

MID-COLUMBIA SYMPHONY

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FROM THE
VAULT

SEPTEMBER 21



Mid-Columbia Symphony kicks off its 75th season

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the Mid-Columbia Symphony will open its 75th season with a concert featuring music by Dvorak, Enescu and Bergsma. The theme for the season is “Honoring Our Past. Celebrating Our Future,” and it marks a milestone for the performing arts in the Tri-Cities.

The opening concert, “From the Vault,” features pieces played by the orchestra on some of its very first programs in the 1940s and 50s. The main piece to be presented in this concert is Antonin Dvorak’s beloved *Symphony No. 9* — the “New World,” which was performed in February 1950

when MCS was known as the Richland Symphony Orchestra.

Dvorak composed his *Symphony No. 9* after spending time in the United States in the 1890s. It was widely popular and was performed all over the world. The piece is notable for Dvorak’s use of African-American and Native American melodies.

The concert will open with George Enescu’s *Romanian Rhapsody No. 1*, a piece that opened a concert by the Richland Symphony Orchestra in March 1949. Enescu’s colorful and dramatic work features extensive solos for many of the principal players. The

melodic language is modal and the rhythms are infectious.

Rounding out the program will be William Bergsma’s *Paul Bunyan Suite*. The MCS played the Bergsma in March 1952, February 1958 and May 1970. Bergsma was an American composer who lived from 1921-1994. The *Paul Bunyan Suite* was brand-new music in 1945 when the Richland Symphony played its first concert, and the orchestra that became known as the Mid-Columbia Symphony performed the suite on three separate occasions in its first 25 seasons. Although not well known, it is a

charming piece of Americana that members of the orchestra are delighted to offer their audience again.

“From the Vault” will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Richland High School Auditorium. Music Director Nicholas Wallin will conduct as he returns for his 12th season on the podium. A pre-performance talk will be held at the Pasco Branch of the Mid-Columbia Libraries, 1320 W. Hopkins St. in Pasco, on Friday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit midcolumbiasymphony.org.

Walla Walla Symphony season includes seven concerts beginning Sept. 24

The Walla Walla Symphony, conducted by Yaacov Bergman, will offer seven concerts in its 113th season, with a variety of season ticket packages that allow you to choose 4, 5, 6, or all 7 performances. They will welcome back American pianist Simone Dinnerstein, the Eugene Ballet Company, and Walla Walla’s own Julia Gish Salerno as part of our season lineup. The season will also feature

Grammy-winning ensembles Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and Chanticleer.

The season opens with “Tradition,” an exploration of folk themes in classical music on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The symphony and violinist Julia Gish Salerno will perform Prokofiev’s *Violin Concerto No. 2*. They’ll be joined by Chiquillas Ballet for Daniel Freiberg’s dance “Candombe.” The concert will

close with Dvořák’s cheerful and lyrical *Symphony No. 8*.

On Oct. 20, experience the romance, drama, and tragedy of *Swan Lake*. The Eugene Ballet Company returns to Walla Walla for two fully-staged performances of Tchaikovsky’s most famous classical ballet, featuring live music, beautiful costumes, full sets, and professional lighting! And, for the holiday season,

“Hogwarts for the Holidays” will feature the music of Harry Potter on Dec. 7.

The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (LAGQ) will take the stage of Corder Hall in February, and trumpet William Berry will be a guest soloist in March for a concert called “Melodies and Monsters.”

For complete program details and more information, visit the Symphony website, wvsymphony.org.




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