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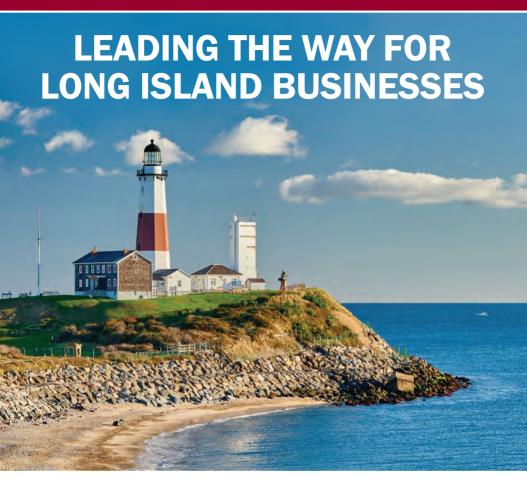
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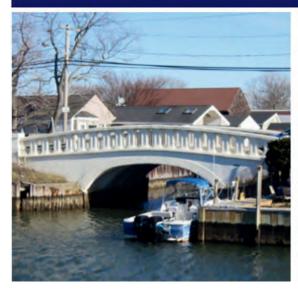








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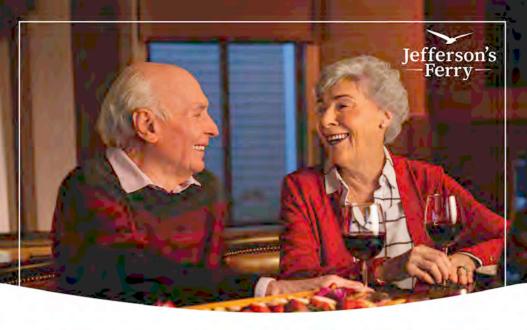
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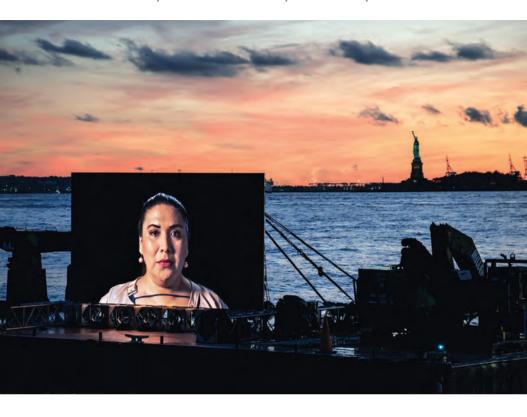




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#### Saturday, October 7, 2023

Jessie Montgomery, Starburst Nielsen, Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57 Bartók, Concerto for Orchestra, Sz. 116 Featuring clarinetist Guilherme Batalha; conducted by Eduardo Leandro

#### Saturday, November 4, 2023

Coleridge-Taylor, Ballade in A minor Spohr, Clarinet Concerto No. 1 Shostakovich, Symphony No. 9 Featuring clarinetist Chao-Chih George Chen and conducted by Anthony Parnther



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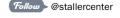


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Saturday, October 7, 2023, 8:00 PM

#### Eduardo Leandro

Conductor

#### Guilherme Batalha

Clarinet

#### **PROGRAM**

**Starburst** 

Jessie Montgomery (b. 1981)

#### Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57

Carl Nielsen (1865-1931)

- I. Allegretto un poco
- II. Poco Adagio
- III. Allegro non troppo
- IV. Allegro vivace

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- I. Introduzione. Andante non troppo Allegro vivace
- II. Presentando le coppie. Allegro scherzando
- III. Elegia. Andante non troppo
- IV. Intermezzo interrotto. Allegretto
- V. Finale. Presto

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### Eduardo Leandro Conductor

Eduardo Leandro is a conductor and percussionist who specializes in bringing "new" music's freshness and excitement to classical and romantic pieces, while bringing classical lyricism and appeal to contemporary music. He conducts the 40 year-old New York New Music Ensemble, and has also conducted in Brazil, France and Swiss conservatories.



He is an Associate Professor at Stony Brook University for graduate percussion and artistic director of its Contemporary Chamber Players. He has served as regular faculty at Vermont's Yellow Barn Summer Music Festival and lectured at Peabody Conservatory. He previously taught at the Haute École de Musique de Genève and directed the percussion program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst

He has performed internationally in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. In the U.S. he performs regularly with the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society, having appeared with Steve Reich Ensemble and Bang on a Can All Stars. His percussion duo, Duo Contexto, served as ensemble-in-residence at the Centre International de Percussion in Geneva for ten years. Recent projects include producing, recording, and mixing the music for mallet instruments by James Wood based on bird songs.

Eduardo Leandro was born in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He attended the Rotterdam Conservatory in the Netherlands and Yale University. His conducting mentor was Gustav Meier, director of Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra for over four decades.

When not working on music Eduardo engages in bird photography, learning new languages, or making use of his commercial pilot's license while flying his plane around the Eastern coast.

#### Guilherme Batalha Clarinet Soloist

Guilherme Batalha is a Portuguese clarinetist born in 1997. He completed his undergraduate studies at the National Academy of Advanced Orchestral Studies in Lisbon under professor Nuno Silva. He moved to the US in 2018 and received his Master and Artist Diploma degrees at California State University Fullerton, under Håkan Rosengren, Burt Hara, and Andrew Lowy.



Guilherme has received awards for performance in several competitions, including 2nd prize at Citá di Carlino International Clarinet Competition (Italy), 2nd prize at Prémio Jovens Músicos (Portugal), Overall Grand Prize Winner at CSUF Concerto Competition, 1st prize at the Southern California Philharmonic Concerto Competition, winner of the Stony Brook Concerto Competition, and many more. He has participated in masterclasses with well-renowned clarinetists such as Yehuda Gilad, Michele Zukovsky, Joaquin Valdepeñas, Pascal Moraguès, and Philippe Cuper. He is currently a DMA student at Stony Brook University, studying with Alan Kay.

#### Starburst Jessie Montgomery

"This brief one-movement work originally for string orchestra, and arranged for chamber ensemble by Jannina Norpoth, is a play on imagery of rapidly changing musical colors. Exploding gestures are juxtaposed with gentle fleeting melodies in an attempt to create a multidimensional soundscape. A common definition of a starburst: "the rapid formation of large numbers of new stars in a galaxy at a rate high enough to alter the structure of the galaxy significantly" lends itself almost literally to the nature of the performing ensemble who premiered the work, The Sphinx Virtuosi, and I wrote the piece with their dynamic in mind."

Jessie Montgomery (taken from artist website)

#### Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57 Carl Nielsen

Carl Nielsen (1865-1931) is considered to be one of the most important composers in 20th century Danish music. His music is characterized by its strong melodies, rhythmic vitality, and vivid orchestration. Nielsen's works often reflected the personalities and emotions of the people and places that inspired him, and his Clarinet Concerto, Op. 57 is an excellent example of his relationship as both an artist and friend of the Copenhagen Wind Quartet, Written in 1928 for the Copenhagen Wind Quartet's clarinetist, Aage Oxenvad, the Clarinet Concerto was initially set to be a part of a larger project. Inspired by the musicianship and gravitas of the Copenhagen Wind Quintet, Nielsen promised to compose a concerto for each member This work is the second and final of the uncompleted series, preceded by the Flute Concerto written for Holger Gilbert-Jespersen (1890-1975), who had replaced Paul Hagemann as flutist in the Copenhagen Wind Quintet.

Each of his concertos was written for the specific talents and character of a particular soloist, and we can learn much

about Nielsen but also about the virtuosos themselves by listening to these works. Nielsen's friend, Hungarian composer Emil Telmányi, playfully noted that Nielsen must have played the clarinet-since he so consistently found the most difficult notes. The piece premiered at Carl Johan Michaelsen's summer villa Højtofte in Humlebæk on September 14, 1928, conducted under Emil Telmánvi. The concerto was wellreceived in its debut, praised for its beauty, originality, and technical virtuosity for both soloist and orchestra. A review of the work in Politiken after its debut savs.

"...he has unleashed the soul of the clarinet, not only its wild animal nature, but also its special kind of harsh lyricism. ..This work can hardly find a more homogeneous interpretation. Oxenvad's tone is in a league with trolls and giants.

.. Carl Nielsen must also have heard his clarinet sound when he wrote his Concerto."

The concerto was written for Oxenvad, who was known for having a "somewhat choleric temperament," and seems to reflect this character in a dialogue between the clarinet and snare drum heard in the first movement, Allegro moderato. The first movement follows a standard sonata form. The Andante

movement is slow and lyrical, based on a Danish folk song melody. Nielsen spent much of his career working with folk songs and spent much of his career working with folk songs and melodies, creating harmonies and arrangements both on his own and in collaboration with other composers. The third movement, Rondo: Allegro giocoso, is characterized by its lively tempo and its playful melodies. The concerto is a good example of Nielsen's unique compositional style. The concerto is tonal, but it also features elements of impressionism and expressionism.

- Elizabeth Lawrensen

#### Concerto for Orchestra, Sz. 116 Béla Bartók

Béla Bartók's (1881–1945) Concerto for Orchestra stands as a testament to the resilience and creativity of the Hungarian composer during a tumultuous period in his life. Composed in 1943, this remarkable piece emerged from a backdrop of personal health challenges and uncertainty at the end of the composer's life. Bartók's music is most strongly rooted in Eastern European folk idioms, merged with the modernisms of Debussy, Stravinsky, and Schoenberg and the disciplined

structure of Johann Sebastian Bach. Concerto for Orchestra was written for the Koussevitzky Music Foundation in memory of Mrs. Natalie Koussevitzky, and was commissioned by the Koussevitzky Foundation. He was reluctant to accept the commission for fear that his poor health might prevent him from completing the work. Koussevitzky decided to offer Bartók an advance as a demonstration of good faith that the composer's fears were unfounded. Its first performance took place on December 1, 1944 in New York's Carnegie Hall with the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sergey Koussevitzky.

Upon the premiere of the work, Bartók provided the following notes: "The general mood of the work represents, apart from the jesting second movement, a gradual transition from the sternness of the first movement and the lugubrious death-song of the third, to the life-assertion of the last one... The title of this symphony-like orchestral work is explained by its tendency to treat the single orchestral instruments in a concertant or soloistic manner. The 'virtuoso' treatment appears, for instance, in the fugato sections of the development of the first

movement (brass instruments), or in the perpetuum mobile-like passage of the principal theme in the last movement (strings), and especially in the second movement, in which pairs of instruments consecutively appear with brilliant passages."

The work is comprised of five movements, and similarly to his Fourth String Quartet, follows a palindromic form: the first and last movements are larger movements, the second and fourth are scherzos, and the middle movement provides a slow center.

Introduzione This movement provides a slow theme that will recur throughout the piece based on a perfect fourth, presented by the cello & bass. As the music gains in speed and intensity, the flute, followed by three trumpets, introduce a new figure in the composer's "parlando" (speaking) style. The tempo accelerates in dramatic fashion, leading to the main body of the movement, an Allegro vivace in sonata form. Two themes dominate through the remainder of the movement. the first of which has a dancelike character and metrical irregularity. The second idea is stated boldly by the trombone as a type of fanfare. Its potential for thematic manipulation is

fully exploited by the entire brass section during the central development section. In an ingenious stroke, the movement ends triumphantly with a final statement of the fanfare theme.

Giuoco delle copie (Game of Pairs). This movement is the first of two scherzos. As a military drum sets the stage, instruments are paraded before us two by two, starting with bassoons, then followed by oboes, clarinets, flutes, and muted trumpets. Bartók adds a piguancy to this game by separating each pair of instruments by a set pitch interval. A chorale for the brass is accompanied by the ever-present parade drum, and forms the central trio section of the scherzo. The game then resumes with the pairs returning in their original order, this time with the addition of counterpoint from the rest of the orchestra.

Elegia. If you listen carefully, you will recognize that Bartók brings back the opening theme from the first movement here. This movement is dominated by a favorite device of the composer, an atmospheric "night" music created by string tremolos and glissandos in the harp and timpani. Other important thematic ideas are entrusted to the oboe and piccolo in this highly evocative movement.

Intermezzo interotto (Interrupted Interlude). Koussevitzky was an admirer of the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. The conductor must have been a good sport to have toleterated this movement from the Concerto for Orchestra, since it mercilessly satirizes one of Shostakovich's best-known themes. According to composer's son Peter, Bartók heard a live radio broadcast of a performance of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony ("Leningrad") conducted by Arturo Toscanini. The martial theme from this piece's first movement struck Bartók as particularly banal. The interlude in the Concerto for Orchestra begins with an agitated oboe solo, followed by a full-blooded romantic melody in the strings, akin to a Spanish serenade. The serenity of this tune is interrupted by the Shostakovich theme, which then becomes the object of Bartók's delicious parody.

Finale. A cheeky theme in the horns paves the way for a whirlwind of perpetual motion. The composer gives us little chance to catch our breath before he starts to spin a merry fugato based on the horn theme. The music retrenches momentarily, but then accelerates toward the entrance of the trumpet, who offers an appealing and triumphal

new theme. The trumpeter's colleagues in the brass section join in the exultation of the moment, presenting this new theme in both its original and an inverted shape. The strings and woodwinds take turns in offering a burlesque of the trumpet theme, but the movement's recapitulation restores it to its original grandeur.

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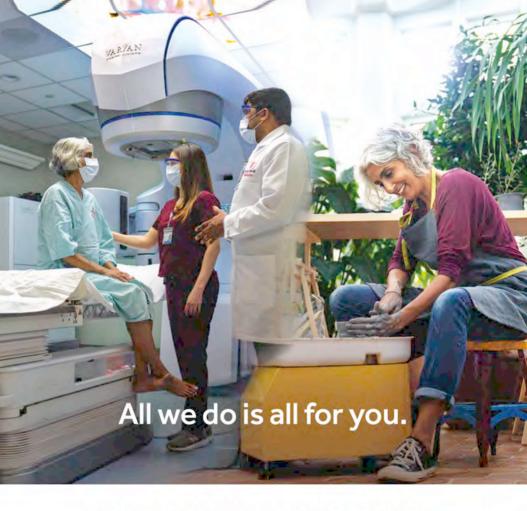
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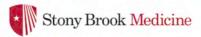
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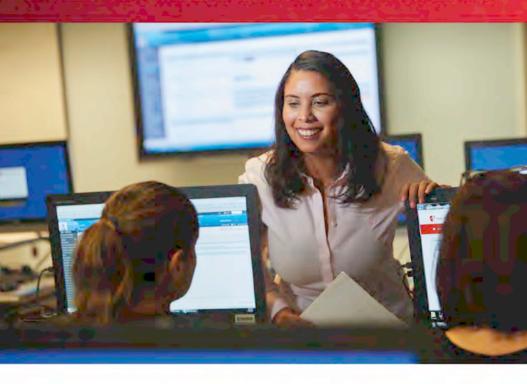
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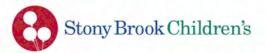




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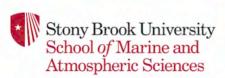


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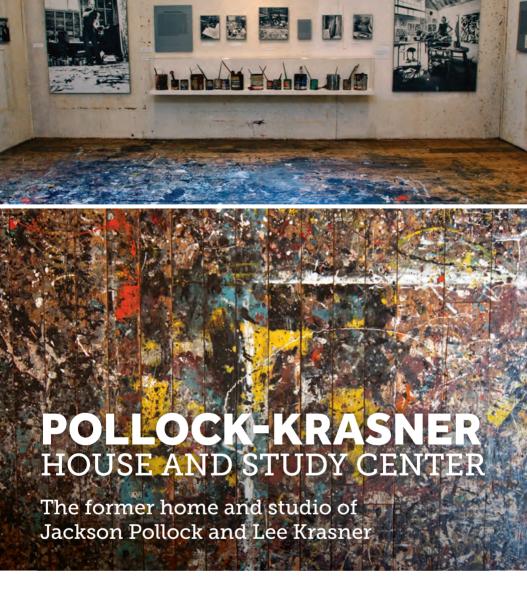


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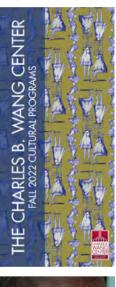


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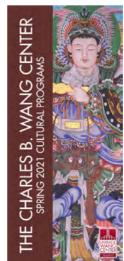














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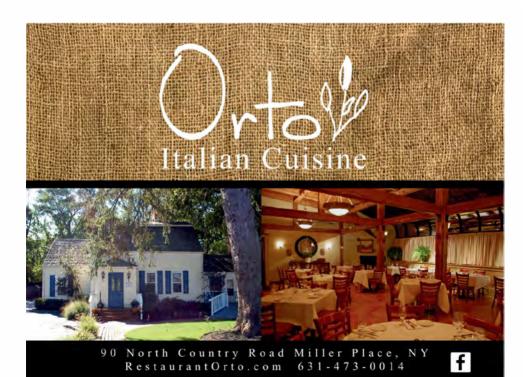
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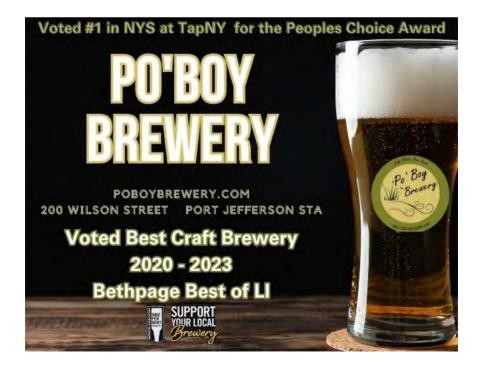


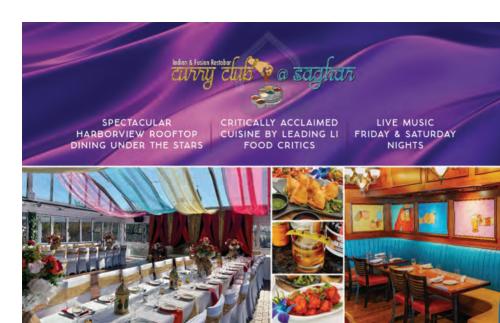














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