler's undistilled vision of a young man traveling heartbroken through the world. The addition of the human voice to our program in Schoenberg's cabaret style orchestration seems even more appropriate in the ideal setting of Jimmy's.

This evening's program will include:

Claude Debussy arr. A. Schoenberg - *Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un Faune*

Gustav Mahler arr. Schoenberg - *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*

Aaron Copland - *Appalachian Spring* Suite for 13 instruments



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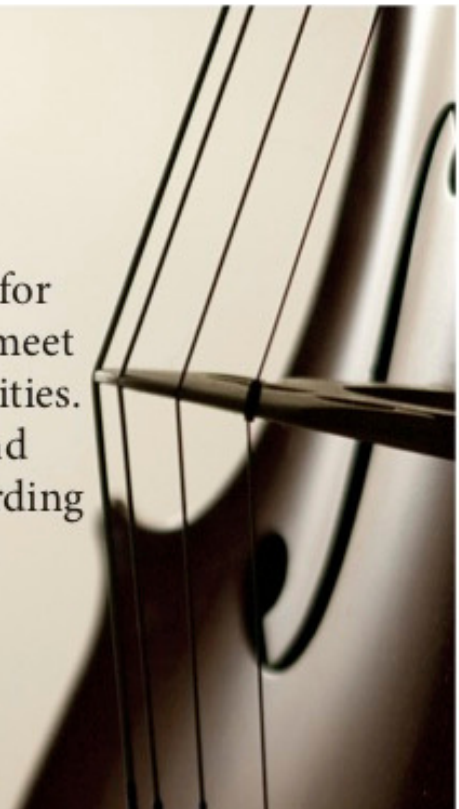
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