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↑ *Appalachian Spring* (1944); Martha Graham and Erick Hawkins (foreground); May O'Donnell, Marjorie Mazia, Yuriko, Nina Fonaroff (from left to right); Photo by Arnold Eagle

MARCH 8-10, 2024

Copland & Bernstein

Carolyn Kuan, conductor

Andrew Kerski and Anastasia Barhatova,
ballroom dancers

Copland *Appalachian Spring*
featuring rarely shown historical footage of Martha Graham
Bernstein *Fancy Free*
Strauss, Jr. *On the Beautiful Blue Danube*

↓ Martha Graham and May O'Donnell in *Appalachian Spring* (1944); Photo by Cris Alexander



Dance your way to Belding Theater for Copland & Bernstein! Step into the unique experience of listening to the HSO perform Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, while viewing rarely shown historical video footage of Martha Graham performing her original choreography. Keep your toes tapping with Bernstein's *Fancy Free*, the 1944 precursor to Broadway's *On the Town*. We close this concert by waltzing to Johann Strauss Jr.'s *On the Beautiful Blue Danube*.

APRIL 12-14, 2024

Vivaldi's Gloria

Jacomo Bairos, conductor

Hartford Chorale

Jack Anthony Pott,
music director

Leonid Sigal, violin

Still *Spirituals: A Medley*

Lalo *Symphonie espagnole*, Op. 21

Vivaldi *Gloria*, RV 589

Bernstein "Make Our Garden Grow" from *Candide*

Ring in spring with the HSO! This blissful concert features HSO Concertmaster Leonid Sigal, the Hartford Chorale, and guest conductor Jacomo Bairos and celebrates beauty, hope, and growth. William Grant Still's moving piece *Spirituals: A Medley* brings you a sense of renewal that carries throughout the program.

Lalo's *Symphonie espagnole* was an inspiration for Tchaikovsky to compose his famous violin concerto, and he enthusiastically described the piece as having "a lot of freshness, lightness of piquant rhythms, of beauty and excellently harmonized melodies". Vivaldi's *Gloria* is one of sacred music's most uplifting choral works and its radiance and poignant sound will ring throughout the concert hall.



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MAY 10-12, 2014

Mozart & Prokofiev

Adam Kerry Boyles, conductor

Angelina Gadeliya, piano

Prokofiev *Classical Symphony*, Op. 25 (Symphony No. 1)

Fuchs *Piano Concerto*, "Spiritualist"

Mozart *Overture to The Marriage of Figaro*

Mozart *Symphony No. 38*, "Prague"

Under the direction of HSO Assistant Conductor, Adam Kerry Boyles, we welcome pianist and UCONN professor, Angelina Gadeliya, performing fellow UCONN Professor and Grammy® Award winner, Kenneth Fuchs's *Piano Concerto*, "Spiritualist"—a piece inspired by three paintings of Helen Frankenthaler. His first numbered symphony, Prokofiev chose to compose his *Classical Symphony* without the aid of the piano and each movement is brief and to the point in the true "Classical" style. Mozart's *Overture to The Marriage of Figaro* includes some of the most famous and hummable tunes in classical music and created a revival in the city of Prague for the composer. It was there, in Prague, that his dramatic *Symphony No. 38* was premiered, and it was considered a gift to the city.



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JUNE 7-9, 2024

The Planets

Carolyn Kuan, conductor

Melissa White, violin

23-24 Joyce C. Willis Artist in Residence

Simon *Amen!*

Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1, Op. 26

Holst *The Planets*

We close our 80th Masterworks season with a return appearance from **Melissa White**, the HSO's 2023-2024 Joyce C. Willis Artist in Residence performing the soaring melodies of Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1. According to Carlos Simon, his intent for *Amen!* was "to re-create the musical experience of an African American Pentecostal church service that I enjoyed being part of while growing up in this denomination." Each movement flows into the next to reflect the way the worship service flows. Inspired by the astrological characters of each planet, Holst's *The Planets* bears the richness and emotional warmth of humanity, encapsulating the theme of the entire program bringing people together through the spirit of music.

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Special thank you to the Roberts Foundation for their support of the Joyce C. Willis Artist in Residence.

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POPS!

SPRING 2024

MARCH 23, 2024, 7:30 PM

Distant Worlds: music from FINAL FANTASY

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra performs the music of **FINAL FANTASY** with a full chorus, led by Grammy Award-winner **Arnie Roth**. Experience this sensational multimedia concert featuring the beloved music of Nobuo Uematsu and more! With HD video from game developers SQUARE ENIX projected onto giant screens throughout the concerts, Distant Worlds performs a diverse and constantly expanding repertoire of classic FINAL FANTASY music from throughout the 35+ years of the game series.



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APRIL 20, 2024, 1 PM & 7 PM

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince™ IN CONCERT

Relive the magic of year six in **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince™ in Concert**. With this film, based on the sixth installment of the classic saga, fans of all ages can now experience the thrilling tale of Harry's obsession with a mysterious potions book accompanied by the music of a live symphony orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen in HD!

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Sunday Serenades

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Sunday Serenades: Avery 90

1pm Museum Archives Open House
2pm concert—In museum

Members of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra perform a concert of works celebrating the ninetieth anniversary of the Wadsworth's Avery Memorial building. Hear a selection of chamber works inspired by composers from the Wadsworth's archive. Stop by the museum library before the performance for a special look behind the scenes with Amy Kilkenny, head of the Auerbach Art Library and Museum Archives, as she shares rarely seen historical materials related to the Avery building from the Wadsworth's expansive archive.

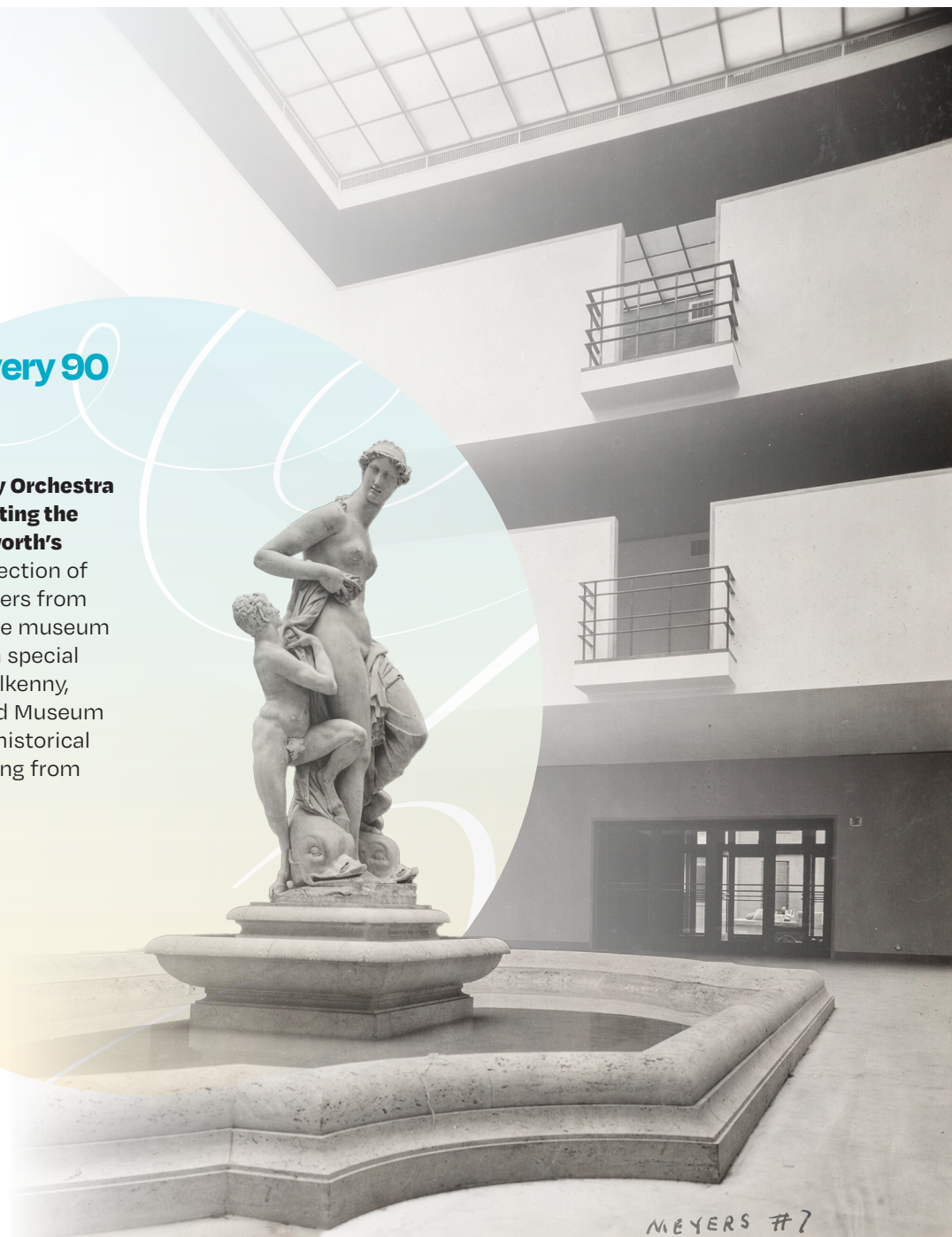
Sunday Serenades is most possible, in part, by The Saunders Foundation Music Endowment at the Wadsworth Atheneum, Nancy D. Grover in honor of Leonid Sigal, Concertmaster, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, and Suzanne Hopgood in memory of Frank Lord

TICKETS

\$30; \$25 for HSO subscribers and Wadsworth members; \$10 for students with ID (limited availability).

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Learning & Social Impact



TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks

The HSO is thrilled to continue Link Up, a dynamic music education program developed by Carnegie Hall. Thanks to generous support from our sponsors, third grade students in the Hartford Public Schools will participate in a live orchestra concert at The Bushnell. The program teaches music fundamentals and introduces students to the orchestral world. Students will play recorders and sing along at the live event conducted by HSO Music Director Carolyn Kuan.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

Shoot for the Moon

Amazing music will accompany an in-depth look at NASA's 1969 moon landing. Students will learn about the Apollo space mission and see how achieving your goals is possible with perseverance and hard work. This program will also feature a special appearance by violinist Melissa White, the HSO's 23-24 Joyce C. Willis Artist in Residence, underwritten by the Roberts Foundation.

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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 – 3 PM

2024 Young Artists Competition Finals

A Theater of the Performing Arts at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Join us in celebrating the achievements of Connecticut's young artists at the final round of the HSO's Young Artists Competition. Listen to the finalists perform with the HSO and compete for a cash prize.

HSO EXTENDED

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 7:30 PM

Itzhak Perlman in Recital

Itzhak Perlman, violin
Rohan De Silva, piano

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra and The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts are teaming up to bring you Itzhak Perlman in Recital. The legendary violinist returns to The Bushnell for one exciting evening to perform a solo violin recital with his long-time pianist and friend, Rohan De Silva.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 2 PM
BUSHNELL PARK

Save the Date for HSO Symphony in the Park

Meet us in the park! The Hartford Symphony Orchestra celebrates the power of community and music with Symphony in the Park—a FREE concert in Bushnell Park!



Talcott Mountain Music Festival

**Join us Friday nights starting
June 28 through July 26 at
Simsbury Meadows
Performing Arts Center!**

JUNE 28: ARETHA: A TRIBUTE

JULY 5: CELEBRATE AMERICA (Rain Date July 6)

JULY 12: THE MUSIC OF THE ROLLING STONES

JULY 19: COUNTRY HITS: SONGS FROM NASHVILLE

JULY 26: HOTEL CALIFORNIA (Rain Date July 27)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, 6 PM

Connecticut Convention Center
Exhibition Hall, Hartford, Connecticut

Join us for a spectacular evening in support of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Prepared to be immersed in an innovative experience for the senses.

In addition, we are proudly Honoring Joyce C. Willis, a passionate supporter of the arts and former HSO Board member.



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