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- Plato

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October 28, 2023 | 7:30PM | Link Centre Concert Hall

RHAPSODY IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

Jeffrey Biegel, Piano

The NMSO joins a 50-state consortium to present the Mississippi premiere of a new work for piano and orchestra written by Grammy-nominated composer Peter Boyer. This new work, *Rhapsody in Red, White, and Blue*, was written as a companion piece to George Gershwin's famous *Rhapsody in Blue*, which is also featured on the program.

December 9, 2023 | 4:00PM & 7:30PM

Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center

CHRISTMAS WITH THE NMSO

ICC & NEMCC Community College Choruses

NMSO Children's Chorus

The NMSO performs its annual Christmas program - one of the region's finest - featuring choruses from Itawamba Community College and Northeast Mississippi Community College, and the NMSO Children's Chorus. The program will present many of your holiday favorites and some new versions of some old classics!

January 20, 2024 | 7:30PM | Harrisburg Baptist Church

SPIRIT OF THE WILD

Titus Underwood, Oboe | Austin Smith, Oboe

Zell Long, Narrator

The NMSO welcomes Titus Underwood, Principal Oboe of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and the 2021 recipient of the Sphinx Medal of Excellence award and a 2021 Midsouth Regional Emmy winner for his work as film director on *We Are Nashville*. Titus performs the thrilling and exotic *Spirit of the Wild* oboe concerto by Australian composer Nigel Westlake, and he pairs with NMSO Principal Oboe Austin Smith to perform Vivaldi's delightful Concerto for Two Oboes in D Minor. By popular demand, the orchestra reprises the dynamic work *New Morning for the World* by Joseph Schwantner, featuring Tupelo's own Zell Long delivering the powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 23, 2024 | Tupelo Civic Auditorium

CARNEGIE HALL CHILDREN'S LINK UP PROGRAM

Nancy Maria Balach, Host

This annual program is offered to local and surrounding schools for students in grades 3-5 to explore orchestral repertoire through a hands-on music curriculum.

February 24, 2024 | 7:30PM | Harrisburg Baptist Church

IN NATURE'S REALM

Jenny Grégoire, Violin

Works inspired by nature are presented on this delightful program featuring NMSO Concertmaster Jenny Grégoire in a sublime work by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The program also includes the Eastern U.S. premiere of an evocative new work by Sara Carina Graef inspired by the Yaqo'n Indian tribe of Oregon and accompanied by images of the Yakona Nature Preserve and its abundance of Sitka spruce trees and the oyster-rich Yaquina Bay. Beethoven's ode to nature, his exquisite Symphony No. 6, the *Pastoral*, is also featured.

April 27, 2024 | 3:00PM | Link Centre Concert Hall

FAMILY AND SENSORY-FRIENDLY CONCERT

This free matinee concert is made specifically for children and adults with special needs and families with small children.

April 27, 2024 | 7:30PM | Link Centre Concert Hall

MUSICAL VOICES OF TOMORROW

featuring the winner of the

2023 Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists

Members of the North Mississippi Youth Orchestra

The NMSO presents the First Place winner of the 2023 Cleveland International Piano Competition Youth Division. The competition hosts outstanding young talent from across the globe in one of the world's most prestigious music competitions. The orchestra is joined by members of the North Mississippi Youth Orchestra in a side-by-side experience that celebrates the young musical talents of the North Mississippi region.

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