2016/17 SEASON

Resident Partner of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
Friends of the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra,

As we enter our 50th Season, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. We are inspired by the dedication of our musicians. The people on our stage are local teachers, parents, corporate employees, and business owners. They are members of our community who spend their nights and weekends working at rehearsals and perfecting the performance for our audience. They have kept us on the stage for the last 49 years and they make the music come alive.

We are grateful for the support of our board. Our members include CEOs, CFOs, and founding members of the symphony who volunteer their time to raise funds for our organization and ensure a secure future for symphonic music in the Fox Cities.

We are encouraged by the community support we see every day. From our sponsors, donors, and ticket holders, we always look forward to sharing your excitement and bringing you our best at every performance. Your applause means the world to us.

Finally, we are excited about what the future holds! Celebrating our success with Itzhak Perlman on Opening Night is a great honor. Hearing our musicians perform pieces like Ein Heldenleben will be an amazing treat. Working with our friends at newVoices will be the start of many more collaborations to come. We are also looking forward to partnering with local nonprofits and businesses to increase programming in our community.

The founders of our Orchestra set no limits to where it could grow — let’s honor their vision and make sure the music lives forever.
OPENING NIGHT
September 28, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.

Special guest
Itzhak Perlman

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)
• Ceremonial Fanfare

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
• Leonore Overture No. 2, Op. 72a

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
• Capriccio Italien, Op. 45

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
• Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64
  • Allegro molto appassionato
  • Andante
  • Allegro molto vivace

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Itzhak Perlman enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the world who respond not only to his remarkable artistry, but also to his irrepressible joy of making music. We are honored to share the stage with Mr. Perlman on Opening Night as he performs the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. Adding Copland, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky to the evening creates an amazing showcase for our orchestra, as we begin our 50th Anniversary Season.
November 19, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.

Special guest Edgar Meyer

Bruce Atwell • Fanfare for Four Horns

Giovanni Bottesini (1821-1889)
- Double Bass Concerto No. 2 in B minor
  - Allegro moderato
  - Andante
  - Allegro

Edgar Meyer
- Double Bass Concerto No. 1 in D major
  - Movement 1
  - Movement 2
  - Movement 3

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
- Ein Heldenleben, TrV 190, Op. 40 (“A Hero’s Life”)
  - The Hero
  - The Hero’s Adversaries (critics)
  - The Hero’s Companion (wife)
  - The Hero’s Deeds of War
  - The Hero’s Works of Peace (and struggles in the face of continued criticism)
  - The Hero’s Retirement from the World and the Fulfillment of his Life

We start the concert with a composition by our own Principal Horn Bruce Atwell, featuring the FVSO Horn section. Next, Edgar Meyer joins us for two Double Bass Concerti, including one of his own compositions. Hailed by The New Yorker as “…the most remarkable virtuoso in the relatively un-chronicled history of his instrument,” Mr. Meyer has unparalleled technique and musicianship. We end the evening in grand fashion with Ein Heldenleben, a piece as challenging as it is unforgettable.

December 10, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.

Special guest Steve March-Tormé

For our anniversary holiday concert, we are joined by local legend Steve March-Tormé, as we celebrate with music sure to delight young and old alike. Join us for traditional holiday music, including “The Christmas Song” (made popular by our soloist’s father, Mel Tormé). We will cap off this festive evening with a reading of “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” featuring the music of another one of our local legends, Maury Laws. It is a sure way to get into the holiday spirit!
Works of Rachmaninoff and Mozart are sure to warm up our winter concert. We start the evening with a piece which appeared on the first program ever presented by the FVSO, The Walk to the Paradise Garden by Delius. We then welcome back Claire Huangci, a pianist widely acclaimed for her ability to captivate her audience with remarkable technical skill and expression. The power and majesty of Rachmaninoff is balanced by the energy and wit of what is arguably Mozart’s most demanding symphony.

March 18, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.
Special guest Eileen Ivers

Grammy-awarded and Emmy-nominated, Eileen Ivers is known for her solo work as well as work with London Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops and Sting. She’s been called a “sensation” by Billboard magazine and “the Jimi Hendrix of the violin” by The New York Times. This pioneer in Celtic and world music joins us on stage in March for a true Celtic celebration!
We end the season in grand style with the addition of our community friends, newVoices. Our Orchestra and this accomplished chorus come together to bring the masterful Sea Symphony to life. This work is both thrilling and haunting, from its brass fanfare to its choral soloists. The text, taken from Walt Whitman’s Leaves of Grass, celebrates life and humanity, and becomes the perfect close to our 50th season celebration.
Brats, Beer & Beethoven

July 1, 2016 • 7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. • Tailgating encouraged!

Brats, Beer & Beethoven is a FREE, family-friendly, community event featuring a concert by the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra and a huge fireworks celebration at Fox Cities Stadium. The concert is scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2016.

The first concert, held in July of 2015, drew more than 3,000 people, and we’re going to knock it out of the park again this year! The popular music, fireworks, and free admission give this event mass appeal. Bring your friends and family and enjoy this spectacular event!

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GRAND FINALE
May 6, 2017
7:30 p.m.
FVSO with newVoices

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