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SYMPHONY & CHAMBER ORCHESTRAS
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FEATURING
Alex Fager, Violin
ALLEGRO COMPETITION WINNER

SATURDAY

MAY
4

4:00 PM

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MENZIES: Wai-rā-rawa (US Premiere)
SHOSTAKOVICH: Quartet No. 8
PROKOFIEV: Violin Concerto No. 1, Mvt. 1
JOHN WILLIAMS: Star Wars Suite

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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Wai-rā-rawa (US Premiere).....Mark Menzies (b. 1968)

String Quartet No. 8 in C minor (1960).....Dmitri Shostakovich
Op. 110 (1906-1975)

- I. Lento
- II. Allegro
- III. Allegretto
- IV. Lento
- V. Lento

Short Intermission

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major (1923).....Sergei Prokofiev
Op. 19 (1891-1953)

I. Andantino

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Star Wars Suite for Orchestra (1977).....John Williams (b. 1932)

- I. Main Title*
- II. Princess Leia's Theme*
- III. The Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme)*
- IV. Yoda's Theme*
- V. Throne Room & End Title*

SPECIAL THANKS: Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz, Anthony Mansueto,
Robert Lawson, Brent Wilson, Alex Aguirre, Gabriel Aragon, Jamie Birkett,
Alan Magana Gonzales, David Howarth, Brian Hotchkin, Sandy Mason,
Janeene Nagaoka, Tyson Sauthoff, Laura Solis, Jeanne Tanner

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Liah Kraft
Carlos Ozuna,
CONCERTMASTER
Eric Clark*

VIOLIN II

Julissa Bozman*
Geraldine Cabanban
Alex Fager

VIOLA

Diane Gilbert*
Hunter Klotz

CELLO

Alanm Magana
Gonzalez
Ashley Walters*

GUEST CONDUCTOR
Donovan Rutledge

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John Lyans
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Diego Salas
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HARP

Liska Yamada**

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OBOE

Kimaree Gilad*
Fred Beerstein**
ENGLISH HORN

CLARINET

Addie Ragsdale^
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Erick Jovel**
Marla Ascencion
Michael Andrews
Emilio Shuman
Albert Gomez

TROMBONE

Brad Close**
Callan Milani**
Cole Kateley
BASS TROMBONE

TUBA

Tim Hansen

PERCUSSION

Evan Holt
Kai Olmos
Vincent Addieg
Jordan Curcuruto*

PIANO

Felix Eisenhauer*

WELCOME to our final concert of the season! Tonight you are in for a special treat as we hear the last of our three **Allegro Solo Competition** winners. This competition was open to musicians of all ages (in any instrument, piano, or voice category) residing in Ventura County. This was the inaugural year of what will be an annual competition. Check back in the fall for details on how to participate next year.

Today we will present exceptional and iconic works by Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and John Williams. The Chamber Orchestra is thrilled to be giving the US premiere of *Wai-rā-rawa* led by our guest conductor (and Ventura College alumnus) **Donovan Rutledge**. The group had the incredible opportunity to work with composer/violinist/violist/pianist, **Mark Menzies** (Professor of Music at the the University of Canterbury in New Zealand) on the piece, in preparation for tonight's performance.

The music making will continue this July at the fourth annual **Schwab Academy of Music** and students of all ages and levels are welcome. We will be presenting some fabulous music in concert including Shostakovich's 5th Symphony. For more info visit: www.venturacollege.edu/schwab

~ Ashley Walters

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Alex Fager, Violin, started playing at 3 years old, and after a decade-long hiatus he is back to playing and dedicated to spreading the joy of music making. He is a direct "grand student" of some of the world's greatest violin pedagogy lineages: Shinichi Suzuki via Sonnhild Kitts, Egon Sassmannshaus via his son Kurt; Dorothy Delay/Ivan Galamian via Kurt Sassmannshaus and Daniel Phillips; and Lin Yao Ji via Li Lin. Alex lives in Ojai with his wife and two cats where he teaches privately. He is currently furthering his Suzuki teacher training. Outside of music, he enjoys connecting with nature, drinking an excellent glass of wine, and operating machines that go vroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May-5 / 2:30 PM
Terra Nova
(VC Chamber Music)
Yunker Auditorium

Monday, May 6 / 7:30 PM
Opera Gala
(VC Choirs with soloists from UCSB)
Yunker Auditorium

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