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Timothy Chooi, Violin

Mina Zikri, Conductor

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Sunday, January 14, 2024, 4.00PM

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND CONCERT ATTENDEES

We welcome you to the 3rd concert of the NSO's 2023-2024 season, and hope you all had a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season! Our concert today features violinist Timothy Chooi playing one of the all-time classics in the violin repertoire – Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

If you've read Malcolm Gladwell's book *Outliers*, you know he makes reference to the amount of time necessary to truly master a skill and achieve at a high level: 10,000 hours. Assuming a string player practices 2 ½ hours a day for 48 weeks out of the year, it would take nearly 12 years to master the violin, or viola or cello – or any instrument, for that matter. That's what you are hearing from our musicians on stage today – true dedication and mastery of their instrument through countless lessons, indefatigable hours of practice, the trials and tribulations of failure and total immersion in their craft. Needless to say, we take pride in the high level of collective musicianship we deliver under Maestro Mina Zikri's baton every concert and appreciate how much effort it takes to “make the stage”!

We are extremely grateful to our individual donors, grantors and endowments for their contributions to the NSO over this past year. I wanted to draw your attention to the Annual Fund Contributor and Chair Sponsorship pages in our program book, listing those who have made a commitment to supporting the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra and all that we do (keeping classical music alive through performances and education). Without their support, we simply would be unable to put on events like those you are watching and listening to today. From the bottom of my heart, Thank You.

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Technique IS Music: A Master's Workshop

November 12, 2023 / 12:00 PM (CDT)

Grigory Kalinovsky, one of today's most sought-after violin pedagogues, is welcoming us to his studio for a fascinating session

Recorded at Indiana University, Bloomington, and streaming from PianoForte Chicago on www.nscmf.org and theviolinchannel.com



Tribute to Dorothy DeLay: A Teacher's Legacy

December 9, 2023 / 7:30 PM (CDT)

A tribute to the legendary teacher who nurtured many of the world's most beloved performers and educators, including Itzhak Perlman, Midori, Gil Shaham, and Anne Akiko Meyers. Enjoy performances of former students of Miss DeLay: violinists Robert McDuffie and Vadim Gluzman, and pianist Angela Yoffe, as well as Rohan De Silva, the award-winning pianist and her long-time collaborator. They are joined by NSCMF's Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund recipients, violinists Fiona and Hina Khuong-Huu.

In-person concert at PianoForte Chicago: 1335 South Michigan Avenue. Encore streaming presentation on December 17, 2023 at 12:00PM CDT on nscmf.org and theviolinchannel.com



Robert McDuffie: A Master's Workshop

February 4, 2024 / 12:00 PM (CDT)

One of the greatest American violin soloists, recording artists and educators, the Emmy Award-winning violinist shares his experience and knowledge with talented students.

Streaming presentation from PianoForte Chicago on nscmf.org and theviolinchannel.com



Stars of Tomorrow! Benefit Gala for the Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund

March 9, 2024 / 7:00 PM (CDT)

Experience inspiring performances by the Richard Scofano Ensemble – back by popular demand – with dancers Jorge Nieras and Liz Sung who will treat you to their Tango Embrace! AFSF recipient Julian Rhee joins Vadim Gluzman for a presentation of several of the world's important violins, on loan from The Stradivari Society of Chicago.

In-person event at Fields BMW Northfield, 700 Frontage Rd, Northfield, IL



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PROGRAM

- I Thomas Nickell
(b. 1998) Piobaireachd-Nocturne for Orchestra
- II L. V. Beethoven
(1770-1827) Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D major,
Op. 61
- I. *Allegro ma mom troppo*
 - II. *Larghetto*
 - III. *Rondo. Allegro*

Timothy Chooi, Violin

INTERMISSION

- III J. Brahms
(1833-1897) Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 73
- I. *Allegro non troppo*
 - II. *Adagio non troppo*
 - III. *Allegretto Grazioso*
 - IV. *Allegro Con Sairito*



BIOGRAPHY TIMOTHY CHOOI VIOLIN

Internationally acclaimed violinist Timothy Chooi, (pronounced as “Chewy,”) has captivated audiences worldwide with his virtuosic and finely nuanced performances. He is highly sought after for his passionate renditions and extensive repertoire, as well as his exceptional ability to connect with a global audience, amassing a media following of millions of viewers who have tuned in to his music.

Chooi gained international recognition by winning First Prize at the Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition in Hannover, Germany, and Second Prize at the Queen Elisabeth International Competition. He also received the prestigious classical music award, the “Yves Paternot Prize” at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland. He has performed with renowned orchestras such as the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Belgian National Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, and Wiener Concert-Verein, among others. His performances have garnered glowing reviews from venues such as Carnegie Hall, Musikverein Wien, Berlin Philharmonie, Amsterdam’s Concertgebouw, and the Royal Albert Hall in London. Additionally, he has collaborated with esteemed artists including Anne-Sophie Mutter, Pinchas Zuckerman, Jukka Pekka Saraste, Lang Lang, and James Ehnes.

The program notes for today’s concert can be found
on our website: www.northbrooksymphony.org



This upcoming year marks an exciting touring year from Chooi, which includes collaborations with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring Emmy Award nominee composer Brian Tyler, a return to the Toronto Symphony, and debuts with the European Union Youth Orchestra, Brucknerhaus Orchester, and at the Wimbledon Music Festival.

Chooi's music has been broadcasted on several prestigious stations worldwide. In 2023, he recorded with Anne-Sophie Mutter and Mutter's Virtuosi on Deutsche Grammophon, and his performance with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra was featured on Medici TV. His music has also been aired on NPO Radio Klassiek Amsterdam, WQXR New York, RTBF Belgium, Swiss Public Radio, CBC Radio Canada, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, and Danish Public Radio.



Born in Canada and raised in the United States of America to Indonesian parents, Chooi embarked on his violin journey inspired by his older brother, Nikki Chooi. At the age of sixteen, his debut performance with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra (Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal) catapulted his career onto the global stage.

Currently, Chooi serves as the Professor of Violin at the University of Ottawa in Canada. He performs on two exceptional rare violins: the Titan Guarneri Del Gesu violin from 1741, on loan from CANIMEX INC. in Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, and the Engleman Stradivarius violin from 1709, on loan from the Nippon Music Foundation in Japan.



BIOGRAPHY **THOMAS NICKELL** **COMPOSER AND PIANIST**

Inventive young composer, pianist and Young Steinway Artist Thomas Nickell has already garnered recognition throughout Europe and the United States for his thoughtful explorations of various musical genres. As a pianist, Thomas has given many highly lauded public performances of important works by Liszt, Chopin, Cowell, Glass, Stockhausen, Schnittke, Messiaen, Roslavets, as well as the U.S. premiere of David Matthews' Piano Concerto Op. 111 at Carnegie Hall.

As a composer, Thomas specializes in contemporary classical and interdisciplinary music allowing his work to be heard in diverse settings from orchestral music to dance and film. Starting in 2021, Thomas joined the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago as curator of the newly created Avant Garden.



BIOGRAPHY
MINA ZIKRI
MUSIC DIRECTOR

As Founder, Music Director, and Conductor of the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago, Mina Zikri is dedicated to forging relationships with artists and musical organizations throughout the world, in the pursuit of developing new audiences for classical music. He frequently travels with Daniel Barenboim as an assistant conductor with the West Eastern Divan Orchestra on tours that take them to prestigious concert halls and festivals in Europe and South America, such as the Salzburg Festival in Austria, the Lucerne Festival in Switzerland, and the celebrated Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires. Each season he returns to his native Egypt to guest conduct the Cairo National Symphony.

At a time when even some of the most prominent orchestras in the United States are suffering from financial and cultural uncertainty, Zikri believes expectations for how to secure the future of symphony orchestras need to be upended. To him, targeting children and teenagers through programming and innovative concert experiences is a top priority - as it is a guaranteed way of transmitting the message of the arts to younger generations.

A member of the faculty of DePaul University Community Music Division, Zikri was named one of twelve finalists in the 2007 Gustav Mahler International Conducting Competition, where he was chosen from 223 candidates from 40 countries. He attended the American Academy of Conducting in Aspen, Colorado, on a fellowship, and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from DePaul University, as well as a Performance Certificate in violin.

Zikri is the Resident Conductor of Chicago's Lira Ensemble, a company that specializes in Polish music, song, and dance. He has recorded two albums with Lira that include music by Chopin, Lutosławski, and other Polish and American composers.

In 2019 Zikri was named Music Director of the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra in Illinois, where he works closely with Chicago Symphony's Concertmaster, Robert Chen, who serves as an Artistic Creative Partner to the group.

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 Hee Yeon Kim
 Marian Mayuga
 Eugene Kaler
 Paula Johannesen
 Marley Haller
 Jacob Murphy
 Victoria Moreira
 Alyssa Orantes
 Kimberly Bill
 Christina Lee
 Nahye Lee

Violin II

Irina Magill, *Principal*
 Karen Meyer
 Sam Sharp
 Isaac Champa
 Alison Tatum
 Sage Chen
 Margaret FioRito
 Aasheetta Parikh
 Lucy Kim
 Hannah Hsu

Viola

Noel Rubio, *Principal*
 Oana Tatu
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 Hanna Pederson
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 Nikray Kowsar
 Megan Yeung
 Aiden Jeng

Cello

Dan Klingler,
Principal
 Martin Nocedal
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 Julianna Bray
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Bass

Julian Romane,
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October 22, 2023

J. S. Bach
J. S. Bach

P.I. Tchaikovsky

Opening Night

Violin Concerto in E Major BWV 1042
Double Concerto for violin and oboe
in C minor BWV 1060
Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48
Lora Schaefer, Oboe,
Robert Chen, Violin and Leader



October 29, 2023

M. Druzinsky
J. Brahms
L.V. Beethoven

Two Generations

Eos
Concerto for Violin & Cello in A minor, Op. 102
Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 36
Ilya Kaler, Violin, Daniel Kaler, Cello



January 14, 2024

T. Nickell
L.V. Beethoven
J. Brahms

Winter Concert

Piobaireachd-Nocturne for Orchestra
Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61
Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 73
Timothy Chooi, Violin



March 24, 2024

A. Vivaldi
M. Ravel
C. Saint-Saens
P. de Sarasate
W.A. Mozart

Virtuoso Violins

Symphony No. 4 in B flat major, Op. 60
Symphony No. 3 in E flat major, Op. 55 "Eroica"
Rondo Capriccioso
Navarro
Symphony No. 39 in E flat major, K.543
Vadim Gluzman, Victoria Moreira,
Fiona Khuong-Huu, Hina Khuong-Huu, Violin



June 9, 2024

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BIOGRAPHY

JIM KENDROS
PRE-CONCERT LECTURER

Jim Kendros is known to audiences as "The North Shore's Favorite Music Historian." In addition to being the NSO's Pre-Concert Lecturer since 1997, Jim is also the Educator and Speaker for the acclaimed Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listener's Club.

Jim is also professional composer with over 400 works to his credit. His latest works are a triple concerto for three violas and orchestra, and a double concerto for hammer dulcimer, guitar and orchestra. The NSO has premiered two of Jim's works, "Slovak Reflections: The Promise of America" and "Waltz of the Enchanted Musicians." Jim appeared as a guest soloist in both these works.

In addition to his acclaimed first CD of original piano compositions, "Fermata's Journey," Jim is completing three additional CD recording projects: "Songs from the Nova," Jim's digital orchestral fantasies played on the Yamaha Clavinova, "From One..To Another," Jim's premier CD of the rare and historic nyckelharpa (or "keyed violin") from Sweden, and "Bassically Door", where Jim plays several instruments focusing on the bass guitar in original works inspired by the beauties of Door County, Wisconsin.

As a concert artist and multi-instrumentalist, Jim performs on piano and rare historic instruments. Jim's piano concerts are known for his passionate arrangements of movie themes and the performances of his own works. Jim is a specialist in rare historic string instruments and features these in his concerts.

Jim's new YouTube channel features acclaimed Violinist and Violist Hannah Barton in the premier performance of Jim's newest solo work for viola "Summer Clouds (As they Float By)."

Watch for Jim's newly redesigned website www.jimkendrosmusic.com

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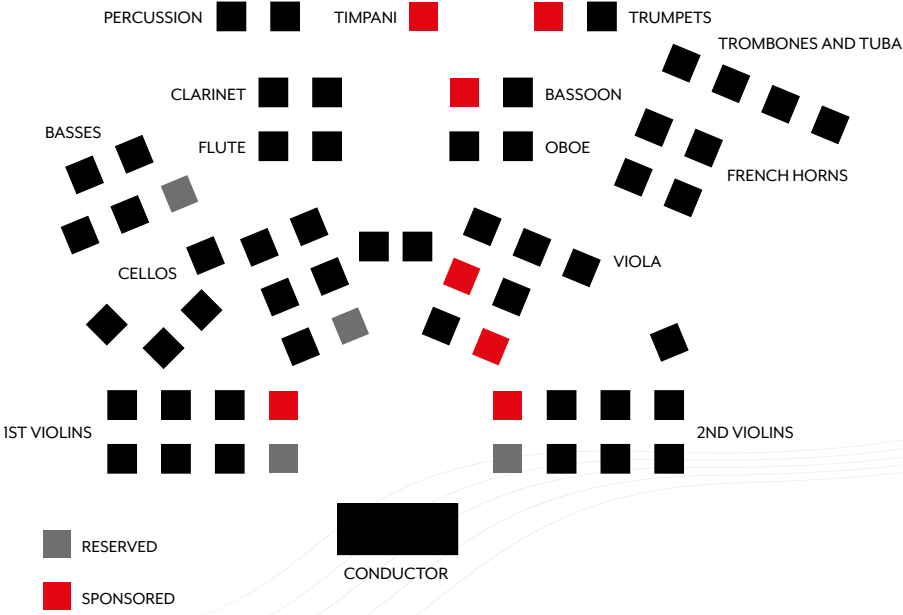
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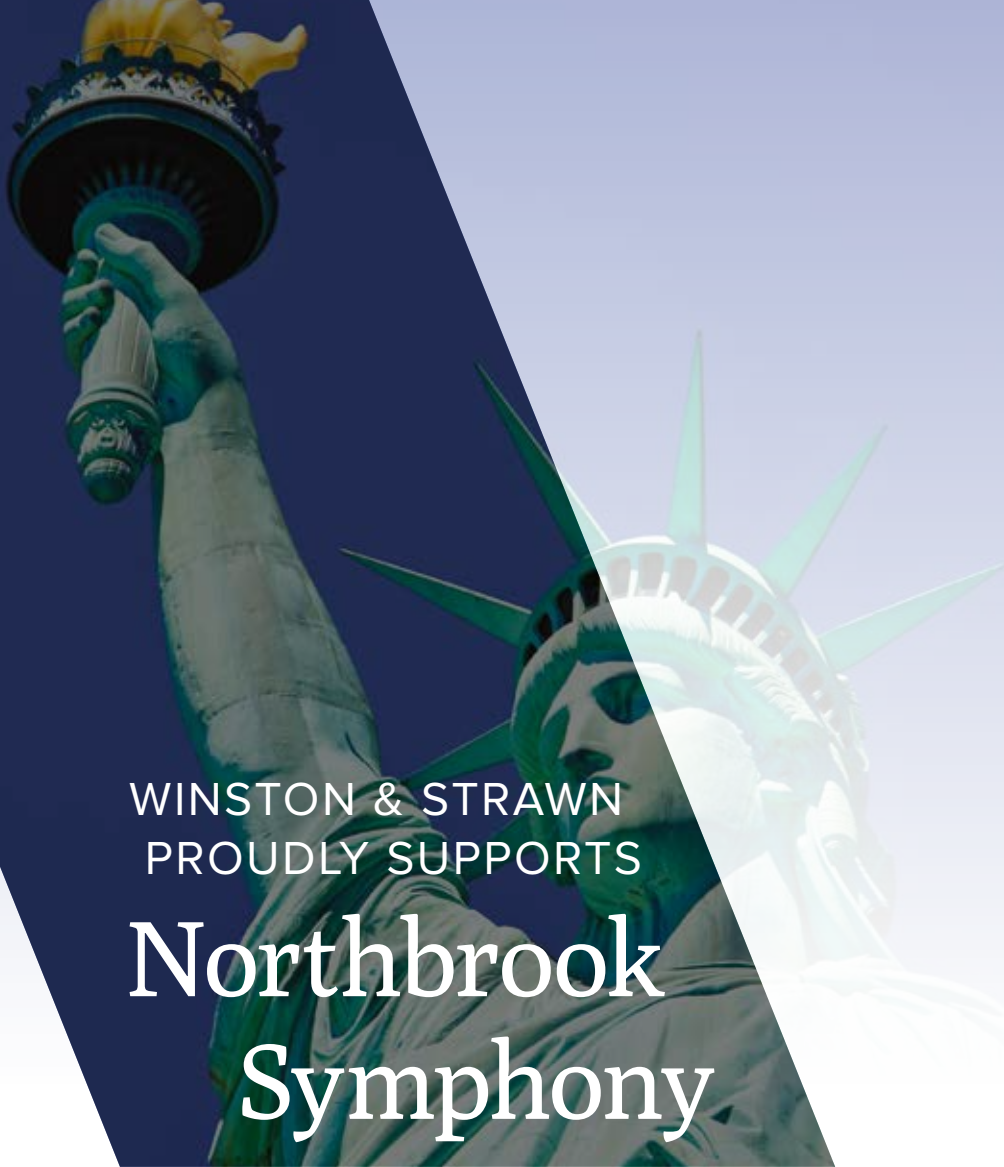
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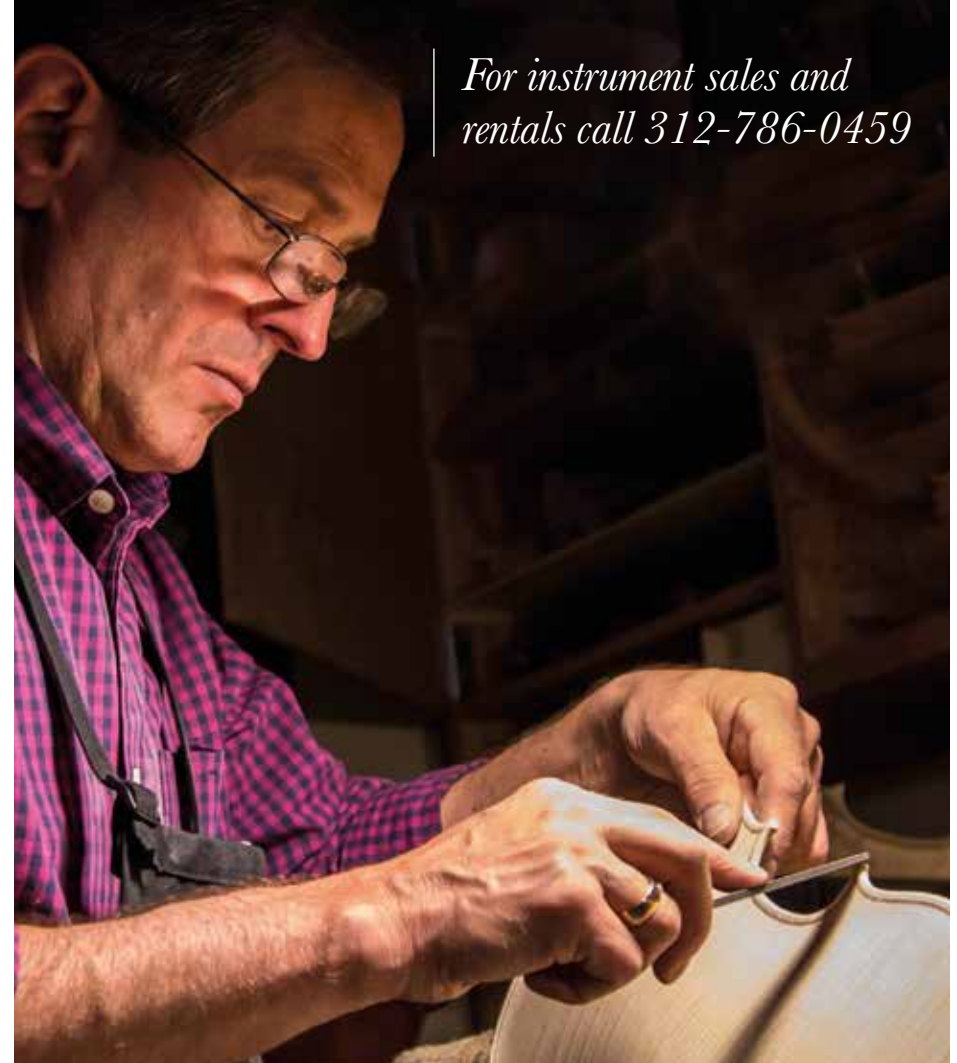
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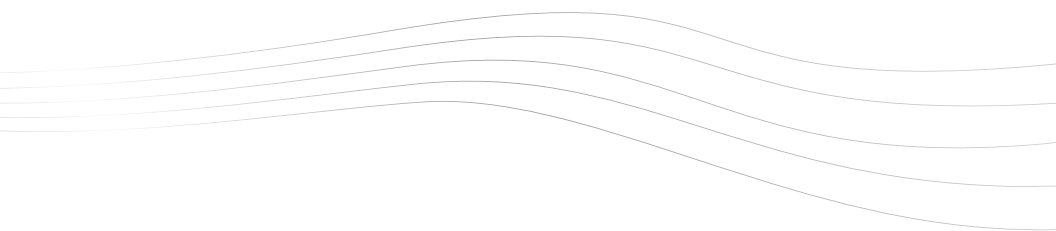
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