ON THE RISE, OP. 6
Philharmonic Orchestra
Amy Gillingham Culligan, music director and conductor

featuring

2022-2023 NKU Philharmonic Concerto Competition Winners
James Tober, clarinet • Anna Stephens, cello • Kyle Walker, marimba

in collaboration with

NKU Youth Symphony Orchestra
Alexander Moore, conductor

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 // 7 p.m.
Greaves Concert Hall

PROGRAM


A Matador’s Tale (2017) ....................................................................................................................... Mark Lortz (b. unknown)

NKU Philharmonic and NKU Youth Symphony Orchestra
Alexander Moore, conductor

Finale from Symphony No. 5 (original 1888, arr. 2011) .................................................. Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)
arr. Richard Meyer

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Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Op. 33 (1872) ................................................................. Camile Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
Allegro non troppo

Anna Stephens, cello soloist

Première rhapsodié (1910, orchestral version 1911)................................................................. Claude Debussy (1862–1918)

Jimmy Tober, clarinet soloist

Concerto for Marimba and Strings (2015) ................................................................. Emmanuel Séjoune
Quarter note = 69

Kyle Walker, marimba soloist

Danzón No. 2 for Orchestra (1998) ................................................................. Arturo Márquez (b. 1950)
**NKU PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL**
Amy Gillingham Culligan, *music director and conductor*

**VIOLIN I**
Maddie Pittman, *concertmaster*
Gracie Niehaus
Eva Vandegrift
Brady Bryant
Mackenzie Opitz

**VIOLIN II**
Maia Loiacono, *principal*
Emily Stephens
Jacob Canada
Benjamin Lorson
Void Turner
David Veshapidze

**VIOLA**
Shelby Dodd, *principal*
Madeline Murray
Darius Briscoe
Russell Zimmer*
Tanner Haller**
Ellen McGoron*

**VIOLONCELLO**
Annie Hovey, *principal*
Melissa Young
Anna Stephens
Victoria Jackson
Dakota Anderson
Emma Senn
Carson Rolph

**DOUBLE BASS**
Delaan Sumler, *principal* *

**FLUTE**
Noah Jacobsen, *principal*
Caroline Schmidt
Jaiden Hofford

**OBOE**
Alaina Spencer, *principal*
Peter Lefkovitz

**BASSOON**
Caroline Phipps, *principal*

**CLARINET**
James Tober, *principal*
Derek Whippo
Peyton Wallace
Erin Mills (bass clarinet)
Meagan Miller (bass clarinet)

**HORN**
Michael Morgan, *principal*
Sabrina Harrison+
Barb Phillips+

**TRUMPET**
Abigail Cole, *principal*
Robbie Lasonczyk
Mariah Colyer

**TROMBONE**
Kian Raleigh, *principal*
Rachel Millward
Alexander Lang (bass trombone)

**TUBA**
Dylan Massmann, *principal*
Haley Amon

**PERCUSSION**
Kyle Walker, *principal*
Luke Myers

**PIANO/KEYBOARD**
Abby Dunning

**HARP**
Joseph Rebman+
Abel Mooney-Bullock+

**STAGE CREW/SET-UP**
Tanner Haller
Victoria Jackson
Erin Mills
Rachel Millward
Kian Raleigh
Carson Rolph
Russell Zimmer

**LIBRARIANS**
Shelby Dodd
Erin Mills
Anna Stephens
Void Turner
Emily Stephens
Melissa Young

**PERSONNEL MANAGER**
Shelby Dodd, *manager*
Melissa Young, *assistant manager*

* Community member
+ Guest performer

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**NKU YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL**
Alexander Moore, *music director and conductor*

**VIOLIN I**
Lucy Griffiths
Roby Hardesty
Marley Winslow
Prashansa Nepal
Claire Woldford

**VIOLIN II**
Julie Anderson
Emily Frank
Madae York
Diana Zheng

**VIOLA**
Isaac Bambach
Naomi Gibbons
Xander Jones
Anna Van Dyke

**CELLO**
Jean Adkins
Megan Bailey
Marley Berkley
Mikael Choi

**DOUBLE BASS**
Olive Pfalz

**FLUTE**
Millie McGlone
Silas Juergens

**CLARINET**
Lily Pinkowski
Rylie Thornberry

**BASSOON**
Caroline Phipps

**HORN**
Cate Mahoney
Madelyn Ryan
Dylan VanBenschoten

**TRUMPET**
Briley Kelly
Ben Turner

**TROMBONE**
Kennedy Straub

**PERCUSSION**
Maggie Griffiths
THE GOLD JACKET SOCIETY

The annual “On the Rise” concert is in its sixth (opus 6) year. Each year, students compete in a concerto competition to have the opportunity to perform as soloists with the NKU Philharmonic Orchestra. The “Gold Jacket Society” takes a cue from professional golf, where winners are given a jacket. Winners of the competition are presented with a NKU Philharmonic Orchestra gold jacket upon performing their concerto. These talented young musicians are invites to come back to the “On the Rise” concert each year and wear their jacket.

SOLOISTS

James Tober, clarinet
Senior, Music Performance Major
Student of Krista Weiss

James Lawrence Tober III is a senior Clarinet Performance major at Northern Kentucky University and the first two-time winner of NKU’s concerto competition. James currently serves as principal clarinet of the NKU Philharmonic Orchestra and NKU Symphonic Winds and has performed as an extra musician with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. He is also a TA for the NKU Youth Symphony Orchestra, a music theory tutor, and a peer mentor at NKU. James is a student of Professor Krista Weiss. After his undergraduate studies, James plans to pursue graduate degrees in Clarinet Performance and Multiple Woodwinds.

Anna Stephens, cello
Freshmen, Music Education Major
Student of Amy Culligan

Anna Stephens is a freshman music education major at NKU. She started playing cello at age eight in NKU Music Preparatory's String Project, has studied it ever since. She currently studies with Amy Gillingham-Culligan, and has attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Kentucky’s Governor’s School for the Arts, and this past summer, played in the Los Angeles Youth Philharmonic.

Kyle Walker, marimba
Senior, Audio Production Major
Student of Michael Culligan and Joseph Bricker

Kyle Walker is an audio engineer, percussionist, and pianist based out of the Northern Kentucky area. He is currently studying audio production with a focus in percussion at Northern Kentucky University. He has been actively working as a live sound technician, maintains a private lessons studio, and has directed numerous ensembles in the tristate area. He has studied under Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra members Michael Culligan and Joseph Bricker in addition to world-renowned percussionists such as Drew Tucker, Warren Wolf, and Ivan Trevino. He placed as a Semi-Finalist in the Overture Awards, performed at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, and placed second in the 2018 International Mallet Competition.

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HISTORY OF NKU PHILHARMONIC CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS

OP. 6 (2022-2023 SEASON)

James Tober, clarinet
Senior, Music Performance Major
C. Debussy, Première rhapsodie
Student of Krista Weiss

Anna Stephens, cello
Freshmen, Music Education Major
C. Saint-Saëns, Cello Concerto in A Minor, movement I
Student of Amy Culligan

Kyle Walker, marimba
Senior, Audio Production Major
Emmanuel Sejourne, Concerto for Marimba, movement I
Student of Michael Culligan and Joe Bricker

OP. 5 (2021-2022 SEASON)

Gracie Niehaus, violin
High School Senior
M. Bruch, Concerto for Violin, movement I

John Niehaus, violin
Student of William Herzog

Russell Zimmer, viola
Senior, Music Performance Major
C. Forsyth, Concerto for Viola, movement I
Student of Holly Attar

OP. 4 (2020-2021 SEASON)

Maddie Pittman, violin
Junior, Music Education Major
C. Saint-Saëns, Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso
Student of William Herzog

James Tober, clarinet
Sophomore, Music Performance Major
Concerto for Clarinet in A Major, K622, movement II
Student of Krista Weiss

OP. 3 (2019-2020 SEASON)

Victor Cabezas, horn
Junior, Music Composition Major
G. Vinter, Hunter's Moon
Student of Linda Glover

Kyle Ledbetter, cello
High School Freshmen
E. Elgar, Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op. 85, movement I
Student of Lee Griffith

John Neihaus, viola
High School Senior
G. Telemann, Concerto for Viola in G Major, TWV 51:G9, movements I and II
Student of William Herzog

Nicole Ortiz, clarinet
Senior, Music Performance Major
Student of Krista Weiss

OP. 2 (2018-2019 SEASON)

Jon McIntrye, saxophone
Junior, Music Composition and Music Performance Double Major with a Focus in Pre-Law
A. Glazunov, Saxophone Concerto in Eb, Op. 109
Student of Jennifer Grantham

Gita Srinivasan, cello
Sophomore, Music Performance Major
E. Elgar, Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85, movement I
Student of Amy Gillingham

Corey Watzek, double bass
Senior, Music Performance Major
G. Bottesini, Concerto No. 2 in A Minor, movements I and II
Student of Owen Lee

OP. 1 (2017-2018 SEASON)

Christopher Gratsch, marimba
Senior, Music Performance Major
C. Saint-Saëns, Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso
Student of Michael Culligan

Nao Kamiya, piano
Junior, International Relations Major
F. Mendelssohn, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in G Minor, Op. 25, movement I
Student of Sophie Wang

William Lommel, trombone
Sophomore, Music Education Major
L. Larsson, Concertino for Trombone and Strings
Student of Michael Charbel