



THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

GERARDO EDELSTEIN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I am still exhilarated from a fantastic opening concert to PCO's 24/25 season—a thrilling start to what is going to be an amazing year of music! Many of you may know me as a PCO violinist, and it is my pleasure to serve as the Executive Director of this wonderful organization. We have many exciting plans in store for PCO, and I am thrilled to be part of this journey towards a very bright future.



Connect with us!

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Thank you!

There is so much to look forward to this season. Experience a unique mash-up of classical music paired with a Steelers football game at our 2nd annual **Strings, Stouts, & Steelers** fundraiser at Axemann Brewery on **November 17**. In the spirit of coming together for the holiday season, our **Holiday Concert** on **December 15** will take place at the State College High School and will feature a wonderful collaboration with the State College Area Master Singers and a side-by-side with area high school orchestra students. Take a peek at the rest of our fantastic upcoming concerts and events, and we hope that you, your families, and friends will choose to join us.

At the PCO, we are committed to presenting inspirational concerts for our community, and we invite everyone to come and experience the transformative power of classical music. Whether you are a first-time concert goer or a longstanding supporter of PCO, we are happy you are here, and it is our privilege to be **your** orchestra.

Sincerely,
Trevor Thompson
PCO Executive Director

New Look, Same Great Orchestra!

Have you noticed our new newsletter look? We are revitalizing our brand, and with support from the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau, PCO is undergoing a complete website renovation in partnership with local website developers at 3twenty9 Design. In addition, Sara Blose from Bona Fide Photography captured some incredible shots of our orchestra in action that have already been featured on our materials and social media.

PCO concerts are inviting, transformative experiences, and we can't wait for you to explore our new website. Wondering about what to expect at our concerts? You will be able to check our new Guide to the Orchestra with answers to questions surrounding our concert experience. Interested in exploring more of Happy Valley? Our new website will highlight our favorite dining spots and area attractions to make the most out of your experience.

Be on the lookout for the launch of our brand-new website soon!



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Strings, Stouts, & Steelers

Strings, Stouts, & Steelers

Sunday, November 17, 2024 | 1:00-3:00pm – Axemann Brewery

Great music, great beer, plus a Steelers football game? Our 2nd annual **Strings, Stouts, & Steelers** event has it all! Join us for a unique event featuring an exciting performance by the Allegria Quartet, beverages by Axemann Brewery, hors d'oeuvres, and a fantastic lineup of auction items, including a family photo session with Bona Fide Photography, Baltimore Orioles tickets, Happy Valley experiences, and much more. You won't want to miss this fun event!

Tickets are \$50 purchased in advance and \$55 at the door. Your ticket comes with a complimentary drink ticket, food from Marin Eats, and of course great entertainment! Buy your tickets today at pachamberorchestra.org. The first 25 tickets purchased come with a complimentary PCO stein glass!

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. Tickets for the **Holiday Concert** are only sold through our website, NOT at the Eisenhower Box Office.

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

Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 3:00pm – State College Area High School

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

State College Area High School Master Singers

Celebrate sounds of the holiday season with the PCO. Experience a dramatic retelling of the Christmas story with the majestic Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saëns, featuring the **State College Area High School Master Singers**. Enjoy the familiar sounds of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and sing along with Handel's Hallelujah from Messiah. Join us for a concert that will fuel your holiday spirit!

Concert Sponsor: Whalley Charitable Trust

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Holiday Concert Program

Oratorio de Noël
Camille Saint-Saëns

The Nutcracker Suite
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (arr. Iain Farrington)

Fantasia on "Yeroushalaim Shel Zahav"
Robert Wendel

Selections from Messiah
George Frideric Handel

Season Concert 2: British Landscapes

Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 3:00pm – Penn State Recital Hall

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

Timothy Deighton, Viola

Journey to the shores of England. Experience the flowing and evocative imagery of Fingal's Cave in Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and the lush melodies of Rebecca Clarke's Viola Sonata featuring violinist **Timothy Deighton**. Haydn's joyous "London" Symphony ends this masterful collection of British classical works.

Concert Sponsor: George & Nina Woskob

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Season Concert 2 Program

**The Hebrides Overture,
"Fingal's Cave"**

Felix Mendelssohn

Viola Sonata

Rebecca Clarke (orch. Ruth Lomon)
Featuring Timothy Deighton, Viola

**Symphony No. 104 in D Major,
"London"**

Franz J. Haydn

Free Family Concert

Saturday, March 22, 2025 | 11:00am – Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Fernanda Lastra, Guest Conductor

Calling music lovers of all ages! Come experience the sights and sounds of the orchestra up close at our **FREE** family concert. Featuring music from The Incredibles, Frozen, Mozart, and more, this one-hour concert is sure to be a hit for the whole family.

Season Concert 3: Beethoven Bash

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7:30pm – Penn State Recital Hall

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3:00pm – Penn State Recital Hall

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

Erik Clayton, Artistic Director, State College Choral Society

Laura Choi Stuart, soprano

Timothi Williams, mezzo-soprano

Andrew Sauvageau, tenor

Timothy LeFebvre, baritone

Get a full helping of Beethoven at our epic season finale! The dramatic and powerful Mass in C Major opens our program, featuring the choral forces of the **State College Choral Society**. The concert ends with the energetic Symphony No. 4, a perfect end to an exciting season. You won't want to miss this one!

Concert Sponsors: Gary & Christina Schell and Nancy Eaton

Season Concert 3 Program

Mass in C Major

Ludwig van Beethoven

Featuring The State College
Choral Society

Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major

Ludwig van Beethoven

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 2024 and with the bulk of our 2024-2025 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, or the bottom of this page can be detached and mailed to the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra office at this address:

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Thank you for your support!


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