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UPCOMING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

- SEPT Labor Day Pops**
Monday, September 3, 6:00 pm | Hickory Point Pavilion
Free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets as seating will be limited.
- Masterworks I, Season Opener: Pines of Rome and Rhapsodies**
Saturday, September 22, 7:30 pm | Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- Chamber Orchestra Workshop & Concert: Brahms**
Wednesday, September 26, 5:00 pm, Concert | Shilling Hall at Millikin University. Free and open to the public.
- OCT Masterworks II, An American Portrait: Music of Bernstein, Copland and Ives**
Saturday, October 20, 7:30 pm | Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- NOV Charlie Chaplin's The Kid, Millikin Chamber Orchestra Live with Film**
Saturday, November 3, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm | Avon Theater

- DEC Advent Services, Millikin Chamber Orchestra**
Sunday, December 9, 10:30 am | Central Christian Church
- FEB Masterworks III, Elgar's Enigma Variations and Young Artists**
Saturday, February 2, 7:30 pm | Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- MAR Masterworks IV, Resurrection Symphony: Mahler's Symphony No. 2**
Saturday, March 2, 7:30 pm | Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- Sleeping Beauty with Alabama Ballet, Millikin Chamber Orchestra**
Saturday, March 30
Sunday, March 31 | Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- APR Masterworks V, Dvorak's New World Symphony and Amy Catron**
Saturday, April 13, 7:30 pm | Kirkland Fine Arts Center

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2018/2019 season

Overture

Newsletter of the Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur



Single tickets
Kirkland Fine Arts Center Box Office | 217.424.6318
Season tickets, Guild events, and Membership information
Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur | 217.877.2963

Season Tickets requests for the **Masterworks I-V** series and **Sleeping Beauty Ballet** must be received by September 7. Individual tickets for concerts including **Charlie Chaplin's The Kid** may be purchased at the Kirkland Box Office beginning September 10.

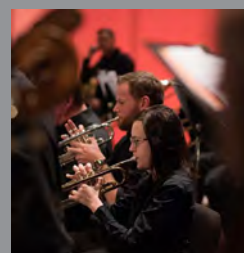


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JOIN US

Join Guild members and Dr. Sergey Bogza after each MDSO performance at Bizou, located at 259 N. Main St., Decatur, for appetizers, desserts and wine.

MASTERWORKS I

Season Opener: Pines of Rome and Rhapsodies
Saturday, September 22, 2018 | Kirkland Fine Arts Center

FROM THE CONDUCTOR



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the orchestra, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 season of the Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra!

In looking forward to our third season of making music together, I could not be happier about the sense of family that continues to deepen the connections between the MDSO and our devoted audience. This shared journey is meaningful to all of us, and important for bringing the community together, including not just our devoted subscribers, but also many new concertgoers.

There is so much to look forward to!

On September 3, the annual Labor Day Concert at Hickory Point Pavilion launches the season with a program selected entirely by you. A two-time winner of The American Prize in Vocal Performance, **Justin John Moniz**, joins MDSO in a program ranging from light classics, musical selections, and patriotic.

The season opener on September 22, features Gershwin's dazzling

Rhapsody in Blue, Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* with pianist **Michael Davidman**, and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*. Luscious melodies, roaring brass, and a virtuoso pianist, makes this the perfect concert to bring someone new to the symphony. If you like to have fun – this concert is for you!

This year is the 100th birthday of an American conductor and composer, Leonard Bernstein. On October 20, we're excited to share a fast-paced program of American music featuring Copland's *Old American Songs* with baritone **Ian Greenlaw**, Ives's *Variations on "America"*, and Bernstein's thrilling *Symphonic Dances from Westside Story*. The combination of rhythmic energy and the blurring of lines between the popular and classical styles will make for a memorable evening of American music celebration.

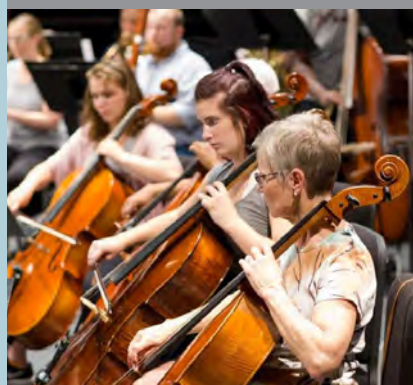
On November 3, the Millikin Chamber Orchestra will provide live accompaniment for two performances of Charlie Chaplin's classic silent film, *The Kid* at the Avon Theatre. It's an event to bring your children to and enjoy live music combined with cinematic genius!

I hope you are thrilled about the start of the new season as much as I am. Thank you for your great devotion and support.

With warm wishes,

Dr. Sergey Bogza

Music Director
and Conductor



SHARE THE LOVE OF MUSIC

Do you have a love of music? Passion for the arts?

As our season begins, please consider joining the membership of the Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur. A vibrant membership allows us to present superb symphonic concerts, provide music educational programming to area students, and helps make Decatur a wonderful place to live.

Memberships received by September 7th will be listed in the MDSO 18/19 season program.

Please visit decaturorchestra.com or call 217.877.2963 for membership information.

EDUCATION

The Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra

DYSO is sponsored by the Symphony Orchestra Guild of Decatur, Millikin University, and the Decatur Public Schools District #61, and offers a full orchestral experience to talented area students in grades 6-12. Director Dr. Neal Smith will hold auditions the first two weeks in September, with rehearsals beginning the 3rd week, and the Annual Ice Cream Social/Parent Meeting after the 4th week's rehearsal.

The DYSO's reputation has been one of excellence throughout the 21 years of existence. Concerts occur each semester, and afford students an advance performance opportunity. Instructions in chamber ensembles is also part of the DYSO experience. Contact Dr. Neal Smith, 217.424.6300 for more information.

Scholarship winner trumpeter, Cooper Kane, has marched with Legends Drum & Bugle Corps this summer and will be competing in the DCI World Championship Open Class Finals beginning August 9. Cooper attends Maroa-Forsyth High School and plays in DYSO.

Greater Decatur Youth Band

SOGD financially supports the Greater Decatur Youth Band (GDYB), as well as provides loaner instruments to some students. The GDYB, which is under the direction of Dr. Neal Smith, is a summer program for young musicians grades 4-9.

“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”

Plato

KidStock



Local children's musicians and performers participated in KidStock, the Children's Museum of Illinois' annual arts and music festival in July. Current SOGD scholarship recipients cellist Miruna Eynon, violinist Naveena Mutharasan, flutist Rachel White; former scholarship winner and current Millikin music major clarinetist Kelsey Collins; and current Millikin music major and Prep Dept. flute teacher Emily Hill, all helped children learn about different instruments at a musical instrument “petting zoo.”

SAVE THE DATE

2018 Holiday Gala
Friday, November 30
Decatur Country Club

