



THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

GERARDO EDELSTEIN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PODIUM

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe my first season as PCO's Music Director it's coming to an end! Our last concert will be filled with amazing music and an outstanding soloist

performing the beloved Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. A recently rediscovered overture by German composer Emilie Mayer will open the program and the concert will end with the delightful *Symphony No. 36 "Linz"* by W. A. Mozart.

I have enjoyed immensely working with our fabulous musicians this season and I am looking forward to my association with this State College gem for many more years to come. Please take a peek into our new season and I hope you, your families and friends will choose to join us. Thank you for your support and for being part of PCO's unforgettable musical experiences. We strive to inspire and educate our audiences at the highest artistic level, and we are committed to share our love and passion for music with all of you!

Fondly,

Gerardo Edelstein



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YOUR ORCHESTRA, YOUR IMPACT: A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH THE PCO!

The Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra is mission-driven to bring our communities together around music, and we commit ourselves to providing artistically superb concerts and events for everyone. Donor support makes it all possible: students and families attending concerts; great artists gathering onstage for transformational performances; and broad access to classical music in State College and beyond.



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Great Collaborations and Artistry

A roster of splendid local soloists, Maestro Gerardo Edelstein's first season as Music Director, and the fabulous musicians of the PCO brought to life a landmark season that showed how much music brings us together. Our season thus far has been marked with incredible performances featuring our many wonderful soloists, collaborations with the State College High School Master Singers, and our first ever performance accompanying a film with Howard Blake's *The Snowman*.

Strings and Stouts: An Afternoon with the PCO

Great music, great beer, plus a Steelers football game? Our Strings and Stouts event had it all, featuring an exciting performance by the Allegria Ensemble, beverages by Axemann Brewery, and a fantastic lineup of auction items, including Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra tickets, a lesson with concertmaster Jim Lyon, and much more. You won't want to miss our future special events!

Connecting with Young Listeners

Reaching the youngest generation of music lovers has been a core aspect of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra's mission. Prior to our Season 2 Concert in January, students from The Music Academy's Suzuki Program were invited to perform in the lobby, share their artistry, and for many families and students, attend their first ever professional orchestra performance. In addition, with the generous help of our committed supporters and sponsors, the PCO presented our annual Family Concert on March 16th. Featuring our PCO Strings, guest conductor Timothy Farrand guided families, children, and music lovers of all ages through a wonderful program of music. "This was the best Family Concert program I have ever attended" one attendee exclaimed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets for 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 during the week at the Eisenhower Box Office, or in person on the day of the concert at the Recital Hall. For full information, visit pachamberorchestra.org.

Season Concert 3: Austro-German Classics

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 3:00pm – Penn State Recital Hall

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

Enrico Elisi, Piano

Emilie Mayer – Overture No. 2 in D Major

Ludwig van Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Symphony No. 36 in C Major, K. 425 "Linz"

LOOKING FORWARD: THE 24-25 SEASON

The Pennsylvania Orchestra is excited to announce our upcoming 24-25 Season! Highlights of this thrilling season include soloists Michael Hanley (baritone) and Penn State professor Timothy Deighton (viola), fantastic works by composers including Copland, Bartok, Mendelssohn, Clarke, and more, culminating in an all-Beethoven season finale with the State College Choral Society. You won't want to miss this amazing PCO season!

Season Concert 1: Dance and Folk Music

Sunday, September 15, 2024, 3:00pm – Penn State Recital Hall

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

Michael Hanley, Baritone

Manuel de Falla – The Three-Cornered Hat Suite No. 1

Aaron Copland – Old American Songs

Bela Bartok – Romanian Folk Dances

Franz Schubert – Symphony No. 3 in D Major

Season Concert 2: British Landscapes

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

Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director

Timothy Deighton, Viola

Felix Mendelssohn – The Hebrides Overture, “Fingal’s Cave”

Rebecca Clarke (orch. Ruth Lomon) – Viola Sonata

Franz J. Haydn – Symphony No. 104 in D Major, “London”



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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

Ludwig van Beethoven – Mass in C Major, Op. 86

Ludwig van Beethoven – Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op 60

Holiday Concert & Family Concert

Concert dates and repertoire to be announced!



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SAVE THE DATES FOR CENTRE GIVES 2024

Centre Gives 2024 is coming up quickly on May 8-9 and is a great opportunity to stretch your donation dollars further. The PCO has received an amazing showing of support from donors during Centre Gives in the past and we hope you will think of us again this year as you support all your favorite Centre County non-profits.



New to Centre Gives? Here is what you need to know.

- Centre Gives is a 36-hour online giving event that begins at 8am on May 8 concludes at 8pm on May 9 and takes place at CentreGives.org.
- The minimum donation is \$10. All donations must be via credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express).
- All donations are tax-deductible. You will receive a tax receipt from Centre Foundation.
- Your donations during these 36 hours are stretched beyond the initial dollar amount as participating organizations receive a percentage of a \$200,000 stretch pool, plus a portion of an additional \$100,000 bonus pool.
- Organizations may receive specific prizes throughout the event by participating in certain events or challenges. Check out centregives.org/prizes to see all available prizes.

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Planning to attend Centre Gives Fest? Join the celebration at Talleyrand Park in downtown Bellefonte on May 9 from 5-8 p.m. Stop by to celebrate our amazingly generous community with likeminded individuals, enjoy snacks, listen to live music, and support all your favorite Centre County non-profits.

VOLUNTEER AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra? We invite you to join us and help to make this wonderful ensemble flourish! As a PCO volunteer, you will be able to help engage with our community, audience members, and our local partners. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available, so please contact us if you are interested in getting involved!

Looking for even more involvement? Consider joining the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra Board of Directors! We are always in search of community members interested in being a part of the PCO Board of Directors.

For more details and information, please get in touch with us at info@pachamberorchestra.org or at (814) 234-8313.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to David Thompson, the Interim Executive Director.

A CALL FOR SUPPORT

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 close out our 2023-2024 season with one more exciting program, 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 PACChamberOrchestra.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.

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