

Rainier Symphony Concerts & Repertoire

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A brief history of every Rainier Symphony concert since the very first in 1981

Music Directors:

- 7: Jeffery N. Lund, 2016 – present
- 6: David Waltman, 2002 – 2014
- 5: Paul Mori, 1996 – 2001
- 4: Joseph Pollard White, 1986 – 1996
- 3: Donn Weaver, 1983 – 1985
- 2: Donald Hartman, 1982 – 1983
- 1: Richard Polf, 1981 – 1982

Season 44: 2024 – 2025

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 31, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila -- PLANNED

June 1, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila -- PLANNED

Heroes and Villains

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Cora Reuter Foster, concertmaster

Highlights from Jurassic Park, John Williams, arr. Calvin Custer

Music from Gladiator, Hans Zimmer, arr. John Wasson

Spider-Man, Danny Elfman, arr. John Wasson

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings, Howard Shore, arr. John Whitney

Star Wars Suite, John Williams

April 12, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 13, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

The Human Spirit

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Cora Reuter Foster, concertmaster

Mlada Suite, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Idyll, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Symphony No. 5, Sergei Prokofiev

February 22, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 23, 2025; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

One Hundred Years of Progress

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Cora Reuter Foster, concertmaster

Overture to La forza del destino, Giuseppe Verdi

Trombone Concerto, Launy Grondahl

Phil Dean, trombone

Symphony No. 1, Florence Price

December 14, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 15, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Joyous Celebration

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Christmas Overture, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, arr. Sydney Baynes

A Canadian Brass Christmas, Luther Henderson, arr. Calvin Custer

Selections from The Nutcracker, P.I. Tchaikovsky

Trepak (Russian Dance)

Arabian Dance

Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy

Greensleeves, Traditional, arr. Alfred Reed
Festive Sounds of Hanukkah, arr. by Bill Holcombe
Les Patineurs (Skater's Waltz), Emile Waldteufel
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane
White Christmas, Irving Berlin, arr. Robert Russell Bennett
Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), Adolphe Adam, arr. Arthur Luck
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson
Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

November 16, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

November 17, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Settings of Love and Longing

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Cora Reuter Foster, concertmaster

Manfred Overture, Robert Schumann

6 song selections, Richard Strauss

Allison Pohl, soprano

Zueignung (Dedication)

Die Nacht (The Night)

Morgen! (Morning!)

Standchen (Serenade)

Allerseelen (All Souls' Day)

Cacilie (Cecilia)

Cello Concerto, Edward Elgar

Alistair MacRae, cello

October 5, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 6, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

The Apotheosis of Dance

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Cora Reuter Foster, concertmaster

Overture to L'italiana in Algeri (The Italian Girl in Algiers), Gioachino Rossini

Siegfried Idyll, Richard Wagner

Symphony No. 7, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 43: 2023 – 2024

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 1, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

June 2, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Off the Beaten Path

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Blush Fox Trio

Carly Marie Corey

Noel Pederson

Anna Daines

La Creation du Monde (The Creation of the World), Darius Milhaud

Night and Day, Cole Porter, arr. Calvin Custer

Blush Fox Trio

It's Only a Paper Moon, Harold Arlen, arr. Chuck Sayre

Blush Fox Trio

Misty, Erroll Garner, arr. Chuck Sayre

Noel Pederson, soloist

Chattanooga Choo-Choo, Hughie Prince, arr. Michael Mikulka

Informal intermission music

Cantina Band, John Williams, arr. Alex Russo and others

Nothing Else Matters, James Hetfield, arr. Shaun Burley

Over the Rainbow, Harold Arlen, arr. Chuck Sayre

Carly Marie Corey, soloist

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Harry Warren, arr. Michael Mikulka
An American in Paris, George Gershwin

April 13, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 14, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Transformations

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Montgomery Variations, Margaret Bonds

A Solemn Music, Virgil Thomson

Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes by Weber, Paul Hindemith

February 24, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 25, 2024; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Beethoven, Brahms, and Brazil

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Coriolan Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Concerto for Marimba and Strings, Ney Rosauro

Jeffery Lund, marimba

Symphony No. 4, Johannes Brahms

December 16, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 17, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Holiday Spectacular

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

March from The Nutcracker, P.I. Tchaikovsky

Carol Sequence No. 5, Peter Hope

Joy to the World

In Dulci Jubilo

Silent Night

Carol Sequence No. 4, Peter Hope

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen

The Holly and the Ivy

What Child is This

Pas de Deux from The Nutcracker, P.I. Tchaikovsky

March of the Toys from Babes in Toyland, Victor Herbert

Emperor Waltz, Johann Strauss Jr.

Carol Sequence No. 6, Peter Hope

We Three Kings

Away in the Manger

I Saw Three Ships

Fantasia on Greensleeves, Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Troika from Lieutenant Kije, Sergei Prokofiev

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 21, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 22, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Enchantment and Revelry

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

La noche de los mayas (The night of the Mayans), Silvestre Revueltas

Symphony No. 7, Antonin Dvorak

Season 42: 2022 – 2023

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 3, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

June 4, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Musicians Choice!

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor, except as noted

Overture to La Gazza Ladra (The Thieving Magpie), Gioachino Rossini
Flight of the Bumblebee, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Pirates of the Caribbean, Klaus Badelt, arr. Ted Ricketts
Miguel Ledezma, conductor
Danzon No. 2, Arturo Marquez
Overture to the Hebrides, Felix Mendelssohn
Miguel Ledezma, conductor
Appalachian Spring Suite, Aaron Copland

April 15, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 16, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

A Roman Triptych

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Roman Carnival Overture, Hector Berlioz

Spartacus Ballet Suite No. 1, Aram Khachaturian

Introduction and Dance of Nymphs

Introduction, Adagio of Aegina and Harmodius

Variation of Aegina and Bacchanalia

Scene and Dance with Crotalums

Dance of Gaditanae and Victory of Spartacus

Spartacus Ballet Suite No. 2, Aram Khachaturian

Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia

Pines of Rome, Ottorino Respighi

February 25, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 26, 2023; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Transcendence of Self in Art

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Ballade in A Minor, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, P.I. Tchaikovsky

Violin Concerto in D Major, Ludwig van Beethoven

Denise Dillenbeck, violin

December 10, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 11, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Holiday Spectacular

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor, except as noted

Christmas Overture, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, arr. Sydney Baynes

Festive Sounds of Hanukkah, arr. by Bill Holcombe

A Canadian Brass Christmas, Luther Henderson, arr. Calvin Custer

Miguel Ledezma, conductor

Selections from The Nutcracker: Scenes No. 6, 7, and 8; P.I. Tchaikovsky

O Magnum Mysterium arranged for brass ensemble, Morten Lauridsen

October, Eric Whitacre

Miguel Ledezma, conductor

Overture to Hansel and Gretel, Engelbert Humperdinck

Concert Suite from The Polar Express, Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard, arr. Jerry Brubaker

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Miguel Ledezma, conductor

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 22, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 23, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Western Skies

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

The Cowboys Overture, John Williams

Concerto Gaucho, Kevin Waczyk

Zach Lyman, trumpet

3 Dances from the Three-Cornered Hat, Manuel de Falla

Billy the Kid Suite, Aaron Copland

Season 41: 2021 – 2022

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 4, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

June 5, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Pops Concert

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Peer Gynt: Morning Mood, Edvard Grieg

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev

Anna Jensen, narrator

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Nocturne, Felix Mendelssohn

Peer Gynt: In the Hall of the Mountain King, Edvard Grieg

Swan Lake Suite: Scene No. 1; P.I. Tchaikovsky

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Paul Dukas

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings Suite, Howard Shore, arr. John Whitney

April 9, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 10, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Classics Concert

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Toast of the Town Overture for Orchestra, Quinn Mason

Coincident Dances, Jessie Montgomery

Negro Folk Symphony, William L. Dawson

February 12, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 13, 2022; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

The February rehearsal and concert series did not begin due to emergence of a new COVID variant and growing infection rates. By the second half of February transmission rates had declined, and the Board made the decision to proceed with the April series. The repertoire planned for February was moved to April.

December 11, 2021; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 12, 2021; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Holiday Concert

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Blush Fox Trio

Carly Marie Corey

Savannah Lynn

Noel Pederson

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Greensleeves, Traditional, arr. Alfred Reed

Les Patineurs (Skater's Waltz), Emile Waldteufel

Winter Wonderland, Felix Barnard

Jing-A-Ling, Jing-A-Ling, Paul Smith, arr. Michael Mikulka

Trepak (Russian Dance) from Nutcracker, P.I. Tchaikovsky

Lux Aurumque (Light and Gold), Eric Whitacre

Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), Adolphe Adam, arr. William Ryden

White Christmas, Irving Berlin, arr. John Moss

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Bill Holcombe

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 2021; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

The October rehearsal and concert series was planned in June but never began due to resurgence of COVID-19 over the summer. Three Tuesday strings-only reading sessions and a Friday night friends-and-family read-through were held. With the success of these small-scale events, the Board made the decision on October 25th to proceed with the Holiday series.

Season 40: 2020 – 2021

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

The entire 2020-21 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Season 39: 2019 – 2020

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 30, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**

May 31, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**

Musical Mysticism

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Edvard Grieg: Morning Mood from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

Claude Debussy: Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun

Sergei Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf

P.I. Tchaikovsky: No. 1 Scene from Swan Lake Suite

Felix Mendelssohn: Nocturne from A Midsummer Night's Dream

Paul Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Edvard Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1

The April and May concerts were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 18, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**

April 19, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**

Enigma

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Dmitri Shostakovich: October, Op. 131

Jennifer Higdon: Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Orchestra

Erik Steighner, saxophone

Edward Elgar: Variations on an Original Theme (Enigma Variations)

The April and May concerts were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

February 22, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 23, 2020; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

A Relentless Determination

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Giuseppe Verdi: Overture to Nabucco

Edouard Lalo: Cello Concerto

Tom Walworth, cello

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 5

December 14, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 15, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Joyous Celebration

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Ralph Vaughan-Williams: Greensleeves

Adolphe Adam: Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)

Ryan Bede, baritone

P.I. Tchaikovsky: Selections from The Nutcracker Suite No. 1

Charles Gounod/J.S. Bach: Ave Maria

Ryan Bede, baritone

Peter Hope: Deck the Halls, O Tannenbaum, Pat-a-Pan

G.F. Handel: The Trumpet Shall Sound from Messiah

Ryan Bede, baritone

Peter Hope: We Three Kings, Away in a Manger, I Saw Three Ships

Irving Berlin: White Christmas

Ryan Bede, baritone

Leroy Anderson: A Christmas Festival

Audience sing-along

Leroy Anderson: Sleigh Ride

October 19, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
October 20, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
The Sum of All Parts
Jeffery N. Lund, conductor
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Festival Overture
Franz Liszt: Les préludes
Bedřich Smetana: The Moldau
Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 7

Season 38: 2018 – 2019

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 1, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
June 2, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
A Salute to Broadway
Jeffery N. Lund, conductor
Leonard Bernstein: I Feel Pretty from West Side Story
Katie Travis, soprano
Richard Rodgers, arr. Walter Paul: Selections from Carousel
Richard Rodgers: You'll Never Walk Alone from Carousel
Katie Travis, soprano
Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr. Calvin Custer: Selections from Phantom of the Opera
Andrew Lloyd Webber: Think of Me from Phantom of the Opera
Katie Travis, soprano
Samuel Barber: Knoxville: Summer of 1915
Katie Travis, soprano
Leonard Bernstein: Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

April 6, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
April 7, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
Celestial Voices
Jeffery N. Lund, conductor
Claude Debussy: Nocturnes 1 & 2
Ralph Vaughan-Williams: Concerto in A minor for Oboe and Strings
Michael Melnick, oboe
Gustav Holst: The Planets

February 9, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**
February 10, 2019; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila → **CANCELLED**
Poems: Prophetic and Pastoral
Jeffery N. Lund, conductor
Bedřich Smetana: The Moldau
Ralph Vaughan-Williams: Concerto in A minor for Oboe and Strings
Michael Melnick, oboe
Dmitri Shostakovich: October, Op. 131
Franz Liszt: Les préludes

Both February concerts were cancelled due to heavy snowfall, which shut down all events across the entire Puget Sound region. The oboe concerto was rescheduled to the April 2019 series, and the other repertoire was planned to be performed in the 2019-2020 season.

December 15, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
December 16, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
The Spirit of Christmas
Jeffery N. Lund, conductor
Dwight Gustafson: Glorious Sounds of Christmas
Franz von Suppé: Poet and Peasant Overture
Felix Bernard: Winter Wonderland
P.I. Tchaikovsky: Selections from The Nutcracker
March
Clara's Pas de deux

Confiturembourg

Pas de deux

Sergei Prokofiev: Troika from Lieutenant Kije

Bill Holcome: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Johann Strauss Sr: Radetzky March

Carl Grossman: A Christmas Fantasy

Victor Herbert: March of the Toys from Babes in Toyland

Hugh Martin: Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Leroy Anderson: A Christmas Festival

Audience sing-along

Leroy Anderson: Sleigh Ride

October 20, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 21, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Excerpts of Americana

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Leonard Bernstein: Overture to Candide

Samuel Barber: First Essay for Orchestra

Aaron Copland: Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes

Buckaroo Holiday

Corral Nocturne

Saturday Night Waltz

Hoe Down

Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 9, From the New World

Season 37: 2017 – 2018

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 2, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

June 3, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Symphonic Journeys

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Academic Festival Overture, Johannes Brahms

Ballet from Petit Suite, Claude Debussy

Slavonic Dance No. 1 and 8, Antonin Dvorak

Crisantemi, Giacomo Puccini

Imperial March, Edward Elgar

South Pacific: Symphonic Scenario, Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein

Porgy and Bess, George Gershwin

Fiddler on the Roof, Jerry Bock

April 7, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 8, 2018; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dark Dreams

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Hungarian March from Damnation of Faust, Hector Berlioz

Night on the Bare Mountain, Modest Mussorgsky

Symphony Fantastique, Hector Berlioz

February 24, 2018; Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 25, 2018; Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Unfamiliar Romance

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Consecration of the House, Ludwig van Beethoven

Violin Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Jules Conus

Ilkka Talvi, violin

Symphony in E Minor Op. 32 "Gaelic", Amy Beach

December 16, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 17, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Holiday Spectacular

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Hansel and Gretel Overture, Engelbert Humperdinck

A Canadian Brass Christmas, Luther Henderson, arr. Calvin Custer

October, Eric Whitacre

Russian Christmas Music, Alfred Reed, arr. Clark McAlister

Unter Donner und Blitz (Thunder and Lightning Polka), Johann Strauss Jr.

Les Patineurs (Skater's Waltz), Emile Waldteufel

O Magnum Mysterium, Morten Lauridsen

White Christmas, Irving Berlin, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

Polar Express, Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard, arr. Jerry Brubaker

Carol sing-along:

Deck the Halls

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 21, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 22, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Orchestral Dances

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Prince Igor: Polovtsian Dances, Alexander Borodin

The Chairman Dances: Foxtrot for Orchestra, John Adams

Danse Macabre, Camille Saint-Saens

Symphonic Dances op. 64, Edvard Grieg

Season 36: 2016 – 2017

Jeffery N. Lund, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

June 3, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

June 4, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Classical Pops

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Hoe Down from Rodeo, Aaron Copland

Overture to William Tell, Giacomo Rossini

Hungarian Rhapsodie no. 2, Franz Liszt

1812 Overture: Finale, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Harry Potter Symphonic Suite, John Williams

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings Suite, John Whitney

Star Wars Suite, John Williams

April 1, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 2, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Musical Titans

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Overture to The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte), W. A. Mozart

Concerto for Horn No. 3, W. A. Mozart

Dr. Gina Gillie, french horn

Symphony No. 1 in D Major, Gustav Mahler

February 11, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 12, 2017; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Courage and Freedom

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Finlandia, Jean Sibelius

Carmen: Selections from Suites No. 1 & 2

Mother Goose (Ma Merel'Oye: 5 pieces enfantines), Maurice Ravel

Suite from The Firebird (1919), Igor Stravinsky

December 18, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Sounds of the Season

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

A Canadian Brass Christmas, Luther Henderson, arr. Calvin Custer

Waltz of the Flowers from the Nutcracker Suite, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Trepak from the Nutcracker Suite, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Greensleeves, Traditional, arr Alfred Reed

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

O Come All Ye Faithful, Traditional, arr Peter Hope

Pat-a-pan, Bernard de La Monnoye, arr Peter Hope

Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), Adolphe Adam, arr Arthur Luck

Carol Sequence No. 4, Traditional, arr Peter Hope

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

The Holly and the Ivy

What Child is This

Joy to the World (sing-a-long), Traditional, arr Arthur Luck

We Wish You a Merry Christmas (sing-along), Traditional, arr Arthur Luck

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

December 2016; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

October 22, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 23, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Maiden Voyage

Jeffery N. Lund, conductor

Festive Overture, Dimitri Shostakovich

Eight Russian Folk Songs, Anatol Liadov

Russian Sailor's Dance from The Red Poppy, Reinhold Gliere

Scheherazade, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

After a very successful 35th season working with six conductors, Jeffery N. Lund is selected as the new Rainier Symphony Music Director in June 2016.

Season 35: 2015 – 2016

Tigran Arakelyan, Associate Conductor

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 21, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

May 22, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Romanticism Reimagined

Jeffery Lund, conductor

Overture to Zampa, Louis Herold

Violin Concerto, Johannes Brahms

Sharyn Peterson, violin

Pictures at an Exhibition, Modest Mussorgsky (arr Ravel)

April 16, 2016; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 17, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Of Worlds Unseen

Brad Cawyer, conductor

Overture to Oberon, Carl Maria von Weber

Viola Concerto (1962), William Walton

Vijay Chalasani, viola

Symphony in D minor, Cesar Franck

March 12, 2016; Mason United Methodist Church, Tacoma

March 13, 2016; Mason United Methodist Church, Tacoma

Dr. Paul Schultz, conductor
Northwest Repertory Singers
Cora Voce
choral works without orchestra
Lord Nelson Mass, Franz Joseph Haydn

February 20, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 21, 2016; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Innovation and Reflection
Pierre-Alain Chevalier, conductor
Roman Carnival Overture, Hector Berlioz
Trumpet Concerto in Eb, Franz Joseph Haydn
George Steward, trumpet
Symphony No. 1, Johannes Brahms

December 2015; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 11, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Holiday Concert

Tigran Arakelyan, conductor

Melissa Albert, Foster High School choral director

Foster High School Chorale

Foster High School Chamber Choir

Carnival Overture, Antonin Dvorak

Carol Sequence No. 4, arr Peter Hope

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

The Holly and the Ivy

What Child is This

Carol of the Bells, arr Marshall Fine

Carol Sequence No. 5, Peter Hope

Joy to the World

In Dulci Jubilo

Silent Night

Emperor Waltz (Kaiser Waltzer), Johann Strauss, Jr.

O Come All Ye Faithful, arr John Rutter

Joy to the World, arr John Rutter

Hallelujah

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

November 14, 2015; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

November 15, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Traveling Music

Robert Collins, conductor

Flying Dutchman Overture, Richard Wagner

Clarinet Concerto No. 2, Carl Maria von Weber

Sean Osborn, clarinet

Symphony No. 2, Jean Sibelius

October 10, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila→ **CANCELLED**

October 11, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Heroic Triumph

Jonathan Pasternack, conductor

Egmont Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Cello Concerto, Edward Elgar

John Friesen, cello

Symphony No. 5, Dmitri Shostakovich

The Saturday October 10th concert is cancelled due to an unforeseen conflict with Foster High Homecoming activities.

The Music Director position is posted in November, 2014, and the application period ends in February, 2015. Five finalists are selected and to conduct the classical pairs of concerts during the 2015-16 season. The new Music Director will be selected at the end of the 2015-16 season. In addition, Tigran Arakelyan is named to a 1-year interim position as Associate Conductor, and will lead the annual holiday concert in December.

Season 34: 2014 – 2015

John Welsh, Resident Conductor

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 16, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

May 17, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Johan Louwersheimer, conductor

Barber of Seville Overture, Gioachino Rossini

Karelia Suite, Jean Sibelius

Karelia Overture, Jean Sibelius

Symphony No. 1 "Spring," Robert Schumann

April 18, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 19, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Edward Higgins, conductor

Ouverture solennelle, Aleksandr Glazunov

Concerto Grosso No. 1 for String Orchestra and Piano, Ernest Bloch

Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak

The Sunday April 19th concert is moved from 3 pm to 5 pm due to electrical maintenance in the area impacting power to Foster.

February 7, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

February 8, 2015; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Robert Collins, conductor

Tragic Overture, Johannes Brahms

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Symphony No. 4, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 2014; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 12, 2014; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

John Welsh, conductor

Symphony No. 1, Dmitri Shostakovich

Hansel and Gretel Overture, Engelbert Humperdinck

Carol Sequence No. 6, arr. Peter Hope

We Three Kings

Away in the Manger

I Saw Three Ships

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

O Magnum Mysterium for Brass Ensemble, Morten Lauridsen

March of the Toys from Babes in Toyland, Victor Herbert

Die Fledermaus Overture, Johann Strauss, Jr.

Tritsch Tratsch Polka, Johann Strauss, Jr.

Sing Along

Joy to the World, traditional

Deck the Halls, traditional

We Wish You a Merry Christmas, traditional

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 11, 2014; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

October 12, 2014; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Nikolas Caoile, conductor

Fingals' Cave Overture from The Hebrides, Felix Mendelssohn

Songs of a Wayfarer (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen), Gustav Mahler
Melissa Schiel, mezzo-soprano
Symphonic Dances, Sergei Rachmaninoff

During the summer of 2014, 5 guest conductors were selected for Season 34. The search for a new Music Director will begin in the winter of 2014-15, and the finalists will conduct Season 35.

Season 33: 2013 – 2014

David Waltman, Music Director
John Welsh, Resident Conductor
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 17, 2014; Lagerquist Hall Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma

May 18, 2014; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Schultz, conductor

Northwest Repertory Singers

Ein deutsches Requiem (German Requiem), Johannes Brahms
Janeanne Houston, soprano
Charles Robert Stephens, baritone

April 12, 2014; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 13, 2014; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Coriolan Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Violin Concerto No. 2, Henri Wieniawski

Marianne Martinoli, violin

Symphony No. 6 "Pathetique," Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

David Waltman announces his retirement as Music Director, and conducts his final concerts in April 2014.

February 8, 2014; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 9, 2014; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

David Waltman, conductor

La Forza del Destino Overture, Giuseppe Verdi

Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Don Quixote, Richard Strauss

John Michel, violoncello

December 2013; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 13, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

O Tannenbaum, arr. Peter Hope

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, arr. Ron Goldstein

Bring a Torch Fantasy, arr. Todd Hayen

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Bill Holcombe

Carly Hebert, narrator

Polar Express, arr. Jerry Brubaker

On the Beautiful Blue Danube, Johann Strauss Jr.

Do You Hear What I Hear, arr. Todd Hayen

Pat-A-Pan, arr. Peter Hope

Sing We Now of Christmas Medley, arr. Steve McRae

White Christmas, arr. John Moss

Carly Hebert, soprano

We Wish You a Merry Christmas, arr. Chris Ridenhour

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

O Holy Night, traditional

Carly Hebert, soprano
Jingle Bells Forever
Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 19, 2013; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
October 20, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2, Sergei Prokofiev
Symphony No. 2, Sergei Rachmaninoff

Season 32: 2012 – 2013

David Waltman, Music Director
John Welsh, Resident Conductor
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 18, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
May 19, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
Eduard Zilberkant, conductor
Prince Igor Overture, Alexander Borodin
Violin Concerto, Alexander Glazunov
Sarah Hall, violin
Symphony No. 5, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

April 13, 2013; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
April 14, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
Symphony No. 5, Gustav Mahler

February 9, 2013; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
February 10, 2013; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
Bohuslav Rattay, conductor
Festive Overture, Dmitri Shostakovich
Ah! Je veux vivre, Juliette's Waltz from Romeo et Juliette, Charles Gounod
Kellie Rumba, soprano
O mio babbino caro, Lauretta's Aria from Gianni Schicchi, Giacomo Puccini
Kellie Rumba, soprano
Mesicku na nebi hlubokem, Rusalka's Song to the Moon from Rusalka, Antonin Dvorak
Kellie Rumba, soprano
O Dieu! Que de bijoux! Marguerite's Jewel Song from Faust, Charles Gounod
Kellie Rumba, soprano
Quando m'en vo, Musetta's Waltz from La Boheme, Giacomo Puccini
Kellie Rumba, soprano
Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

December 2012; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell
Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor
Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director
The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 4, 2012; Benaroya Hall, Seattle
David Waltman, William Owen, conductors
University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir
Northwest University Concert Choir
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. Peter Hope
Ding Dong Merrily on High, arr. Stuart Nicholson
What is this Lovely Fragrance, Healy Willan
The Twelve Days of Christmas, arr. John Rutter
Star Carol, John Rutter
Lux Aurumque, Eric Whitacre
The Colors of Christmas, John Rutter
I Saw Three Ships, arr. Mack Wilbert

Once in Royal David's City, arr. Mann and O'Donnell
Hodie Christus Natus Est, Healy Willan
Christmas Joy, arr. Dan Miller
Jo Ann Stremmer, organ
Silent Night, arr. John Rutter
Joy to the World, arr. John Rutter
Carol of the Bells, arr. Peter Wilhousky
Snow Pas de Deux, Trepak, Waltz of the Flowers from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. Peter Hope
Encores (Sleigh Ride, organ solo, Hallelujah Chorus)

October 20, 2012; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 21, 2012; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Symphony No. 3 "Eroica," Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 31: 2011 – 2012

David Waltman, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 19, 2012; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

May 20, 2012; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Symphony No. 7 in C major, Jean Sibelius

Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Sergei Rachmaninoff

Eduard Zilberkant, piano

April 21, 2012; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 22, 2012; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Prelude and Fugue from The Spitfire, William Walton

Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat major, Richard Strauss

James Patterson, horn

Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

February 11, 2012; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 12, 2012; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Manfred Overture, Robert Schumann

Concerto in C major for Flute, Harp and Orchestra, W. A. Mozart

Shari Muller-Ho, flute; Ruth Mar, harp; Wesley Schulz, conductor

Scheherazade, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

December 2011; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 2, 2011; Benaroya Hall, Seattle

David Waltman, William Owen, conductors

Northwest University Concert Choir

University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir

Joy to the World, arr. Peter Hope

In Dulci Jubilo, arr. Peter Hope

Shepherd's Pipe Carol, arr. John Rutter

In the Bleak Midwinter, arr. Mack Wilberg

March of the Toys, Victor Herbert

Jingle Bells, arr. David Willcocks

Ubi Caritas, Paul Mealor

For Unto Us a Child is Born, George Handel

Let All Mortal Flesh, arr. John Rutter
Sussex Carol, arr. Neil Harmon
The First Nowell, arr. Mack Wilberg
Of the Father's Love Begotten, arr. Paul Wohlgermuth
Noe! Noe!, arr. Mack Wilberg
Bogoroditse Devo, Sergei Rachmaninoff
Silent Night, arr. John Rutter
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. Peter Hope
Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella, arr. Keith Chapman
Jo Ann Stremmler, organ
White Christmas, arr. Robert Russell Bennett
O Holy Night, arr. John Rutter
Deck the Halls, arr. Peter Hope
O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. Peter Hope
encores

October 22, 2011; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 23, 2011; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Hebrides Overture, Felix Mendelssohn

Wesley Schulz, conductor

Violin Concerto in D major, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Sophia Stoyanovich, violin

Symphony No. 2, Charles Ives

Season 30: 2010 – 2011

David Waltman, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 21, 2011; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

May 22, 2011; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

American Suite, Morton Gould

In the Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt, Edvard Grieg

Bassoon Concerto, Mvt 1, W. A. Mozart

Tritsch Tratsch Polka, Johann Strauss

Sorcerer's Apprentice, Paul Dukas

Rhapsody in Blue, George Gershwin

Sam Bent, piano

Hungarian Dance No. 5, Johannes Brahms

Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah, Camille Saint-Saëns

April 16, 2011; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 17, 2011; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Russian Easter Festival Overture, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Cello Concerto in B minor, Antonin Dvorak

John Michel, cello

Pictures at an Exhibition, Modest Mussorgsky

February 12, 2011; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 13, 2011; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Nikolas Caoile, conductor

Coriolanus Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Les nuits d'été (Summer Nights), Hector Berlioz

Kathryn Weld, mezzo-soprano

Concerto for Orchestra, Bela Bartok

There was no Nutcracker Ballet collaboration in 2010, due to a decision by the Ballet to use recorded music

December 1, 2010; Benaroya Hall, Seattle
David Waltman, William Owen, conductors
Northwest University Concert Choir
University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir
Sussex Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg
Good King Wenceslas, arr. Peter Hope
Suo-gan, arr. Mack Wilberg
Pat-A-Pan, arr. Peter Hope
Carol of the Bells, arr. Peter Wilhousky
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. Peter Hope
Of the Father's Love Begotten, arr. Paul Wohlgenuth
The First Nowell, arr. Mack Wilberg
Ding Dong Merrily on High, arr. Mack Wilberg
I Saw Three Ships, arr. Richard Elliot
Jo Ann Stremmer, organ
Make We Joy Now in This Fest, Malcolm Archer
There is No Rose, Alan Smith
And the Glory of the Lord, George Handel
Joy to the World, arr. John Rutter
Deck the Halls, arr. Peter Hope
O Tannenbaum, arr. Peter Hope
Silent Night, arr. Peter Hope
Carol to the King, arr. Mack Wilberg
O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. Peter Hope
encores

October 16, 2010; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 17, 2010; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Symphony No. 7, Ludwig van Beethoven
El Salon Mexico, Aaron Copland
Pines of Rome, Ottorino Respighi

Season 29: 2009 – 2010

David Waltman, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 15, 2010; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

May 16, 2010; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Superman March, John Williams
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2, Franz Liszt
Raiders March, John Williams
Adventures on Earth from E.T., John Williams
Rakoczy March, Hector Berlioz
National Emblem March, E. E. Bagley
Csardas from Ritter Pasman, Johann Strauss
Titanic Suite, James Horner
Star Wars Suite for Orchestra, John Williams

April 17, 2010; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 18, 2010; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Horn Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major, Richard Strauss
David Griffin, horn
Alpine Symphony, Richard Strauss

February 20, 2010; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 21, 2010; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Double Concerto in A minor, Johannes Brahms

Ilkka Talvi, violin; Tom Walworth, cello
Le Boeuf sur le Toit, Darius Milhaud
La Mer, Claude Debussy

December 2009; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell
Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor
Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director
The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 15, 2009; Benaroya Hall, Seattle
David Waltman, William Owen, conductors
Northwest University Concert Choir
University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. Peter Hope
Coventry Carol, arr. Peter Hope
Pat-A-Pan, arr. Peter Hope
I Saw Three Ships, arr. Peter Hope
I Wonder as I Wander, arr. Peter Hope
The First Noel, arr. Peter Hope
O Magnum Mysterium, Morten Lauridsen
Angel's Carol, John Rutter
A Spotless Rose, Herbert Howells
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, arr. John Rutter
Noe! Noe!, arr. Mack Wilberg
Merry Christmas...On the Pipes, arr. Jo Ann Stremmer
Jo Ann Stremmer, organ
What Sweeter Music, John Rutter
Ding Dong Merrily on High, arr. Mack Wilberg
Joy to the World, arr. John Rutter
O Holy Night, arr. John Rutter
Good King Wenceslas, arr. Peter Hope
We Three Kings of Orient Are, arr. Peter Hope
Deck the Hall, arr. Peter Hope
O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. Peter Hope
encores

October 17, 2009; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
October 18, 2009; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
Suite from The Firebird (1919 version), Igor Stravinsky
Symphony No. 5, Dmitri Shostakovich

Season 28: 2008 – 2009

David Waltman, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

May 16, 2009; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
May 17, 2009; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection," Gustav Mahler
Rainier Symphony Chorus; William Owen, Chorusmaster
Kathryn Weld, mezzo-soprano
Rebecca Fay, soprano
Rebekah Ann McHugh, soprano
[Rainier Symphony Chorus was an ad-hoc ensemble]

April 18, 2009; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
April 19, 2009; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
Darko Butorac, conductor
Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg, Richard Wagner
Violin Concerto in E minor, Felix Mendelssohn

Ilkka Talvi, violin
Symphony No. 1, Johannes Brahms

February 21, 2009; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 22, 2009; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Egmont Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, Richard Strauss

Symphony No. 7, Antonin Dvorak

December 2008; Northshore Performing Arts Center, Bothell

Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra, David Waltman, conductor

Emerald Ballet Theatre, Viktoria Titova, Artistic Director

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

First year for this collaboration. The first year it was a single weekend; two weekends thereafter.

December 13, 2008; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

December 14, 2008; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, William Owen, conductors

Northwest University Concert Choir

Hodie Christus Natus Est, William Mathias

Gloria, Antonio Vivaldi

Suite from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Candlelight Carol, John Rutter

O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. John Rutter

Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah, G. F. Handel

encores

October 18, 2008; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 19, 2008; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Regina Yeh, piano

Symphonie Fantastique, Hector Berlioz

Season 27: 2007 – 2008

David Waltman, Music Director

Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

July 4, 2008; Lake Meridian Park, Kent

David Waltman, conductor

Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm

Various pops and classical music selections

1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

Final year at Kent Splash Festival; recorded music was used in subsequent years

May 17, 2008; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

May 18, 2008; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Overture to William Tell, Gioachino Rossini

Bersaglieri March, E. Di Capua

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2, Franz Liszt

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Paul Dukas

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Camille Saint-Saens

Marjorie Kransberg-Talvi, violin

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, J. S. Bach arr. Leopold Stokowski

Tarantelle, Camille Saint-Saens

Shari Muller-Ho, flute; Eric Tishkoff, clarinet

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Andrew Krus, conductor

The Pirate King from Pirates of Penzance, Arthur Sullivan
Andrew Krus, conductor
Hoe Down from Rodeo, Aaron Copland

April 19, 2008; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 20, 2008; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

St. Paul's Suite, Gustav Holst

with **the Normandy Park Youth Orchestra Advanced Ensemble**

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture (2nd version), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Symphony No. 4, Ludwig van Beethoven

February 23, 2008; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 24; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld, Jacques Offenbach

Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Max Bruch

Ilkka Talvi, violin

Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak

December 31, 2007; DoubleTree Suites Hotel Southcenter, Tukwila

2nd Annual Vienna Night "A New Year's Eve Night in Vienna"

Rainier Symphony; David Waltman, conductor

The Strauss Dancers

Chris Johansen Jazz Quartet

7:00 pm cocktails

8:00 pm dinner

9:00 – 11:00 pm Symphony and dancing

11:00 pm – Midnight jazz and dancing

This was the final Vienna Night due to moderate attendance and low fundraising

December 8, 2007; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

December 9, 2007; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, Conductor, Rainier Symphony

Julia Tai, Associate Conductor, Rainier Symphony

Lynn Hall, Conductor, Northwest Chorale

Northwest Chorale

Suite from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Excerpts from Hansel and Gretel, Engelbert Humperdinck

Twelve Days of Christmas, arr. Craig Courtney

Gloria Mvt. 1, John Rutter

Sussex Carol, arr. Barlow Bradford

Still, Still, Still, arr. Barlow Bradford

The Little Drummer Boy, traditional

Pat-A-Pan, arr. Barlow Bradford

Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah, G. F. Handel

encores

December 1, 2007

Northwest Chorale; Lynn Hall, director

Rainier Symphony Chamber Orchestra

The Messiah, G.F. Handel

October 20, 2007; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 21, 2007; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Beatrice and Benedict Overture, Hector Berlioz

Clarinet Concerto in A major, W. A. Mozart

Laura DeLuca, clarinet

Symphony No. 4, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Season 26: 2006 – 2007

David Waltman, Music Director
Ilkka Talvi, Concertmaster

July 4, 2007; Lake Meridian Park, Kent

David Waltman, conductor
Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm
Various pops and classical music selections
1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

May 19, 2007; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

May 20, 2007; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Eduard Diadiura, conductor
Overture to The Cowboys, John Williams
An American in Paris, George Gershwin
Adventures on Earth from E.T., John Williams
Star Wars Suite for Orchestra, John Williams

April 21, 2007; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 22, 2007; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Carnival Overture, Antonin Dvorak
Prelude a l'apres midi d'un faune, Claude Debussy
Shari Muller-Ho, flute
Serenade for Strings, Edward Elgar
Symphony No. 3, Johannes Brahms

March 11, 2007; Benaroya Hall, Seattle

Symphony No. 3 "Organ," Camille Saint-Saens
David Waltman, conductor; Michael Smith, organ
Carmina Burana, Carl Orff
Mark Adrian, Conductor
ChoralSounds Northwest, KidSounds Northwest, YouthSounds Northwest
Glenn Guhr, bass; Janeanne Houston, soprano; Paul Karaitis, tenor

December 31, 2006, 9:00; DoubleTree Suites Hotel Southcenter, Tukwila

Vienna Night "A New Year's Eve Night in Vienna"

Rainier Symphony; David Waltman, conductor

The Strauss Dancers

Chris Johansen Jazz Quartet

7:00 pm cocktails

8:00 pm dinner

9:00 – 11:00 pm Symphony and dancing

11:00 pm – Midnight jazz and dancing

This was the first Vienna Night

December 9, 2006; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

December 10, 2006; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat, W.A. Mozart
Ron Patterson, violin; Roxanna Patterson, viola
Overture to Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss, Jr.
Accelerationen Walzer, Johann Strauss, Jr.
Pappermaulchen, Josef Strauss,
Csardas from Ritter Pasman, Johann Strauss, Jr.
Eljen a Magyar!, Johann Strauss, Jr.
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson
encores

October 21, 2006; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 22, 2006; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Overture to The Flying Dutchman, Richard Wagner
Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra, W.A Mozart
Brian Rolette, bassoon; Julia Tai, conductor
Symphony No. 3 "Eroica," Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 25: 2005 – 2006

David Waltman, Music Director
Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

July 4, 2006; Lake Meridian Park, Kent

David Waltman, conductor
Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm
Various pops and classical music selections
1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

May 20, 2006; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

May 21, 2006; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
The Bottom Line Duo; Traci Hoveskeland, cello; Spencer Hoveskeland, double bass
Roman Guitar, Lazzaro
Blue Moon, Richard Rodgers
Hungarian Rhapsody, David Popper
Brahms Kugel, Spencer Hoveskeland
Viva Tlapehuala, Isais Sameron
Morenita Santa, Sameron/Hoveskeland
Contrabajissimo, Astor Piazzolla
Habanera from Carmen, Bizet/Hoveskeland
Bambino Nuevo, Spencer Hoveskeland

April 22, 2006, 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

April 23, 2006, 1:30 pm; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Evergreen City Ballet; Wade Walthall, Artistic Director
Rainier Symphony; Barney Blough, conductor
Giselle [full ballet]

April 8, 2006; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 9, 2006; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Suite Provencale, Darius Milhaud
Piano Concerto No. 1, Felix Mendelssohn
Denice Dameron, piano
Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

February 18, 2006; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 19, 2006; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Overture to Die Freischutz, Carl Maria von Weber
Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber, Paul Hindemith
Dawn on the Moskva River from Kovantschina, Modest Mussorgsky
Symphony No. 5, Jean Sibelius

January 27, 2006; Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle

Cantare Vocal Ensemble; Mark Adrian, conductor
Rainier Symphony Chamber Orchestra; David Waltman, conductor
W.A. Mozart, Requiem
W.A. Mozart, Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter"

December 11, 2005, 3:00 pm; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor
Symphony No. 1, Ludwig van Beethoven
Rhapsody in Blue, George Gershwin

Adam Stern, piano
Water Music Suite, G.F. Handel, arr. Hamilton Harty
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson
encores

Initially both Saturday and Sunday concerts were scheduled, however the Saturday concert was cancelled (well in advance) due to the collaboration with the Ballet

December 9, 2005, 7:30 pm; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
December 10, 2005, 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
December 11, 2005, 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
Evergreen City Ballet; Wade Walthall, Artistic Director
The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

October 22, 2005; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
October 23, 2005; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Johann Sebastian Bach
Danse Macabre, Camille Saint-Saens
Nancy Poppe, violin
Night on the Bare Mountain, Modest Mussorgsky
Violin Concerto in D minor, Jean Sibelius
Roman Svirlov, violin

Season 24: 2004 – 2005

David Waltman, Music Director
Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

July 4, 2005; Lake Meridian Park, Kent
David Waltman, conductor
Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm
Various pops and classical music selections
1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

May 21, 2005; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
May 22, 2005; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
David Waltman, conductor
West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein, arr. Jack Mason
The Sound of Music, Rodgers and Hammerstein, arr. Robert Russell Bennett
Selections from Les Miserables, Claude-Michel Schonberg, arr. Bob Lowden
Selections from Fiddler on the Roof, Jerry Block and Sheldon Harnick, arr. Felton Rapley
Selections from Phantom of the Opera, Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr. Calvin Custer
South Pacific (Symphonic Scenario for Orchestra), Rodgers and Hammerstein, arr. Robert Russell Bennett
Camelot, Alan Lerner and Frederick Lowe, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

April 23, 2005, 7:30 – 9:00 pm; Enumclaw High School Auditorium, Enumclaw
Rainier Symphony Chamber Winds
David Waltman, conductor

April 9, 2005; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton
April 10, 2005; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
Maxim Eshkenazy, Conductor
Academic Festival Overture, Johannes Brahms
Serenade for Winds, Antonin Dvorak
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Ludwig van Beethoven
Elizabeth Pitcairn, violin
Note: Quinton Morris was scheduled; withdrew concert week due to illness

February 20, 2005; Benaroya Hall, Seattle
David Waltman, conductor
Excerpts from Ode for St. Cecilia's Day, G. F. Handel
Marita Ericksen, soprano; Kevin Hagen, tenor; Lee Mathews, conductor

Te Deum, Antonin Dvorak

Leslie McEwen, soprano; Michael Drumheller, baritone; Linda Gingrich, conductor

Italian Opera Choruses

Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni

Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore, Giuseppe Verdi

Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco, Giuseppe Verdi

Triumphal Scene from Aida, Giuseppe Verdi

Mark Adrian, conductor

Choral finale from Symphony No. 9, Ludwig van Beethoven

Leslie McEwen, soprano; Kathryn Weld, mezzo; Stuart Lutzenhiser, tenor; Michael Drumheller, baritone

David Wayne Waltman, conductor

December 11, 2004; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

December 12, 2004; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Symphony No. 5, Franz Schubert

Selections from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

March, Arabian Dance, Chinese Dance, Trepak, Dance of the Reed Flutes, Waltz of the Flowers

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

Four Christmas carols, arr. John Rutter

Joy to the World

We Three Kings

O Holy Night

Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful)

Victoria Gydov, soprano; Susan Salas, alto; Bob Leavens, tenor; Eric Molgard, bass

October 23, 2004; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 24, 2004; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Serenade for Strings, Edward Elgar

Horn Concerto No. 2, W.A. Mozart

Susan Carroll, horn

Vetrata di Chiesa (Church Windows), Ottorino Respighi

Season 23: 2003 – 2004

David Waltman, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

July 4, 2004; Lake Meridian Park, Kent

David Waltman, conductor

Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm

Various pops and classical music selections

1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

May 22, 2004; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

May 23, 2004; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Themes from 007, John Barry, arr. Calvin Custer

Titanic Suite, James Horner

Highlights from Jurassic Park, John Williams, arr. Calvin Custer

Star Wars Suite, John Williams

May 1, 2004; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila

2nd Annual Gala Auction

Silent auction, dinner, live auction

Entertainment by **The Bottom Line Duo**

This was the final gala auction due to lack of sufficient volunteers and business sponsors

April 17, 2004; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

April 18, 2004; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Four Scottish Dances, Malcolm Arnold
Concerto in A minor for Piano and Orchestra, Edvard Grieg
Jeffrey Gilliam, piano
Symphony No. 2, Jean Sibelius

February 21, 2004; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

February 22, 2004; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Benjamin Britten

Lee Matthews, narrator

Concierto de Aranjuez, Joaquin Rodrigo

Michael Partington, guitar

Symphony No. 8, Ludwig van Beethoven

December 27, 2003, 6:30 pm

Messiah Sing Along

Event cancelled in early December due to low interest from choirs and very few ticket sales

December 13, 2003; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

December 14, 2003; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Symphony No. 88, Franz Joseph Haydn

Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra, Carl Maria von Weber

Eric Tishkoff, clarinet

Suite of Carols, Leroy Anderson

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

Overture to Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss Jr.

On the Beautiful Blue Danube, Johann Strauss Jr.

October 18, 2003; Renton-IKEA Performing Arts Center, Renton

October 19, 2003; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Overture to Beatrice et Benedict, Hector Berlioz

Variations on a Theme of Haydn, Johannes Brahms

Symphony No. 4, Robert Schumann

Season 22: 2002 – 2003

David Waltman, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

July 4, 2003; Lake Meridian Park, Kent

David Waltman, conductor

Fourth of July Splash Festival, City of Kent, 9:00 – 10:30 pm

Various pops and classical music selections

1812 Overture excerpts and marches during fireworks

[first year at Kent Splash Festival]

May 17, 2003; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 18, 2003; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, Conductor, Rainier Symphony

Lieutenant Ken Collins, Conductor, Navy Band Northwest

Navy Band Northwest; Bangor, Washington

7th Army Band, United States Army Reserve; Fort Lawton, Washington

Overture to William Tell, Gioachino Rossini

A Trumpeter's Lullaby, Leroy Anderson

Jack Prindle, trumpet

Bugler's Holiday, Leroy Anderson

American Salute, Morton Gould

Symphonic Suite from Victory at Sea, Richard Rodgers, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

Suite from West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein, arr. Mason

Someone to Watch Over Me, George Gershwin, arr. Chuck Sayre
MU3 Ellysia Fores
God Bless the USA, Lee Greenwood, arr. Lowden
MUCM (SW) Tuck Dailey
1812 Overture, Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

May 3, 2003; Kent Senior Center, Kent

1st Annual Gala Auction

Silent auction, dinner, live auction

This was the first large-scale non-musical event we had ever attempted

April 5, 2003; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

April 6, 2003; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Overture to Russlan and Ludmilla, Mikhail Glinka

Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2, Sergei Prokofiev

Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

Walter Schwede, violin

February 22, 2003; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

February 23, 2003; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Paul Dukas

Suite from The Sleeping Beauty, Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

Symphony No. 5, Ludwig van Beethoven

December 7, 2002; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 8, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Finlandia, Jean Sibelius

Symphony No. 35 "Haffner," W.A. Mozart

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Ken Collins, conductor

Children's Prayer and Dream Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel, Engelbert Humperdinck

Fantasia on Greensleeves, Ralph Vaughn Williams

Russian Christmas Music, Alfred Reed, arr. McAlister

On the Beautiful Blue Danube, Johann Strauss, Jr.

encores including Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

October 18, 2002; Kentwood Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 20, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Waltman, conductor

Aaron Copland, Fanfare for the Common Man

Suite from The Firebird (1919), Igor Stravinsky

Concerto in B minor for Cello and Orchestra, Antonin Dvorak

John Friesen, cello

September 11, 2002; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila

Tukwila Remembrance Event, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

small ensemble(s); details unknown

"Tribute to Patriotism"

Season 21: 2001 – 2002

Christophe Chagnard, Artistic Advisor

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

July 4, 2002, 8:30 pm; Fort Dent Park, Tukwila

Fourth of July event

Rainier Symphony Brass Quintet

Just prior to the beginning of Season 22, David Waltman is selected as the Symphony's 6th Music Director.

June 1, 2002; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

June 2, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

V. Patrick Stoltz, conductor

Children's Concert "Music Around The World"

Gershwin in Concert, George and Ira Gershwin, arr. Chuck Sayre

Airang, traditional Korean folk song

Espana Waltz, Emil Waldteufel

Armando Mendoza, violin

Music in the style of the Aborigines, Northern Territory, Australia

John Groves, didgeridoo

Tatenda and Thump, Walt Hampton

Chemtemgure and Kukaiwa, Traditional; selections in the style of Shona marimba music of Zimbabwe

Marvista Elementary Xylophone Ensembles

Vltava (The Moldau) from My Fatherland, Bedrich Smetana

This was the last annual Childrens' concert, due to low attendance

May 18, 2002; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 19, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Arthur Shaw, conductor

Poet and Peasant Overture, Franz von Suppe

Cello Concerto in D minor, Eduard Lalo

Rajan Krishnaswami, cello

Overture to Candide, Leonard Bernstein

The Moldau, Bedrich Smetana

"In Full Sail" scherzo from Symphony No. 1, Gustav Mahler

April 6, 2002; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

April 7, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Alexei Girsh, conductor

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Piano Concerto No. 2, Sergei Rachmaninoff

Jairo Geronymo, piano

March of the Toreadors from Carmen Suite No. 1, Georges Bizet

Pictures at an Exhibition, Modest Mussorgsky, orch. Maurice Ravel

February 23, 2002; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

February 24, 2002; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Chris Younghoon Kim, conductor

Overture to Manfred, Robert Schumann

Violin Concerto in E minor, Felix Mendelssohn

John S. Kim, violin [no relation to conductor]

Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

December 1, 2001; Kentlake High School, Covington

December 2, 2001; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Lance Friedel, conductor

Suite from The Snow Maiden, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Cantata No. 51 "Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen," J.S. Bach

Joelle Berry, soprano; Judson Scott, trumpet

Glorious Sounds of Christmas, arr. Gustafson

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

Symphony No. 1, Johannes Brahms

October 27, 2001; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 28, 2001; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

David Wayne Waltman, conductor

Overture to La Forza del Destino, Giuseppe Verdi

Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, William Walton

Heather Bentley, viola

Symphony No. 7, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 20: 2000 – 2001

Dr. Paul Mori, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

A Children's concert was not held in June 2001. The plan was to have a joint effort with the Kentlake High School Drama Department for Peter and the Wolf, however it did not come to fruition and the event was dropped.

After the May concerts, Paul Mori's tenure ends as the Symphony's 5th Music Director. A selection process begins, and over the summer 5 finalists are selected to conduct over the following (21st) season.

May 19, 2001; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 20, 2001; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Fanfare to Also Sprach Zarathustra, Richard Strauss

On the Beautiful Blue Danube, Johann Strauss, Jr.

The Sound of Music, Rodgers/Hammerstein, arr. Bennett

Star Trek Through the Years, arr. Calvin Custer

Jurassic Park, John Williams, arr. Moss

It's Only a Paper Moon, Rose-Harburg/Arlen, arr. Chuck Sayre

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Over the Rainbow, Harburg/Arlen, arr. Chuck Sayre

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Broadway Tonight!, arr. Chase

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Jupiter from The Planets, Gustav Holst

April 21, 2001; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

April 22, 2001; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Holberg Suite, Edvard Grieg

Cornish Junior Dance Company; Patricia Hon, director

Konzertstucke, Robert Schumann

John Halvorsen, Robin Miller, Darrel Rohar, John Sheppard, horns

Symphony No. 7, Antonin Dvorak

February 24, 2001; Kentlake High School, Covington

February 25, 2001; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Overture to Egmont, Ludwig van Beethoven

Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5, Hector Villa-Lobos

Monica Harris, Soprano

Scheherazade, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Thistle Theatre [puppet theatre]; Jean Enticknap, Director

December 2, 2000; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 3, 2000; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Overture to The Magic Flute, W.A. Mozart

Exsultate Jubilate, W.A. Mozart

Song Kim, soprano

Symphony No. 32, W.A. Mozart

Gesu Bambino, Pietro A. Yon, arr. Ryden

Julian Schrenzel, tenor

Nativity Carol, John Rutter

Song Kim, soprano

Selections from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, Trepak, Mirlitons, Mother Gigogne and the Clowns, Coda

Virgin Slumber Song, Max Reger

Song Kim, soprano

Do You Hear What I Hear, Noel Regney/Gloria Shayne, arr. Barker

Julian Schrenzel, tenor

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

Winter Wonderland, Felix Bernard/Dick Smith, arr. Calvin Custer
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson
Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), arr. Rutter
Song Kim, soprano; Julian Schrenzel, tenor
Hark the Herald Angels Sing, traditional
Song Kim, soprano; Julian Schrenzel, tenor

October 14, 2000: Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 15, 2000: Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor
Roman Carnival Overture, Hector Berlioz
Elegie Op. 42, Gabriel Faure
Courtney Williams, violoncello
Festivo from Scenes historiques, Jean Sibelius
Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

October 7, 2000, 7:00 pm; Tukwila

Sister Cities Concert

Rainier Symphony small ensemble

Season 19: 1999 – 2000

Dr. Paul Mori, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

June 3, 2000, 3:00 pm; Tukwila Community Center

June 4, 2000, 3:30 pm; Kentwood Performing Arts Center, Kent

Childrens' Concert

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Wizard of Oz medley

Music from Star Wars

Two Disney songs with vocalist

Peter and the Wolf, narrated by Keith Eldridge

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev

Kraig Boyd, Scottish Piper, from the Tukwila Police Dept

Other selections

May 13, 2000; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 21, 2000; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Highlands Community Church Choir and friends

David Grover, director

Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

Consecration of the House, Ludwig van Beethoven

Symphony No. 9, Ludwig van Beethoven

Sandra Glover, soprano; Lori Summers, mezzo; Steven Tachell, bass baritone; Stephen Wall; bass baritone

April 9, 2000: Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

April 15, 2000; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Selections from Star Wars The Phantom Menace, John Williams, arr. J. Brubaker

Wizard of Oz Medley, Harold Arlen/E.Y. Harburg, arr. Chuck Sayre

Music from Guys and Dolls, Frank Loesser, arr. Calvin Custer

Reflection from Mulan, Matthew Wilder/David Zippel, arr. B. Neely

Colors of the Wind from Pocahontas, Alan Menken/Stephen Schwartz, arr. Calvin Custer

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Selections from The Firebird (Fantasia 2000), Igor Stravinsky

O mio babbino caro (Room with a View), Giacomo Puccini

Excerpts from La Traviata (Pretty Woman), Giuseppe Verdi

Marco Varela, tenor

Prelude to Act I Sempre Libera, Giuseppe Verdi

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Themes from 007, Norman, Conti, McCartney, Barry, arr. Calvin Custer
My Heart Will Go On (Titanic), James Horner/Will Jennings, arr. L. Moore
Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano
Music from The Wild, Wild West, Richard Markowitz, arr. R. Phillippe
Askhokan Farewell (The Civil War), Jay Ungar, arr. B Cerulli
William Tell Overture (The Lone Ranger), Gioachino Rossini

February 12, 2000; Kentwood High School, Covington

February 13, 2000; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Overture from Der Freischutz, Carl Maria von Weber

Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra, Franz Joseph Haydn

Jack Prindle, trumpet

Symphony No. 2, Johannes Brahms

December 4, 1999; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 5, 1999; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Symphony No. 5, Franz Schubert

Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss, Jr.

Overture, Watch Duet, Czardas

Monica Harris, soprano; John Armstrong, tenor

Radetzky March, Johann Strauss, Sr.

Holiday carols, traditional

Angels We Have Heard on High, Away in the Manger

Monica Harris, soprano; John Armstrong, tenor

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

Waltz of the Flowers from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Holiday carols, traditional

O Holy Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, Auld Lang Syne

Monica Harris, soprano; John Armstrong, tenor

October 23, 1999; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 24, 1999; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1, Georges Bizet

Prelude, Minuetto, Adagietto, Carillon

Beau Soir, Claude Debussy

Linda Vogt, soprano

Afternoon of a Faun, Claude Debussy

Overture to Crazy for You, George Gershwin, arr. Jerry Brubaker

Someone to Watch Over Me, George Gershwin, arr. Chuck Sayre

Linda Vogt, soprano

An American in Paris, George Gershwin

Season 18: 1998 – 1999

Dr. Paul Mori, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

June 5, 1998; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila

June 6, 1998; Kent Senior Activity Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev; Keith Eldridge, narrator

Double Concerto 1st mvt., J. S. Bach

Bugler's Holiday, Leroy Anderson

Radetzky March, Johann Strauss Sr.

other selections for children

May 15, 1999; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 16, 1999; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Grace Lutheran Church Choir; Laird Thornton, Music Director
Listen Now My Children, Samuel Jones
Old American Songs Second Set, Aaron Copland; Laird Thornton, baritone
Hoe Down from Rodeo, Aaron Copland
Selections from Les Miserables, Claude-Michel Schonberg
I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables, Claude-Michel Schonberg; Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano
Don't Cry for Me Argentina from Evita, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tim Rice; Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano
You Must Love Me from Evita, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tim Rice; Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano
The Rose, Amanda McBaroom; Linda Vogt, soprano
Broadway Tonight, arr. Bruce Chase
Some Enchanted Evening from South Pacific, Rodgers/Hammerstein; Laird Thornton, baritone
Can't Help Loving That Man from Showboat, Kern/Hammerstein, Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano
Ol' Man River from Showboat, Kern/Hammerstein, Laird Thornton, baritone
Stars and Stripes Forever, John Philip Sousa
Battle Hymn of the Republic, W. Steffe

April 17, 1999; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

April 18, 1999; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Cornish Junior Dance Company; Pat Hon, Artistic Director

The Wasps Overture, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Norfolk Rhapsody, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Serenade for Strings, Edward Elgar

Cornish Junior Dance Company

Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak

February 20, 1999; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

February 21, 1999; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Overture to the Barber of Seville, Gioachino Rossini

Piano Concerto in A minor, Robert Schumann

Lisa Rehwoldt, piano

Symphony No. 5, Ludwig van Beethoven

December 5, 1998; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 6, 1998; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Rainier Chorale

St. Thomas / Our Lady of Lourdes Church Choir

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach

Rejoice Greatly from The Messiah, G. F. Handel

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Concerto for Two Violoncellos, Antonio Vivaldi

Barbara Deppe, Priscilla Jones, violoncello

Three Botticelli Pictures, Ottorini Respighi

Fantasia on Christmas Carols; Ralph Vaughan Williams

William Carpenter, tenor

Ave Maria, Franz Schubert

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano

Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), Adolphe Adam

Corinna Lapid-Munter, soprano; William Carpenter, tenor

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

O Come All Ye Faithful, traditional

October 17, 1998; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 18, 1998; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Karelia Suite, Jean Sibelius

The Wand of Youth Suite No. 1, Edward Elgar

Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished," Franz Schubert
Poem for Flute and Orchestra, Charles Griffes
Shari Muller-Ho, flute
Berceuse and Finale from The Firebird, Igor Stravinsky

Season 17: 1997 – 1998

Dr. Paul Mori, Music Director
Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

May 30, 1998; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila

May 31, 1998; Kent Senior Activity Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev

Mayor Wally Rants, narrator (Tukwila); John Curley, narrator (Kent)

The Entertainer, Scott Joplin

Selections from Carmen Suite No. 1, Georges Bizet

Selections from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, Georges Bizet

other selections for children

May 16, 1998; Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines

May 17, 1998; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Grace Lutheran Church Choir; Laird Thornton, Music Director

Gershwin in Concert, George Gershwin, arr. Chuck Sayre

The Entertainer, Scott Joplin

El Capitan, John Philip Sousa

L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, Georges Bizet

Porgy and Bess concert version, George Gershwin

Sandra Glover, soprano; Laird Thornton, baritone

April 18, 1998; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

April 19, 1998; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Cornish Junior Dance Company; Pat Hon, Artistic Director

Overture to Impresario, W. A. Mozart

Concerto in C major, W. A. Mozart

Susan Worden, oboe

Carmen Suite No. 1, Georges Bizet

Cornish Junior Dance Company

Symphony No. 7, Ludwig van Beethoven

February 21, 1998; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

March 1, 1998; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church Choir; Anthony Giles, Music Director

Hebrides Overture, Felix Mendelssohn

Elegy, Samuel Jones

Five Mystical Songs, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Anthony Giles, baritone

Crown Imperial, William Walton

Mlada Suite, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Finlandia, Jean Sibelius

December 6, 1997; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 7, 1997; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Rainier Chorale; Ron Bayer, Music Director

St. Thomas / Our Lady of Lourdes Church Choir; David Spring, Music Director

Kent United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir; Gabriel Dumitrescu, Music Director

Rosamunde Overture, Franz Schubert

Concerto for Trumpet, Johann Hummel

Jack Prindle, trumpet
Emperor Waltz, Johann Strauss Jr.
Nutcracker Suite, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Joy to the World, traditional
Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson
O Come All Ye Faithful, traditional
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

October 19, 1997; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
October 25, 1997; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Tragic Overture, Johannes Brahms
Love Scene from Romeo and Juliet, Hector Berlioz
Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
West Side Story Selections for Orchestra, Leonard Bernstein, arr. Mason

Season 16: 1996 – 1997

Dr. Paul Mori, Music Director
Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

May 31, 1997; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila
June 1, 1997; Kent Senior Activity Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev
John Curley, narrator
other selections for children

May 10, 1997; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
May 17, 1997; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Prelude, Aragonaise, Toreadors from Carmen, Georges Bizet
Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni
E lucevan le stele from Tosca, Giacomo Puccini; Dennis Saffer, tenor
Perpetuum Mobile, Johann Strauss Jr.
Laughing Song from Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss Jr.

Kimberly Maguire, soprano
Strike Up the Band, George Gershwin
vocal ensemble
The Liberty Bell, John Philip Sousa
Someone to Watch Over Me, George Gershwin
Jennifer Reif, soprano
Duke Ellington, arr. Calvin Custer
Salute to the Big Apple, arr. Calvin Custer
Johnny One Note, Rodgers and Hart
vocal ensemble

Misty, Garner/Burke
Night and Day, Cole Porter
I've Got my Fingers Crossed
My Heart Stood Still

vocal ensemble
Embraceable You, George Gershwin
Kimberly Maguire, soprano
Begin the Beguine, Cole Porter
Dennis Saffer, tenor
George Gershwin in Concert, arr. Chuck Sayre
Let Me Sing and Be Happy, Irving Berlin
vocal ensemble

April 5, 1997; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
April 12, 1997; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent
Dr. Paul Mori, conductor

Cornish Junior Dance Company; Patricia Hon, Director
Cornish Preparatory Dance Division, Cornish College of the Arts; Ann Coombes, Director
Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, W. A. Mozart
Kathleen Vaught Farner, horn
Romance for Violin opus 11, Antonin Dvorak
Nancy Poppe, violin
Petite Suite, Claude Debussy, arr. Busser
choreography by Patricia Hon
Symphony No. 6, Antonin Dvorak

February 8, 1997; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

February 22, 1997; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, conductor
Ceremonial Procession, Richard Strauss
Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major, Ludwig van Beethoven
Igor Denshik, piano (2/8); Lisa Rehwoldt, piano (2/22)
Lincoln Portrait, Aaron Copland
Brad Bell, narrator (2/8)
Mayor Wally Rants, narrator (2/22)
Symphony No. 5 "The Reformation," Felix Mendelssohn

December 7, 1996; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

December 8, 1996; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Paul Mori, Conductor
St. Thomas Church Choir; David Spring, Music Director
Kent United Methodist Church Choir; Gabriel Dumitrescu, Interim Choir Director
Pavanne Battaille, Tylman Susato
Overture to Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss
Fantasia on Greensleeves, Ralph Vaughn Williams
Nutcracker Suite, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
A Canadian Brass Christmas, Luther Henderson, arr. Calvin Custer
Sheep May Safely Graze, J. S. Bach
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach
Overture from The Messiah, G. F. Handel
Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah, G. F. Handel
Joy to the World, arr. John Rutter
Bring a Torch Jeannette Isabella, arr. John Rutter
O Come All Ye Faithful, arr. John Rutter
Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson
A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

November 3, 1996; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

November 9, 1996; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

Dr. Paul Mori, Conductor
Fanfare to La Peri, Paul Dukas
Overture to The Thieving Magpie, Gioachino Rossini
Ancient Airs and Dances Suite No. 1, Ottorino Respighi
Serenade No. 1, Johannes Brahms

Season 15: 1995 – 1996

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, Music Director
Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

Beginning with the 15th season, the City of Tukwila expands its sponsorship, including enabling the Symphony to rehearse on stage weekly at the Foster PAC. The Symphony has rehearsed at Foster since September of 1995.

Joe White announces his retirement as Music Director in the winter of 1995-96, and conducts his final concert in April. During the winter and spring, the Symphony searches for a new Music Director, and selects Dr. Paul Mori as the Symphony's 5th Music Director

April 13, 1996; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
 Norman Newkirk, Host
 Overture to Orfeo, Monteverdi
 Overture to Candide, Leonard Bernstein
 Glitter and Be Gay from Candide, Leonard Bernstein
 Wendy Lee, vocalist
 Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man from Showboat, Kern
 Kimberly Maguire, vocalist
 O Mio Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicchi, Puccini
 Claudia McCormick-Smith, vocalist
 You're Just in Love from Call Me Madam, Berlin
 Karen Kinbar and Stephen Leigh Jones, vocalists
 Bei mir bist du schoen, Secunda
 Claudia McCormick-Smith and Norman Newkirk, vocalists
 Overture to Yeomen of the Guard, Gilbert and Sullivan
 When I was a Lad from HMS Pinafore, Gilbert and Sullivan
 Joseph Pollard White, vocalist
 There is Beauty in the Bellow of the Blast from The Mikado, Gilbert and Sullivan
 Joseph Pollard White and Norman Newkirk
 Overture to Phantom of the Opera, Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Too Much in Love to Care from Sunset Boulevard, Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Kimberly Maguire and Darren Davis, vocalists
 Love Changes Everything from Aspects of Love, Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Stephen Leigh Jones, vocalist
 Waltz in Swing Time from Swing Time, Kern
 Joseph Pollard White and Norman Newkirk
 Overture to The Threepenny Opera, Kurt Weill
 My Ship from Lady in the Dark, Kurt Weill
 Claudia McCormick-Smith, vocalist
 Lonely House from Street Scene, Kurt Weill
 Darren Davis, vocalist
 One Life to Live from Lady in the Dark, Kurt Weill
 Karen Kinbar, vocalist
 Overture to Der Schauspieldirektor, W.A. Mozart
 Porgi Amor, Qualche Ristoro from Le Nozze di Figaro, W.A. Mozart
 Claudia McCormick-Smith, vocalist
 L'amero saro constant from Il Re Pastore
 Wendy Lee, vocalist
 Uncle Harry, Coward
 Norman Newkirk
 He Plays the Violin from 1776, Edwards
 Karen Kinbar, vocalist
 Slap that Bass from Shall We Dance, Gershwin
 Darren Davis, vocalist
 Cornet Man from Funny Girl, Styne
 Kimberly Maguire, vocalist
 Come Follow the Band from Barnum, Coleman
 Company
 encore [Maestro's finale] Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

February 17, 1996; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila
February 24, 1996; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent
 Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
 Floating Bridge, Joseph Pollard White
 world premiere
 Concertino for Horn and Orchestra, Carl Maria von Weber
 Jeff Snedeker, horn
 The Lark Ascending, Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Nancy Poppe, violin
 Excerpt from Overture to William Tell, Gioachino Rossini
 Symphony No. 2 "Romantic," Howard Hanson

December 2, 1995; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

December 9, 1995; Enumclaw High School, Enumclaw

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Rhapsody for Saxophone and Orchestra, Claude Debussy

Michael Gelotte, saxophone

Suite for Trumpet in D Major, attributed to G.F. Handel

Jack Prindle, trumpet

Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 8 "Christmas Concerto," Arcangelo Corelli

Nancy Poppe, violin; Phyllis Rowe, violin; Christy Zeman, cello

Suite from L'Arlesienne, Georges Bizet

Prelude, Minuette, Adagietto, Carillon, Minuette, Farandole

Symphony No. 1, Johannes Brahms

October 14, 1995; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

October 21, 1995; Foster Performing Arts Center, Tukwila

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to The Wasps, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Symphony No. 104 "London," Franz Josef Haydn

Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

Season 14: 1994 – 1995

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, Music Director

Nancy Poppe, Concertmaster

May 21, 1995; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Variations on a Theme of Joseph Haydn, Johannes Brahms

Concerto for Two Pianos, Francis Poulenc

Joyce Gibb and Michael Carroll, pianos

Symphony No. 45 "Farewell," Joseph Haydn

Firebird Suite, Igor Stravinsky

March 18, 1995; Kent Meridian Performing Arts Center, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Norman Newkirk, Host

Karen Kinbar, soprano

Thomas Spickard, baritone

James Sugg, baritone

Diane Weyrick, soprano

Comedy Tonight, from A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Steven Sondheim

A Musical Portrait of David Lean, Maurice Jarre

Lawrence of Arabia, Ryan's Daughter, Doctor Zhivago, A Passage to India

Will You Remember? from Maytime, Sigmund Romberg

Somewhere Out There from An American Tale, James Horner

Theme from Moulin Rouge, Georges Auric

Italian Suite, Nino Rota

Romeo and Juliet, La Strada, Amarcord, The Godfather

End title from The Age of Innocence, Elmer Bernstein

I Love a Piano, Irving Berlin

Rhapsody in Blue, George Gershwin

Norman Newkirk, piano

Three Dances from On The Town, Leonard Bernstein

Isn't It a Lovely Day from Top Hat, Irving Berlin

Stormy Weather from Stormy Weather, Harold Arlen

A Foggy Day from Damsel in Distress, George Gershwin

Ill Wind from Cotton Club, Harold Arlen

Singin' in the Rain from Singin' in the Rain, Nacio Herb Brown

Colonel Bogey from Bridge on the River Kwai, Kenneth Alford

Without You from My Fair Lady, Frederick Loewe

I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face from My Fair Lady, Frederick Loewe

March from Raiders of the Lost Ark, John Williams

encores

February 25, 1995; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Quiet City, Aaron Copland

Della Friend, english horn; Robert Gale, trumpet

Symphony No. 29, W.A. Mozart

English Folk Song Suite, Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Jacob

Hoe Down from Rodeo, Aaron Copland

Symphony No. 5, Jean Sibelius

November 26, 1994; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Nutcracker Suite, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Rails: A Concerto for Oboe and Small Orchestra, Warlen Bassham; world premiere

Susan Worden, oboe

Symphony No. 3 "Rhenish," Robert Schumann

October 15, 1994; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

"Spitfire" Prelude and Fugue, William Walton

Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Sergei Rachmaninoff

Geisa Dutra, piano

Symphony No. 5, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 13: 1993 – 1994

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, Music Director

May 8, 1994; Foster High School, Tukwila

May 14, 1994; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Parade, Erik Satie

Concerto Grosso No. 1 for String Orchestra with Piano Obbligato, Ernest Bloch

Symphony No. 6 "Pathetique," Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

March 12, 1994; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to Euryanthe, Carl Maria von Weber

Concerto in B-flat for Bassoon and Orchestra, Johann Christian Bach

Jaroslav Botameneko, bassoon

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Edward Elgar

Symphony No. 8, Ludwig van Beethoven

February 5, 1994; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Norman Newkirk, host

The program will be announced by Mr. Newkirk and will include music from the films:

2001: A Space Odyssey, Richard Strauss

North by Northwest, Bernard Herrmann

The Magnificent Seven, Elmer Bernstein

Murder on the Orient Express, Richard Rodney Bennett

The Adventures of Don Juan, Max Steiner

The Godfather, Nino Rota

Superman, John Williams

Lieutenant Kije, Sergei Prokofiev

The Umbrellas of Cherbourg, Michel Legrand

December 4, 1993; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture in D, G.F. Handel, arr. Elgar

Capriol Suite, Philip Heseltine (writing as Peter Warlock)

Excerpts from the Messiah, G.F. Handel
Thus saith the Lord, But who may abide the day of His coming?
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
The trumpet shall sound
I know that my redeemer liveth
Cecellia-Wendy A. Lee, soprano; David C. Rickard, baritone
Prelude to Hansel and Gretel, Engelbert Humperdinck
Symphony No. 94, "Surprise," Franz Josef Haydn
Angel Concert from Mathis der Maler, Paul Hindemith

October 16, 1993; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Carmen Suites No. 1 and 2, Georges Bizet
Piano Concerto No. 20, W.A. Mozart
Michael Carroll, piano
Symphony No. 3 "Scottish," Felix Mendelssohn

Season 12: 1992 – 1993

May 15, 1993; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

May 16, 1993; Foster High School, Tukwila
Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Poet and Peasant Overture, Franz von Suppe
Emperor Waltz, Johann Strauss, Jr.
Concerto for Trumpet, Giuseppe Tartini
Robert Gale, trumpet
Blue Tango, Leroy Anderson
Saturday Night Waltz, Aaron Copland
Liberty Bell Waltz, John Philip Sousa
Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld, Jacques Offenbach
Toreador song from Carmen, Georges Bizet
Selections from Fiddler on the Roof, Jerry Bock
Selections from Sophisticated Lady, Duke Ellington
Polovestsian Dances from Prince Igor, Alexander Borodin

April 3, 1993; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

April 6, 1993; Museum of History and Industry, Seattle

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Prelude to Penelope, Gabriel Faure
Concerto in E-flat "Dumbarton Oaks," Igor Stravinsky
Violin: Ralph Ball, Nancy Poppe, Lauren Daugherty
Viola: Patricia Isacson, Philip Wilkinson, Jennifer Olson
Cello: Christy Zeman, Kathi Walters
Bass: Dwight Van Vleet, Kevin Brown
Flute: Jane Leeson-Jackson; Clarinet: Debbie Couch; Bassoon: Dana King
Horn: Kristl Holzl, Nancy Rhoeades
Rhapsody, Joseph Pollard White; **World Premiere**
Old Folks Gatherin' from Symphony No. 3, Charles Ives
Two Pieces for Small Orchestra, Frederick Delius
Symphony No. 6, Franz Josef Haydn

February 13, 1993; Kent Meridian High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to The Magic Flute, W.A. Mozart
Vltava (The Moldau), Bedrich Smetana
An American in Paris, George Gershwin
Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Jean Sibelius

December 5, 1992; Kentwood High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor, Otto Nicolai

From Holberg's Time, Edvard Grieg
Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg, Richard Wagner
Symphony No. 5, Ralph Vaughan Williams

October 17, 1992; Kentwood High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to La Gazza Ladra (The Thieving Magpie), Gioachino Rossini
Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra, Sergei Rachmaninoff
Violetta Decyatnik, piano
Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak

Season 11: 1991 – 1992

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, Music Director

May 9, 1992; Kentwood High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to Consecration of the House, Ludwig van Beethoven
Concerto No. 3 for Piano and Orchestra, Bela Bartok
Michael Carroll, piano
Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Johannes Brahms

February 28, 1992; Rogers High School, Puyallup

March 7, 1992; Tahoma Junior High School, Maple Valley

March 14, 1992; Kentwood High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss, Jr.
Concerto in D minor for Two Violins, J.S. Bach
Ralph Ball, Nancy Poppe, violins
Karelia Suite, Jean Sibelius
Pictures at an Exhibition, Modest Mussorgsky, orch. Maurice Ravel

December 15, 1991; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Choral Sounds Northwest; Mark Adrian, music director
St. Paul's Suite, Gustav Holst
Concerto for Flute and Harp, W.A. Mozart
Jane Leeson-Jackson, flute; Christian Chalifour, harp
Messiah (Christmas portion), G.F. Handel
Choral Sounds Northwest
Fran Eisenman, soprano; Ann Wickstrom, alto; Mark Duffin, tenor; David Rickard, bass

December 14, 1991; Kentwood High School, Kent

Choral Sounds Northwest; Mark Adrian, conductor
Rainier Symphony; Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
The Messiah, G.F. Handel
No. 1 through 22 (Hallelujah)
Mark Adrian, conductor
Fran Eisenman, Ann Wickstrom, Mark Duffin, David Rickard soloists
We Need a Little Christmas
Mark Adrian and Joyce Gibb, keyboards
Matt Jorgensen, drums
Set designs and choreography Roger Ford
We Need a Little Christmas, Jerry Herman
Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson
The Perfect Christmas Tree, Lynnette Shaw Loughton
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, Meredith Willson
Jose the Temporary Reindeer, Joyce Elaine Eilers
Santa Baby, Javits, Springer and Springer
Still, Still, Still; arr. Norman Luboff
I Wonder as I Wander, arr. John Niles and Lewis Horton
Carol of the Drum, Katherine K. Davis

Choc'late in my Stocking, Marta Keen
Merry Christmas, Darling; Richard Carpenter
Do You Hear What I Hear? Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
Gifts of Love, Patricia Jennings and Linda Marcus
The Christmas Song, Mel Torme and Robert Wells
The Monotone Angel, Don McAfee

October 26, 1991; Kentwood High School, Kent

Dr. Joseph Pollard White, conductor
10th Anniversary Celebration [10th anniversary = season 11]
Euterpe Concert Overture, George W. Chadwick
Hobo – an Evocation for Oboe and Orchestra, Warlen Bassham
Della Friend, oboe; **World Premiere**
Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein
Symphony No. 2, Charles Ives

Season 10: 1990 – 1991

Joseph Pollard White, Music Director

June 2, 1991; St. Benedict's Church, Seattle

Choral Sounds Northwest; Mark Adrian, conductor
Rainier Symphony; Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Schubert's Best
Symphony No. 5 in B-Flat Major, Franz Schubert
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Sonata D. 821 "Arpeggione," Franz Schubert
Joseph Pollard White, viola; Mark Adrian, piano
Mass in G-Major D. 167, Franz Schubert
Mark Adrian, conductor
Fran Eisenman, soprano; Joel Ohn, tenor; Greg Smith, baritone

May 10, 1991; Carco Theatre, Renton

May 11, 1991; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Serenade No. 1 in D, Johannes Brahms
Symphony No. 1 "Classical," Sergei Prokofiev
Spring from The Four Seasons, Antonio Vivaldi
Nancy Poppe, violin
Appalachian Spring, Aaron Copland

March 16, 1991; Tahoma Junior High School, Maple Valley

March 22, 1991; Sumner High School Performing Arts Center, Sumner

March 23, 1991; Enumclaw High School Auditorium, Enumclaw

April 6, 1991; Kentwood High School Performing Arts Center, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to L'Italiana in Algeiri, Gioachino Rossini
Concerto in C Major for Cello and Orchestra, Franz Joseph Haydn
Tim Finholt, cello; March 16, March 22, April 6
Concerto in C Major for Violin and Orchestra, Franz Joseph Haydn
Starla Nelson, violin; March 23
The Unanswered Question, Charles Ives
Variations on an Original Theme Enigma, Edward Elgar

November 23, 1990; Museum of Flight Great Gallery, Tukwila

Joseph Pollard White, conductor
"The Music of Flight"
Clouds (Nuages), Claude Debussy
The Birds (Gli Uccelli), Ottorino Respighi
Overture to the Flying Dutchman, Richard Wagner
The Planets, Gustav Holst
Mars, Venus, Jupiter

October 20, 1990; Kentwood High School, Kent

October 26, 1990; Carco Theatre, Renton

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to The Wasps, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Pavane, Gabriel Faure

Concerto for Tuba and Orchestra, Joseph Pollard White; **world premiere**

Robert Shuster, tuba

Fingal's Cave, Hebrides Overture, Felix Mendelssohn

Symphony No. 7, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 9: 1989 – 1990

Joseph Pollard White, Music Director

May 24, 1990; Kentwood High School, Kent

Opening event of the Kent Centennial Celebration

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to William Tell, Gioachino Rossini

Preludes and Rondo: A Fivescore Festival, Timothy A. Kramer; **world premiere**

The Beautiful Blue Danube, Johann Strauss, Jr.

On the Steppes of Central Asia, Alexander Borodin

Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo, Aaron Copland

Buckaroo Holiday, Corral Nocturne, Saturday Night Waltz, Hoe Down

May 6, 1990; Seventh Day Adventist Church, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Choral Sounds Northwest; Mark Adrian, conductor

Concerto in F Major, Brandenburg No. 2, J.S. Bach

Bob Gale, trumpet; Nancy Poppe, violin; Ellen Berkovitz, flute; Della Friend, oboe

Gloria, Antonio Vivaldi

Choral Sounds Northwest

Barbara Moser, Phyllis Silling, Fran Eisenman, sopranos; Barbara Tatham, alto; Kathleen Ormbreck, mezzo

Te Deum Laudamus in D Major, G.F. Handel

Choral Sounds Northwest, featuring the Chamber Choir; David Rickard, bass

April 14, 1990; Kentwood High School, Kent

April 20, 1990; Carco Theatre, Renton

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Two Calliphonies, Warlen Bassham

Concerto in G for Piano and Orchestra, Maurice Ravel

Lisa Hogg, piano

Symphony in E-flat "Eroica," Ludwig van Beethoven

February 2, 1990; Lindbergh High School, Renton

February 3, 1990; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Concerto for Harp and Orchestra, Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

Deborah McClellan, harp

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Symphony in D minor, Antonin Dvorak

November 10, 1989; Carco Theatre, Renton

November 11, 1989; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to Russlan and Ludmilla, Mikhail Glinka

Andante and Hungarian Rondo, Carl Maria von Weber

Ann Kosanovic-Brown, bassoon

Danse Macabre, Camille Saint-Saens

Pastoral Symphony, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Season 8: 1988 – 1989

Joseph Pollard White, Music Director
Todd Gowers, Assistant Conductor

April 14, 1989; Kentwood High School, Kent

April 22, 1989; Carco Theatre, Renton

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Pulcinella, Stravinsky

Cynthia Ann Oeck, soprano; Pil-Sung Kim, tenor; Gustave Blazek, bass

Symphony No. 6 "Pastorale," Ludwig van Beethoven

February 25, 1989; Kent Senior Activity Center, Kent

Rainier Symphony Presents the **Potlatch String Quartet**

Robin Prinzing, violin; Cathan Baker Prinzing, violin; Joseph Pollard White, viola; Bret Smith, cello

String Quartet in D "the Frog," Franz Joseph Haydn

String Quartet Op. 11, Samuel Barber

String Quartet "American" Op. 96, Antonin Dvorak

[quartet members are from Rainier Symphony; fund raising event for Rainier Symphony]

December 10, 1988; Carco Theatre, Renton

December 16, 1988; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Academic Festival Overture, Johannes Brahms

Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, Prokofiev

Walter Atha, piano

Symphony in D minor, Franck

October 21, 1988; Kentwood Performing Arts Center, Kent

October 22, 1988; Carco Theatre, Renton

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Roman Carnival Overture, Hector Berlioz

Variations on a Rococo Theme, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Bret Smith, cello

Symphony No. 1, Robert Schumann

Season 7: 1987 – 1988

Joseph Pollard White, Music Director
Todd Gowers, Assistant Conductor

May 20, 1988; Carco Theatre, Renton

May 21, 1988; Kentwood High School, Kent

Intermedia, Mark Kuss; **world premiere**

Concerto in E minor for Violin and Orchestra, Felix Mendelssohn

Robin Prinzing, violin

Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

March 26, 1988; Kentwood High School, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Symphony No. 29, W.A. Mozart

A London Symphony, Ralph Vaughan Williams

December 11, 1987; Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila

December 12, 1987; Kent Commons, Kent

Joseph Pollard White, conductor

Overture to Hansel and Gretel, Engelbert Humperdinck

Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 8 "Christmas Concerto," Archangelo Corelli

Michelle Davis, violin; Marie Bean, violin; Joe Bichsel, cello

Suite from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Overture, March, Trepak, Arabian Dance, Chinese Dance, Dance of the Reed Pipes, Waltz of the Flowers

October 23, 1987; Kent Commons, Kent
October 30, 1987; Carco Theatre, Renton
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Johannes Brahms
Knoxville: Summer of 1915, Samuel Barber
Marilee Plaks, soprano
Symphony No. 4, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 6: 1986 – 1987

Joseph Pollard White, Music Director
Stan Purvis, Assistant Conductor
Robert Prinzing, Concertmaster

[Beginning with Season 6 in an effort to increase the skill level, orchestra members no longer pay dues and principals are promised payment. Emphasis on funding will shift to fundraisers, grants, and donations, and the overall budget will need to be increased. Joseph (Joe) Pollard White is selected as the Symphony's 4th Music Director.]

May 10, 1987; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Water Music Suite, G.F. Handel, arr. Harty
Concerto in E-flat for Trumpet and Orchestra, Franz Joseph Haydn
Robert Gale, trumpet
Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev
Mychal Limric, narrator

March 22, 1987; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
March 24, 1987; Kentridge High School, Kent
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to The Magic Flute, W.A. Mozart
Orchestral Piece, Kennett Lehmann
Concerto in D for Guitar and Orchestra, Vivaldi
Don McKenzie, guitar
Symphony No. 5, Nielsen

December 7, 1986; Enumclaw High School, Enumclaw
December 14, 1986; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Symphony No. 104 "London," Franz Joseph Haydn
The Lark Ascending, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Robin Prinzing, violin
Symphony in C, Georges Bizet

December 6, 1986; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila
Selections from the December 7 and 14 concerts

October 21, 1986; Kentwood High School, Kent
October 26, 1986; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn
Joseph Pollard White, conductor
Overture to Barber of Seville, Gioachino Rossini
Concerto in F for Piano and Orchestra, George Gershwin
Eleanor Wetzel, piano
Symphony No. 5, Ludwig van Beethoven

Season 5: 1985 – 1986

Donn Weaver, Music Director until November 1985
R. Joseph Scott, Guest Conductor starting February 1986

[from 1985-86 Annual Report]

Unfortunately due to pressures from the Board of Directors of the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra, Mr. Scott was unable to accept our offer [to become Music Director and Conductor of Rainier Symphony]. We therefore end the year with another conductor search, with a final selection to be accomplished by mid-June.

May 18, 1986; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

R. Joseph Scott, conductor

Superman

Send in the Clowns

Selections from The Sound of Music

Other Pops selections

May 17, 1986; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila

Selections from the May 18th concert

March 2, 1986

Concert cancelled

[from newspaper clipping February 14, 1986]

R. Joseph Scott, 41, the conductor of the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra, has been named the guest conductor of the Rainier Symphony, and there is a chance that he will be hired as the permanent conductor. Donn Weaver resigned in November as conductor of the South King County-based community orchestra. According to Thordis Cash of the symphony's Board of Directors, Scott will be considered for the job of a permanent conductor if everything goes smoothly in the first concert on May 18.

Last year, the five-year old Rainier Symphony suffered a drop in audience, and a drastic drop in musicians. Scott, who called himself "a good builder," said the thought the Rainier Symphony could be built up to 80 or more musicians. "I feel we could have a Symphony League (a support group) and a subscription series," said Scott. "We should take advantage of our fine performing arts center." [Auburn PAC]

December 20 & 21, 1985; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Ballet Les Jeunes

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

December 10, 1985; Kent Commons, Kent

Selections from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

October 26, 1985; Kentwood High School, Kent

October 27, 1985; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Tragic Overture, Johannes Brahms

Flute Concerto No. 2, W.A. Mozart

Ellen Bercovitz, flute

Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak

Imperial March, Edward Elgar

Season 4: 1984 – 1985

Donn Weaver, Music Director

Dell Wade, Associate Conductor

June 29, 1985; Kent Commons, Kent

Pops concert

May 5, 1985; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg, Richard Wagner

Piano Concerto No. 1, Franz Liszt

Edelgard Loveland, piano

Symphony No. 4 "Tragic," Franz Schubert

Finlandia, Jean Sibelius

May 4, 1985; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila

Selections from the May 5th concert

March 10, 1985; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Poet and Peasant Overture, Franz von Suppe

Chants, Dell Wade; world premiere

Dell Wade, conductor

Clarinet Concerto in A, W.A. Mozart

Stan Purvis, clarinet

Symphony No. 2, Lochrem Johnson; world premiere

Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

December 15 & 16, 1984; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Ballet Les Jeunes

The Nutcracker (full ballet), Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

October 28, 1984; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Egmont Overture, Ludwig van Beethoven

Excerpts from The Nutcracker, Pyotr IlyichTchaikovsky

Fugue in G minor, J.S. Bach, transcribed Leopold Stokowski

Adagio for Strings, Samuel Barber

Symphony No. 1 "Nordic," Howard Hanson

Season 3: 1983 – 1984

Dr. Donald Hartman, Music Director through 1983

Donn Weaver, Assistant Conductor in 1983, Music Director in 1984

May 20, 1984; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Babier of Seville Overture, Rossini

Piano Concerto No. 2, Saint-Saens

Joel Salsman, piano

Symphony No. 1, Johannes Brahms

May 15, 1984; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila

Selections from the May 20th concert

March 11, 1984; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Iphigenia in Aulis Overture, Christoph von Gluck

Fantasie, Georges Hue

Martha Herby, flute

Rocky Point Holiday, Ron Nelson

Poem for Flute and Orchestra, Charles Griffes

Martha Herby, flute

Symphony in D minor, Cesar Franck

[from the March 11th 1984 concert program]

This concert is presented as a tribute to Dr. Donald Hartman, former Music Director/Conductor in appreciation of his contribution to Rainier Symphony. At the beginning of the symphony's first season (1981-82), Dr. Hartman, newly arrived in the Seattle area, became principal flutist, president of the performers, and a member of the board of trustees. As a retired professor of music and oft-time conductor, he brought to the symphony a wealth of music knowledge, organizational "know-how" and, most of all, tranquility in time of crises. During the second season (1982-83), Dr. Hartman was appointed Music Director/Conductor. His professionalism and knowledge was reflected in the symphony's performances. Most of the music heard this season, the symphony's third, was planned by Dr. Hartman, including the appearance of today's soloist, Martha Herby, and Joel Salsman as guest pianist on May 20.

December 18, 1983; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Donald Hartman, conductor

Rainier Choral [associated with Rainier Symphony]

The Messiah, G.F. Handel

Marilee Plaks, soprano; Carmen Leon, alto; G. Anton Kibbie, tenor; Don Kinney, bass

December 9, 1983; Kent Commons, Kent

December 10, 1983; Renton High School, Renton

Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson

A Christmas Festival, Leroy Anderson

Carol of the Drum

White Christmas

Trepak from The Nutcracker, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Variations on Joy to the World

Hallelujah Chorus and other excerpts from The Messiah

Merilee Plaks, soloist

October 29, 1983; Kentwood High School, Kent

October 30, 1983; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Donn Weaver, conductor

Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Antonin Dvorak

Suite from Swan Lake, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Carmen Suite No. 1, Georges Bizet

Season 2: 1982 – 1983

Dr. Donald Hartman, Music Director

May 15, 1983; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Donald Hartman, conductor

Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished," Franz Schubert

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Edvard Grieg

Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel, Humperdinck

An Outdoor Adventure, Aaron Copland

March 13, 1983; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Donald Hartman, conductor

Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral," Ludwig van Beethoven

Die Meistersinger, Richard Wagner

Valse Triste, Jean Sibelius

Le Coc d'or (The Golden Cockerel), Rimsky-Korsakov

December 19, 1982; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Donald Hartman, conductor

Marilee Plaks, choral preparation

Rainier Chorale [associated with Rainier Symphony]

The Messiah, G.F. Handel

October 31, 1982; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Dr. Donald Hartman, conductor

Symphony No. 40, W.A. Mozart

Rosamunde Overture, Franz Schubert

Les Preludes, Franz Liszt

Russian Sailors' Dance from The Red Poppy, Reinhold Gliere

[undated newspaper clipping]

Donald Hartman is putting down his flute and picking up a baton. Hartman is the new conductor of the Rainier Symphony, South King county's community orchestra. Hartman was previously principle flutist for the orchestra. Harman replaces Richard Polf, who left at the end of the orchestra's first season because of unspecified differences with the symphony board over musical policy.

Hartman said he was "delighted and honored" to be named conductor of Rainier Symphony. "The orchestra is composed of every kind of person, of every age," said Hartman. "They all want to make music, and they all enjoy making music. The musicianship is very good. We can play just about anything we want. And the more we play, the more musicians we attract."

Hartman expects to have about 60-65 musicians for the opening of the regular season in October. "I'd like to see it get larger as we progress," said Hartman. "Like every orchestra, we have problems getting strings."

Season 1: 1981 – 1982

Richard Polf, Music Director through May
Dr. Donald Hartman, Music Director July

July 17, 1982; Kent Commons, Kent

Donald Hartman, conductor
Music for the Royal Fireworks, Handel
Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor, Nicolai
Waltzes from An Artist's Life, Johann Strauss
Music from Stars Wars, John Williams
Highlights from Annie
Music from L'Arlesienne, Georges Bizet
Stars and Stripes Forever, John Philip Sousa

May 16, 1982; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Richard Polf, conductor
Donna Diana Overture, Emil Nikolaus von Reznicek
Variations on a Rococo Theme for Cello and Orchestra, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
John Von Dassow, cello
Symphony No. 104 "London," Franz Joseph Haydn
Academic Festival Overture, Johannes Brahms

March 7, 1982; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Richard Polf, conductor
Symphony No. 8, Antonin Dvorak
Serenade for Strings, Edward Elgar
Paul Bunyan Suite, William Bergsma [University of Washington professor]
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

December 8, 1981; Southcenter Mall, Tukwila

The Festival of Christmas
Carol of the Drums
English Folk Song Suite, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Christmas and holiday selections

November 8, 1981; Auburn Performing Arts Center, Auburn

Richard Polf, conductor
Symphony No. 1, Ludwig van Beethoven
Fingal's Cave Overture, Mendelssohn
English Folk Song Suite, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Rodeo, Aaron Copland

[Excerpts from newspaper articles]

The idea was formed in March 1981, and the organization was incorporated in June [1981]. [Note, this initial incorporation later lapsed, and the Symphony was re-incorporated in January 1995]

Incorporated as a non-profit organization to "provide a forum for musicians of the area and to enrich the cultural environment of the communities involved."

Rainier Symphony was formed in 1981 by a group of interested citizens to meet a need for a performing symphony in the South-King, North-Pierce county communities. It will provide a forum for musicians of the area who, at present, have no local organization which can utilize their various talents. The public will be able to enjoy performances of good music for reasonable prices without the need to travel a great distance and with less traffic and parking problems. The Board of Trustees of Rainier Symphony has selected Richard Polf as conductor of the symphony.

More than 50 local musicians will participate in the [November] concert, which will be the first of three planned this season. The symphony was organized by Ken Duley and Thordis Cash, who wanted to create an outlet for local musicians. The symphony has been rehearsing for three months under the leadership of Richard Polf, a Seattle conductor. The symphony members are mostly dedicated amateurs, with a few ex-professionals sprinkled through. Polf was chosen from a field of five or six conductor candidates, and he was previously involved with Seattle's Thalia Community Symphony. Polf said he's excited about performing in the Auburn Performing Arts Center, which he said is equal in acoustical quality to the University of Washington's Kane Hall.

[Orchestra members paid dues in Seasons 1-5. Funding for the orchestra was from these dues, as well as grants from local municipalities, arts commissions, and local businesses.]