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FROM THE PODIUM

Dear PCO Family,

I am still on cloud 9 from the concert opener! Mozart Requiem as a memorial concert on September 11 was such a moving community event, collaborating with other local choirs, fantastic soloists and of course your wonderful PCO.

I'm really excited about the rest of the season, and in particular, the January performance. We will play an East Coast premier by one of my favorite living American composers, Jonathan Leshnoff, title Elegie, alongside a USA premier of a terrific cello concerto by the Turkish composer Fazil Say, titled Never Give Up. These are deep and moving works, and I will talk about them before the performance. Our principal cellist Jonathan Dexter will be the soloist, and we will also present Beethoven's 1st symphony. A concert not to be missed!



The rest of the season is also full of amazing works, and I am so excited to bring a classical guitarist for our season finale. Stay tuned to hear more about what we have lined up for you.

I want to personally thank you for your continuous support of this amazing orchestra. Orchestras suffer from long Covid as well, with the affect this pandemic caused to so many nonprofits. It is your generous support that ensure the future of PCO as the orchestral ambassador of State College. Thank you for believing in us.

Musically yours,

Yaniv Attar
Conductor

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Thank you!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH TO COMMENCE

After four years at the helm of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra, I will be stepping down as Executive Director at the end of this season. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the entire PCO family of musicians, donors, patrons, and board members during my tenure.

Back in early 2018, I had just moved to State College from New Jersey and knew virtually no one in Centre County, let alone Pennsylvania. I was introduced to the PCO when I was invited to serve as a substitute in the horn section for a Beethoven concert. Because of the connections I made at that concert, I took over the reins as ED later that year during the holiday concert week. It was a whirlwind, to say the least! Despite feeling as though I didn't know what I was doing, the transition went smoothly thanks to the careful preparations of Susan Kroeker, my predecessor.

The last few years have been as wonderful (and occasionally as hectic) as that first week. We have contended with canceled concerts due to Covid, an entirely virtual season, and the gradual return to the concert hall in 2021. It is my hope that by announcing my intention to step away from PCO now, the board of directors can conduct a thorough search, and we will be able to complete a seamless transition.

I'm confident that the search committee will identify a great new Executive Director. Stay tuned for updates on the position posting and timeline. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying, please let us know. Thank you for letting me be part of the PCO family!

With gratitude,



A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The annual PCO holiday concert is coming up on Sunday, December 11, and will feature the core musicians of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra under the direction of long-time assistant and guest conductor, Timothy Farrand. Join us for a variety of holiday music including excerpts from the Nutcracker, a toy instrument symphony, holiday carols, and much more. This concert is sure to bring the holiday spirit to everyone in the family!

Tickets are available at pachamberorchestra.org or by calling or visiting the Penn State Box Office in Eisenhower Auditorium at 814-863-0255. A livestream will also be available during the concert.

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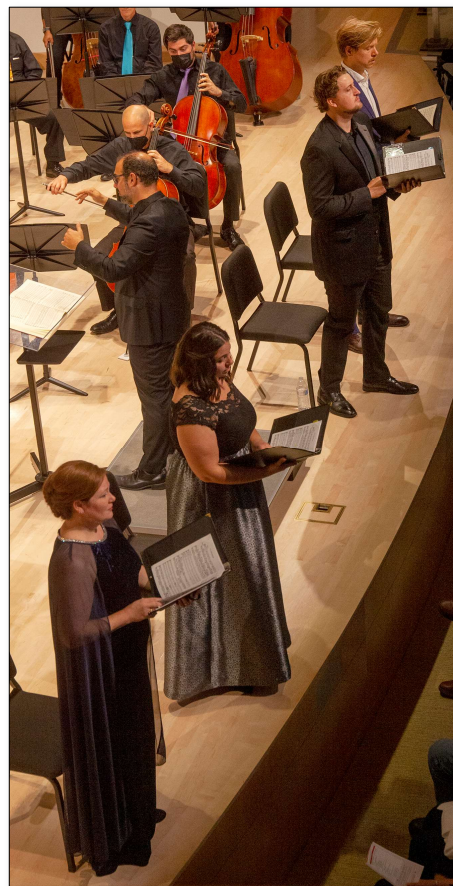
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SEPTEMBER REHEARSAL & CONCERT PHOTOS

Thank you, Chuck Fong of Studio Two Photography, for photographing the September 11 Memorial dress rehearsal & concert!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets for all concerts taking place at Penn State will be sold through the box office at Penn State's Eisenhower Auditorium and can be purchased online, over the phone (814-863-0255), in person prior to the concert at the Eisenhower Box Office, or in person on the day of the concert at the Recital Hall. A group ticket discount is available if you purchase 10 or more tickets for 10% off. Contact the box office directly for the group discount.

For full concert, ticket, and venue information, visit pachamberorchestra.org.

Holiday Concert: A Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 11, 2022, 3:00pm - Penn State Recital Hall
Timothy Farrand, Guest Conductor

Enjoy a Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra holiday tradition on Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm at the Penn State Recital Hall. Join the PCO and guest conductor Timothy Farrand as they perform highlights from the Nutcracker, tell the story 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and present other holiday favorites sure to delight the entire family.



Season Concert 2: Resilience

Sunday, January 29, 2023, 3:00pm - Penn State Recital Hall

Yaniv Attar, Music Director

Jonathan Dexter, Cello

Jonathan Leshnoff – Elegy (2021)

Fazil Say - Concerto for Cello and Orchestra "Never Give Up" (2017) **US Premiere**

Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony No. 1 in C major, Op. 21



Jonathan Dexter,
Cello

Serenade

Saturday, February 18, 2023 – Location TBD

Yaniv Attar, Music Director

Family Concert

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – Location TBD

Timothy Farrand, Guest Conductor

Season Concert 3: Unity

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 3:00pm - Penn State Recital Hall

Yaniv Attar, Music Director

Colin Davin, Guitar

Jessie Montgomery - Banner (2017)

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco - Guitar Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 99

Michael Fine - Suite for Strings IV. Finding Home (2014)

Alberto Ginastera - Variaciones Concertantes Op. 23



Colin Davin, Guitar

A CALL FOR SUPPORT IN THE SEASON OF GIVING

The PCO relies on the generosity of many individuals and organizations to bring you each season of incredible music performed by extraordinary musicians. As we approach the end of 2022 and with the bulk of our 2022-2023 season still to come, we invite you to support the continued success of the PCO with a financial gift.

Donations of *any* size are greatly appreciated. We know that budgets vary and ask that you consider a donation in the amount that makes sense for yours. If a financial gift is not possible, consider volunteering for the orchestra. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

You may also consider a lasting gift through the PCO Legacy Society. A planned gift using a beneficiary designation on your will is easy to establish. You also have the ability to name the PCO directly, or involve another organization, such as the Centre Foundation. Please contact us for more information.

Donations can be made online at PACHamberOrchestra.org/support, or the bottom of this page can be detached and mailed to the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra office at this address:

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☐ I would like more information about the PCO Legacy Society.

☐ I am interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the PCO.

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Thank you for your support!

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