

2011-2012 season

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra



A Word from Dr. Louis Levy

Interim President, Valdosta State University

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2011-2012 season of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. Valdosta State University is proud of its longstanding relationship with the VSO. Having a local symphony with so many talented musicians allows us to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Each performance is made possible because of the generous financial contributions from corporate sponsors and individuals, who are advocates for the arts and understand the importance of private support for education and social enrichment. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Louis H. Levy

A Word from Dr. Malcolm F. Rainey

Chairman, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra Board

The 2011-2012 season promises to be another banner year for the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Hsu has assembled a rich tapestry of melodies, harmonies and rhythms in programs ranging from Bach to Berlioz, from Haydn to Rachmaninoff and from Mozart to Shostakovich. If you are familiar with the selections he has chosen, you will certainly be as eager to hear his interpretations of these choices as you would be to hear a familiar story told by a new friend. If some or all of these selections are new to you, then you will be treated to a number of musical masterpieces.

As you are well aware, the country has been and continues to be in a financial crisis. This economic downturn has had a devastating effect on many cultural and artistic organizations who have had to either curtail their activities or to disband completely. We in Valdosta have been extremely fortunate in the unique partnership between the university and the greater Valdosta community that has allowed our orchestra to grow and flourish. The VSO does not rely on a handful of benefactors but rather draws from both the leadership of the university and the patronage and support of a dedicated and devoted cadre of lovers of symphonic and choral music. Won't you please join with them to ensure that the VSO continues to be a prominent source of musical enlightenment and joy in our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Malcolm F. Rainey

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra

2011-2012 season Subscription Series Concerts

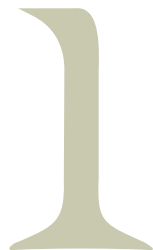
Howard Hsu, Music Director

The VSO is proud to announce online ticket sales beginning September 7, 2011. We hope you can join us for this exciting season with inspiring guest artists and our own dynamic orchestra. Please see our website for tickets and other information about the concerts and our orchestra.

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Subscription Concert One

Back to Bach

September 17, 2011 • 8:00 pm

J.S. Bach Overture from Orchestral Suite No. 3
in D Major, BWV 1068

J.S. Bach/Webern *Musical Offering: Ricercar*

J.S. Bach Concerto for Two Pianos in C minor, BWV 1060
Lyle Indergaard and Kevin Hampton, piano

Brahms Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op.98

Experience the genius of J.S. Bach and hear why he was revered by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. This glorious program features a concerto for two pianos performed by the exciting duo of Kevin Hampton and VSU's Lyle Indergaard, as well as Brahms's monumental Fourth Symphony.

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Lyle Indergaard



Kevin Hampton

“Hampton and Indergaard are engaging personalities and outstanding pianists who have joined forces to form a splendid piano duet team.”

(Nancy Arganbright and Dallas Weekley,
renowned piano duo)



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Classical Masters

November 5, 2011 • 8:00 pm

Mozart Overture to *Così fan tutte*, K. 588

Schnittke *Moz-Art à la Haydn*

Haydn Cello Concerto, Hob.VIIIb:2, D Major
Wendy Warner, cello

Mozart Symphony No. 36 in C Major (Linz), K. 425

This concert showcases the delightful and spirited music of the two great masters of the classical era, Mozart and Haydn. Mozart composed his joyful 36th Symphony in only four days for a concert in Linz. World-renowned cellist Wendy Warner returns to Valdosta to perform Haydn's lyrical Cello Concerto in D Major.

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Wendy Warner

*“...Warner’s expressive playing and glowing tone
were everywhere a pleasure...”*

(New York Times)



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Subscription Concert Three

Symphonie Fantastique!

Edward Cumming, guest conductor

February 18, 2012 • 8:00 pm

Debussy *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*

Gliere *Harp Concerto in E-flat Major, Op. 74*
Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, harp

Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 24*

Maestro Edward Cumming, former music director of the Hartford Symphony and former resident conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony, will be the guest conductor of the VSO in a special concert featuring Berlioz's theatrical and feverish masterpiece *Symphonie Fantastique*. Infatuated with the Irish actress Harriet Smithson, Berlioz was inspired to compose this startlingly original work. Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, acclaimed principal harpist with the Toronto Symphony, will perform Gliere's enchanting Harp Concerto.

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Edward Cumming



Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton

“Cumming led a powerhouse performance...”

(Hartford Courant)

Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton: Recently hailed by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as a performer that “play[s] with a flair that we are coming to know well,” harpist Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton is one of the most acclaimed soloist, chamber and orchestral musicians of her generation.



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Subscription Concert Four

Favorites

March 24, 2012 • 8:00 pm

Liadov *Baba-Yaga, Op. 56*

Rachmaninoff *Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18*
Carl Cranmer, piano

Shostakovich *Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47*

Shostakovich composed his gripping Fifth Symphony during the terrifying era of Stalin, and VSO audiences have voted this powerful work the winner of the “Choose Your Own Symphony” contest. Dazzling pianist Carl Cranmer will perform the beloved Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, which contains some of the most romantic and famous melodies in the repertory.

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Carl Cranmer

“He made light work of Liszt’s fiendishly demanding octaves, scales, and glissandos, showing a fine lyrical strain to boot. And he did it all with lovely, controlled tone.”

(New York Times)



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Special Concert

Musical Pictures

April 28, 2012 • 8:00 pm

Rossini	Overture to <i>The Thieving Magpie</i>
Weber/Berlioz	<i>Invitation to the Dance</i> , J. 260, Op. 65
Vivaldi	Selections from <i>The Four Seasons</i> , Op. 8, nos. 1-4 <i>Nina Lutz, violin</i>
Debussy	<i>Nocturnes: Fêtes</i>
Wagner	<i>Götterdämmerung: Siegfried's Rhine Journey</i>
Ravel	<i>Daphnis and Chloe: Suite No. 2</i>

It's a feast for the imagination when music creates the scene! Attend a vibrant festival in France, take a journey on the mighty Rhine River, enjoy the pleasures of spring, experience the picturesque break of day, dance in a joyful celebration and more, all in one concert!

Noted violinist and VSO concertmaster Nina Lutz makes her solo debut with the VSO in Vivaldi's evocative *Four Seasons*.

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Nina Lutz

VSO's concertmaster since 1992, Ms Lutz has performed in France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic, Canada, and throughout the United States as an orchestral, chamber, and solo musician.

Family Concert

April 29, 2012 • 3:00 pm

Students are invited to enter the VSO Art Contest and create art inspired by the works in “Musical Pictures.” Entries will be projected above the VSO during the concert. Official rules to be announced in the fall!

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tickets: two free child tickets (18 & under)
with each adult ticket at \$15

Tickets for the 4/29 concert are not part of season ticket package.



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Dear Friends,

The VSO's 22nd season promises to be a spectacular one. The sheer power and intensity of the Shostakovich 5th Symphony will give you goosebumps. The intoxicating lushness of Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe* will carry you to another time and place. The sweeping romanticism of the Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto will warm your heart. Our renowned guest artists include the sensational cellist Wendy Warner, thrilling Maestro Edward Cumming, electrifying pianist Carl Cranmer, remarkable harpist Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, exciting piano duo of Kevin Hampton and VSU's Lyle Indergaard, and the VSO's own acclaimed concertmaster Nina Lutz.

I invite you to join us and experience the power of live music!

Cordially,

Howard Hsu

Music Director

Special Holiday Concerts

2011-2012 season

The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky

Dance Arts, Inc. Linda C. Chase, Artistic Director

December 2, 2011 • 7:30 pm

December 3, 2011 • 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm

December 4, 2011 • 2:30 pm

Celebrate the holidays in Valdosta with Tchaikovsky's beloved *Nutcracker* ballet, fully staged with LIVE orchestra in Valdosta.

Tickets for these concerts are not part of season ticket package.

Mathis Auditorium. **Reservations Required**; Call ahead for availability 229-244-0003.

tickets: \$12 (\$8 for Saturday afternoon 1:00 pm matinee)

For information about Dance Arts, Inc. see website www.danceartsvaldosta.com



*“What tradition better symbolizes the Holiday spirit.
The magic of Nutcracker, its rich themes of familial love,
the joy of childhood, and the power of dreams touches us all,
reminding us of peace and inspiration the arts bring to life.”*

(Linda C. Chase, Artistic Director, Dance Arts, Inc.)

Educational Programs

Tunes for Tots introduces the instruments and the orchestra to younger children.

January 21 in Whitehead Auditorium, 10:00 AM–12 noon.

The South Georgia String Project provides exploratory experience of string instruments to children in Magnet Strings classes. Many children continue to perform and take lessons.

The Azalea String Quartet performs clinic concerts for high school musicians in Georgia and north Florida.

Concerto Competition provides outstanding performers at VSU with audition/competition experience and the opportunity to solo with the VSO at a Youth Concert. Competition finalists also perform for the public on a special **Honors Recital** Spring, 2012.

High School Honors Program provides tickets for selected High School students with recommendation of Band Director.

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra Scholarship provides financial support for students accepted as members of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and selected by the music faculty.

Music Major Rush Ticket program provides university music majors rush tickets for subscription concerts. The program is designed to support students' studies in music literature.

VSO Graduate Performance Assistantship supported by the VSO Board of Directors provides for advanced studies in strings and orchestra for a select graduate student. The graduate student also serves a key staff position in the orchestra.

Student Enrichment Fund

Grant provided by The Valdosta Symphony Guild to fund special music projects by students in the VSO.

Contact Information

To reserve seats, please contact the COA Outreach Office at swalexander@valdosta.edu
or at **229-333-2150**.

Youth Concert Series 2011-2012

September 16, 2011

10:00 am

*Lyle Indergaard
and Kevin Hampton, piano*

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J.S. Bach Overture:
Orchestral Suite
No. 3

J.S. Bach Concerto for
Two Pianos

Brahms Symphony No. 4

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10:00 am

Wendy Warner, cello

Classical Masters

Mozart Overture:
Così fan tutte

Haydn Cello Concerto

Mozart Symphony No. 36

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March 23, 2012

10:00 am

Carl Cranmer, piano

Favorites

Rachmaninoff Piano
Concerto No. 2

Shostakovich Symphony
No. 5

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April 27, 2012

10:00 am

Nina Lutz, violin

Musical Pictures

Rossini Overture:
*The Thieving
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Weber/Berlioz *Invitation
to the Dance*

Vivaldi Selections
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Debussy *Nocturnes:
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Wagner *Siegfried's
Rhine
Journey*

Ravel *Daphnis
and Chloe:
Suite No. 2*

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