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Yaniv Attar, Music Director

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FROM THE PODIUM

Dear PCO Family,

We had such a wonderful start to 2023 with our opening concert! Personally, I thought this was one of our finest, with the East Coast premiere of Jonathan Leshnoff's *Elegy*, the USA premiere of Fazil Say's moving cello concert (with our fantastic principal cello Jonathan Dexter) and Beethoven's First Symphony.

We are busy preparing for our final events of the season including a free family concert and our April season finale, which will be thrilling.

This also brings me to the fact that April will be my last performance as the Music Director of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra. I have been so fortunate to share the stage with these incredible musicians for the past 8 years. I will miss them, and I will forever consider the PCO family as my musical family.

I look forward to seeing how the orchestra will continue to grow and share wonderful musical moments with all of you. I hope you can join us for all the events this season, and especially to be there for the season finale to celebrate this special moment with all of us.



Musically yours,

Yaniv Attar
Conductor

CONGRATULATIONS, MAESTRO ATTAR!

We are thrilled for our very own Maestro Yaniv Attar who recently announced that he will be the next music director for the Rockford Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Attar will finish the '22-'23 Season with the PCO before bringing his talent and passion to Illinois.

The Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra met Maestro Attar after the retirement of our founder and first music director, Douglas Meyer in 2015. Yaniv auditioned to be PCO's new music director on January 18, 2015 by conducting a program including the repertoire of von Biber, Haydn, and Beethoven. After the conclusion of the search, Maestro Attar began his first full season with the PCO in the fall of 2016.

Since his appointment, Maestro Attar has worked tirelessly to elevate the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra, bringing in outstanding soloists, programming exhilarating new repertoire alongside familiar chestnuts, providing clear artistic leadership, and drawing in new and familiar audiences.

Thank you, Yaniv for being part of our family for the past eight years! Don't miss your last chance to see Maestro Attar conduct at the PCO season finale April 30th.

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PCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Applications are currently being accepted for the PCO's Executive Director position. Please help us spread the word. We are seeking a highly motivated and experienced individual to lead our organization and help deliver live classical music to the community. The ideal candidate will have a passion for music, proven organizational expertise, excellent communication skills, strong leadership abilities, experience in fundraising, and budget management.

If you are interested, or know someone who should apply, please visit <https://pachamberorchestra.org/ed-search> or email apply@pachamberorchestra.org for more information.

FREE FAMILY CONCERT ON MARCH 25

Our annual family concert is created for families, children, and the young at heart. You will want to save the date for the upcoming Free Family Concert: Stories & Fairytales coming up on Saturday, March 25 at 11am at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Port Matilda, PA. Join guest conductor, Timothy Farrand, and members of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra as they take you on an adventure through the music of Lully, Debussy, Honneger, and Ravel.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Connie & Lefty McIntyre, the Music Performance Trust Fund, and the Patricia Farrell Music Fund, and support from the Nittany Performing Arts Centre this concert is completely free for all!

RECENT PHOTOS



A Holiday Celebration – Timothy Farrand, guest conductor & Charles Dumas, narrator



January Rehearsal – Fazil Say's "Never Give Up" with cello soloist, Jonathan Dexter



January Concert - Jonathan Dexter, cello



February's Sweetheart Serenade at RE Farm Cafe

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. 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.

Free Family Concert: Stories & Fairytales

Saturday, March 25, 11:00 am - Good Shephard Catholic Church
(867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA)

Timothy Farrand, Guest Conductor

Jean-Baptiste Lully - Le triomphe de l'amour

Claude Debussy - Danse sacree et danse profane

Arthur Honegger - Pastorale d'été, H.31

Maurice Ravel (arr. Farrington) - Mother Goose Suite



Timothy Farrand,
Guest Conductor

Free! No tickets needed!

State College Choral Society & Master Singers Concert with the PCO

Sunday, April 16, 3:00pm - State College High School Auditorium

Russ Shelley & Erik Clayton, Music Directors

Francis Poulenc - Gloria, FP 177

Felix Mendelssohn - Symphony No.2, Op.52 "Lobgesang"



Tickets for this concert are available at www.scchoralsociety.org

Season Concert 3: Unity

Sunday, April 30, 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

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 2022-2023 season with two more exciting programs, 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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