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THIS FALL, the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra made a melodious return to Severance Music Center. Over the past several months, student musicians participated in masterclasses, rehearsals with composers, and performed their first concert in Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Concert Hall in nearly two years!





- 1. Composer Joan Tower provides insight to COYO members during rehearsal of her *Sixth Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman* at Severance Music Center on October 16.

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- 2. Performance photography from COYO concert on November 21. © Roger Mastroianni
- 3. Cellist and COYO alum Alisa Weilerstein and The Cleveland Orchestra's first assistant principal cello Richard Weiss address COYO members on October 15. © The Cleveland Orchestra
- 4 & 5. The rising, young British cellist, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, gave a masterclass with participants Jason Ma of Cleveland Institute of Music, COYO's Eleanor Pompa, and Drew Dansby from Oberlin College and Conservatory on November 6.

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About the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra is a full symphonic ensemble composed of approximately 85 young musicians drawn from 35 communities in seven counties across Northern Ohio. Founded in 1986 by Jahja Ling (then resident conductor of The Cleveland Orchestra), the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO) provides serious young music students of middle and high school age with a unique pre-professional orchestral training experience. The 2021–22 season marks the fifth under the direction of Vinay Parameswaran.

Among the acclaimed artists to work with COYO are Marin Alsop, Pierre Boulez, Stéphane Denève, Christoph von Dohnányi, Giancarlo Guerrero, Witold Lutosławski, Yo-Yo Ma, Gil Shaham, Michael Tilson Thomas, Antoni Wit, and Cleveland Orchestra Music Director Franz Welser-Möst. The ensemble has been featured on three international tours.

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra is part of a suite of Cleveland Orchestra programs designed to nurture aspiring young musicians, which also includes the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus, the Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus and Preparatory Chorus, and the *Crescendo* and *Music Mentors* pathways initiatives for students in Cleveland schools. In addition, with the support of many generous individual, foundation, corporate, and governmental funding partners, the Orchestra's full range of education and community programs reach more than 100,000 young people and adults annually, helping to foster a lifelong relationship with music by removing barriers to participation, advocating for and helping to facilitate equitable access to comprehensive music education in schools, and harnessing the life-changing power in service to the community.

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Sunday afternoon, February 20, 2022, at 3:00pm Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Concert Hall at Severance Music Center

Vinay Parameswaran, conductor

JENNIFER HIGDON

(b. 1962)

blue cathedral

ALEXANDER ARUTIUNIAN

(1920-2012)

Trumpet Concerto

DASARA BETA, trumpet

INTERMISSION

MANUEL DE FALLA

(1876 - 1946)

Suite No. 1 from The Three-Cornered Hat

Introduction: Afternoon

Dance of the Miller's Wife (Fandango)

The Corregidor The Grapes

Suite No. 2 from The Three-Cornered Hat

The Neighbor's Dance (Seguidilla)
The Miller's Dance (Farruca)

Final Dance (Jota)

This performance is about 1 hour and 15 minutes in length.

This performance will be broadcast on ideastream/WCLV Classical 104.9 FM on Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 PM.

2021-2022 Season **Program 7**



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Performers are listed alphabetically within each woodwind, brass, and percussion sections. Superscripts indicate principal player according to the following key:

- H Higdon
- A Arutiunian
- F1 Falla Suite 1
- F2 Falla Suite 2
- ** Extra/substitute musician

The future of classical music shines brightly through the talented young musicians of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. A gift to The Cleveland Orchestra's endowment in support of the Youth Orchestra is a wonderful way to show your commitment to the future of this important program while providing vital funding for The Cleveland Orchestra.

In addition to the endowed musicians chairs, The George Gund Foundation has made a generous gift to the Orchestra's endowment in support of the Youth Orchestra, and the estate of Jules and Ruth Vinney has generously endowed a Touring Fund to support the Youth Orchestra's performances beyond Northeast Ohio. COYO is generously supported by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. The following eight endowed Youth Orchestra chairs have been created in recognition of generous gifts to The Cleveland Orchestra's endowment:

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Vinay Parameswaran

Music Director, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Associate Conductor, The Cleveland Orchestra Elizabeth Ring and William Gwinn Mather Chair

Vinay Parameswaran joined The Cleveland Orchestra as assistant conductor with the 2017-18 season, and was promoted to associate conductor in 2021. In this role, he leads the Orchestra in several dozen concerts each season at Severance, Blossom Music Festival, and on tour. He also serves as music director of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

Mr. Parameswaran came to Cleveland following three seasons as associate conductor of the Nashville Symphony (2014-2017), where he led over 150 performances. In the summer of 2017, he was a conducting fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center. Recent seasons have included Mr. Parameswaran making his guest conducting debuts with the



Rochester Philharmonic and the Tucson Symphony, along with his subscription debut with the Nashville Symphony conducting works by Gabriella Smith, Grieg, and Prokofiev. Other recent engagements have included debuts with the National Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony, Eugene Symphony, and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to his concert work, Mr. Parameswaran has led performances of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* with Curtis Opera Theater. He also assisted with Opera Philadelphia's presentation of Verdi's *Nabucco*.

Mr. Parameswaran has participated in conducting masterclasses with David Zinman at the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa, as well as with Marin Alsop and Gustav Meier at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music. He is the conductor on the album *Two x Four* featuring the Curtis 20/21 Ensemble alongside violinists Jaime Laredo and Jennifer Koh, including works by Bach, David Ludwig, Philip Glass, and Anna Clyne.

A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Mr. Parameswaran played percussion for six years in the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in music and political science from Brown University. At Brown, he began his conducting studies with Paul Phillips. He received a diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied with Otto-Werner Mueller as the Albert M. Greenfield Fellow.

Dasara Beta

Trumpet, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

Dasara Beta is a 17-year-old trumpet player in his third season with the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. He has performed with several local and national youth honor ensembles, including holding the principal chair of the 2020 National Association for Music Education Honor Orchestra, touring Germany and France as second trumpet of the Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra, and playing as a member of Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA). In 2019, he was named a semifinalist in the junior division of the National Trumpet Competition, and in 2021, he earned first prize in the World Trumpet Society Orchestral Excerpt Competition.



As a young musician in the Cleveland area, Beta stays involved in the local arts scene as a student ambassador for The Cleveland Orchestra and an usher at Playhouse Square. He has studied in Rich Pokrywka's private studio since 2016 and plans to continue his musical studies this fall.

Outside of music, Beta is an avid fan of Formula One racing and enjoys traveling and writing. As a first generation Albanian-American, he is excited to perform a piece by a fellow Eastern European, as it connects to his heritage and culture. He is thankful to COYO and Mr. Parameswaran for the opportunity to perform such an outstanding piece with the orchestra.



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blue cathedral

Composed: 1999



BY
Jennifer Higdon
BORN
December 31, 1962
Brooklyn, NY

Jennifer Higdon composed *blue cathedral* as a tribute to her younger brother, Andrew Blue, following his death in 1998. The work was commissioned by Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music for its 75th anniversary, and has been performed more than 600 times worldwide to date, making it one of the most popular contemporary orchestral works.

While writing the piece, Higdon reflected on the travels of our individual and collective souls throughout our lifetimes — namely, the connections we make and the wisdom we amass. Flute and clarinet are featured heavily throughout the piece; the flute leads a conversation filled with playful and poignant interactions, but eventually the clarinet drops out as its counterpart continues. These woodwind choices were no coincidence, as Higdon plays the flute, and her late brother Andrew played the clarinet — it's as if the audience gets to eavesdrop on heartfelt chatter between siblings.

Higdon imagined the listener passing through a clear glass cathedral floating in a sky of clouds and a rich shade of blue, representing life's infinite possibilities, shining through its walls. In this vision, the listener enters the building, floats through the aisle, rises gracefully towards the ceiling, and soars through the sky, with the cathedral representing both an entryway to and exit from life. The composition opens on a whimsical, peaceful note with delicate percussion and rich, cascading woodwinds, evoking the first freshly bloomed flowers of springtime. Then it slowly builds towards a rapturous, celebratory sound, which calls to mind the rush of lessons that fills our souls throughout our lives — a concept that inspired Higdon. These exhilarating swells of brass, strings, and percussion invoke both the perils and triumphs of one's inner journey, painting life's ebbs and flows with majesty. Finally, the piece transitions into more contemplative, serene soundscapes, landing in a space of reverent beauty rather than despair. blue cathedral is less so a representation of mourning or pain, and more a metaphor for the growth we experience throughout our lives, and the gorgeous patchwork of our souls.

Performance Time: about 15 minutes

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Trumpet Concerto

Composed: 1949-50



BY
Alexander Arutiunian
BORN
September 23, 1920
Yerevan, Armenia
DIED
March 28, 2012
Yerevan, Armenia

Armenian composer Alexander Arutiunian is beloved among trumpet players for this concerto. "There is no conservatoire in the world in which this work does not feature perennially in syllabuses, competitions and concert programmes," reported *Gramophone* in its obituary for the composer in 2012.

Arutiunian was a leading musical figure in his native Armenia for nearly 60 years. He was born in its capital city, Yerevan, just before the Soviet Union took power over his homeland. Still, Arutiunian prospered under the Soviet regime and its musical education curriculum, winning the Stalin Prize in 1949 for his cantata *Motherland*, which he wrote as a student at Moscow Conservatory.

Arutiunian's music reflects both his Armenian heritage and his Soviet training, melding folk and traditional melodies along with the modern sound worlds of his contemporaries and friends such as Aram Khachaturian and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Arutiunian started writing this concerto as early as 1943 for Zsolak Vartasarian, who was principal trumpet

of the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra. Vartasarian died in World War II, and Arutiunian only returned to this piece in 1949 and completed it in 1950. That same year, it was premiered by Soviet trumpeter Aykaz Messiayan at Moscow's Tchaikovsky Hall. But its popularity is owed to another musician.

Michael Sachs, principal trumpet of The Cleveland Orchestra, explains: "The first recording was done by the famous Russian trumpet virtuoso soloist Timofei Dokschitzer (a longtime cornet soloist with the Bolshoi Orchestra), who really brought the piece into the spotlight and made it a standard staple of the trumpet repertoire. Dokschitzer also composed the cadenza, which was approved by Arutiunian, that is usually performed toward the end of the piece."

The concerto is played as one long movement with distinct sections. The solo trumpet's soulful melody, drawing inspiration from traditional Armenian music, provides a dramatic start to the piece. But it soon transitions to a playful dialogue between soloist and orchestra. This witty repartee melts into a romantic interlude, with a wistful tune carried by solo clarinet. The playful interactions return, and build to Dokschitzer's virtuosic cadenza, which catapults the piece to its thrilling end.

Performance Time: about 15 minutes

The Three-Cornered Hat

Composed: 1916-17



Manuel de Falla
BORN
November 23, 1876
Cádiz, Spain
DIED
November 14, 1946
Alta Gracia,
Argentina

Manuel de Falla first wrote the music that would eventually become his beloved *The Three-Cornered Hat* to accompany a pantomimed performance, which bore the title *El corregidor y la molinera* (*The Magistrate and the Miller's Wife*). He later expanded the score for the famous traveling ballet company Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo, which performed the piece in 1919 under the title *Le Tricorne* (*The Three-Cornered Hat*). Falla, with the help of Ballet Russes director Sergei Diaghilev, revised the work to accommodate a full-size symphony orchestra, and this version opened in London with sets and costumes designed by Pablo Picasso.

Falla's original inspiration was Pedro Antonio de Alarcón's novel *El sombrero de tres picos (The Three-Cornered Hat*), which was itself based on a traditional Spanish ballad. It's a humorous folk tale filled with wild misunderstandings, deceptions, and switcheroos, and Falla's rendition serves as a taste of his authentic Spanish voice. The story takes place in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, and it follows a tumultuous love triangle between a miller, his wife, and a magistrate. The themes include love and jealousy, law and ethics,

and pride and dignity, and the work's charming display of Spanish customs — particularly the festivities during the feast of San Juan — are woven throughout. With this tale, it's best to expect the unexpected, delight in its fanciful narrative style, and lose yourself in the humor and chaos of the drama.

This afternoon's presentation of the two suites from Falla's *The Three-Cornered Hat* includes several movements. The **Introduction** opens with ceremonious trumpet honks and booming timpani rolls, evoking a grand entrance fit for a king, but it soon fades into lighter, more playful territory as we hear the woodwinds, violin, and muted trumpet begin to intermingle. This latter section makes up the **Afternoon**, in which we meet two of our main characters, the miller and his wife, happily working at their mill. Then comes the ballet's first dance (more specifically, a *fandango*, a partnered Spanish dance often accompanied by castanets, guitars, or handclaps), which is titled **Dance of the Miller's Wife** and features frenzied strings with strumming motifs, lending a palpable tension and calling to mind an epic battle. Then we find the magistrate trying to woo the miller's wife during **The Corregidor**, and he fails comically. His failure is evident with its sudden, violent explosion of horns, which signify an utter catastrophe. Next is the final work of part one, **The Grapes**, which is decidedly dainty and

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seductive, as the miller's wife begins to tease the magistrate by offering him grapes while avoiding his overtly romantic advances.

Part two of the program kicks off with a *seguidilla* (a Spanish dance in triple time) called **The Neighbor's Dance**, which finds the townspeople and our main characters celebrating La Noche de San Juan (St. John's Eve), a scene that's paired with circling string melodies and good-natured wit. Following this *seguidilla* is a *farruca* (a masculine solo flamingo dance) performed by the miller during the festivities and aptly titled **The Miller's Dance**. It's marked by a bullish english horn solo to usher in the miller's peacocking via fancy footwork. The program ends with the **Final Dance**, a *jota* (a partnered Spanish folk dance in triple time) that accompanies the procession during St. John's Eve. The grand finale is marked by a fit of confusion and rage, and you'll hear the humorously cartoonish sequences that take place as characters are chased throughout the town as a result of various misunderstandings. Eventually, the miller and his wife are reconciled, but the program concludes on a rather boisterous note, hinging on towering climaxes and calling back to previous melodies.

Performance Time: about 25 minutes

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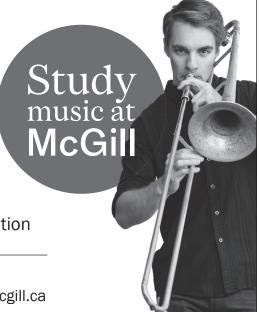
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Everyone who enters Severance Music Center for concerts and events is required to show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination (two doses, **plus a booster**, per CDC guidelines) of a World Health Organization (WHO) or U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized vaccine, along with a photo ID. Guests who are unable to be vaccinated or have not received their booster dose will be required to provide proof of a negative Covid test, along with a photo ID.

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FACE MASKS REQUIRED

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ENHANCED CLEANING

We will continue comprehensive and consistent cleaning procedures and provide hand sanitizer stations throughout.



ENHANCED VENTILATION

Severance has updated its HVAC filtration and circulation system to meet the guidelines of local public health authorities and recommendations from Cleveland Clinic.

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