



Eastern Connecticut
Symphony Orchestra

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Subscriptions on sale
for the ECSO's 2023-24 Season

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra announces its 2023-24 season and the opening of all subscription sales. For its 77th season of providing music in our community, join the ECSO by becoming a subscriber, which guarantees your seats, ticket discounts, and complimentary vouchers. Information and subscriber forms are available at the ECSO website (www.ectsymphony.com) or by calling the ECSO office at 860-443-2876. The concert dates are October 21, November 18, January 27, February 24, March 30, and April 27. There will be additional announcements for any special concerts.

Attendees will enjoy a season of symphonic masterpieces by Mendelssohn, Dvořák, Beethoven, Strauss, Mozart, Mahler, and more; thrilling works by Gershwin, Debussy, and Stravinsky; and a season finale concert with the return of our masterful Chorus and soloists with Haydn's *Lord Nelson's Mass* – all memorably interpreted by Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada and the full contingent of talented ECSO musicians.

ECSO's own pianist and principal harpist, Gary Chapman and Colleen Potter Thorburn will be taking the stage to perform Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Marx's *Double Harp Concerto* respectively. Hyung Joon Won, peace activist, composer, and violinist will appear performing Dvořák's *Violin Concerto*. Bagpipe soloist, Mike MacNintch will perform Davies' *An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise*. Other special guest artists appearing throughout the season will include soprano, Ivy Walz, and Instrumental Competition Winner and violinist Jinyoung Yoon, in addition to the Tom Brown Dixieland Band.

To purchase tickets:

Subscribing to the ECSO's concert season provides a significant discount versus purchasing individual tickets, secures your seats, and grants you access to complimentary vouchers which you can use to bring along family or friends.

Single tickets to events will be available for purchase through the ECSO and Garde Arts Center website at gardearts.org beginning September 8, 2023.



ECSO general copy:

We are thrilled to announce our 23-24 Season lineup, curated by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada. Season highlights include 100th Year Anniversary of Rhapsody in Blue, The Tom Brown 6, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus singing Haydn's *Lord Nelson's Mass*, and international guest artists. From early fall to late spring, the 75-plus member professional Symphony Orchestra presents six subscription concerts annually, most of which feature guest soloists. Subscription concerts are primarily performed at the historic award-winning Garde Arts Center on State Street in New London.

Visit www.ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube) @ectsymphony. In addition to a range of affordable single-ticket options from \$65 to as low as \$12, the ECSO also offers those under 40 years of age and active or retired military members \$12 tickets in selected sections.

Founded in 1946 by Norwegian immigrant, Victor Norman, the ECSO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the eastern Connecticut region, including New London, Norwich, Waterford, Groton, Mystic, Old Lyme, and East Lyme. Recent concerts in Norwich, Willimantic, and Stonington reflect our renewed dedication to serving a broader area.

Our mission is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.