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Stamford Symphony's 'Beethoven250' Season Continues Celebration of Beethoven's 250th Birthday Year

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On May 3, 2020, New York-pianist David Kaplan will play a program of three Beethoven Piano Sonatas at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford. One of the sonatas played will be chosen by the audience.

— *an announcement from* [Stamford Symphony](#)

The Stamford Symphony has announced a year-long celebration to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the iconic composer Ludwig van Beethoven, born in December 1770.

“We are delighted to present this survey of Beethoven’s works that demonstrate his longevity and genius,” said Stamford Symphony President & CEO, Russell Jones. “Beethoven’s works are perfect vehicles to highlight the extraordinary musicians of our Orchestra. We are also delighted to give our chamber performances in partnership with [...] St. John’s Episcopal Church.”

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The season comprises three orchestral concerts at the Palace Theatre including Symphonies No. 5, 6, and 7 and the Violin Concerto played by Pamela Frank.

Music Director Designate, Michael Stern will conduct the all-Beethoven program on Feb. 22 & 23, 2020 and conclude the celebration in November of 2020 when he will be music director.

Learn More About Beethoven Here

Here are three videos from a lecture series by Gil Harrel on Beethoven last year at Darien Library:

- **Second lecture:** [The "Heroic" Beethoven](#)
- **Third lecture:** [Fate Knocking at the Door: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5](#)

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- Another lecture on Beethoven at the Library: [Beethoven and the End of the Enlightenment](#)

BEETHOVEN250

2019-2020 Season

[Happy Birthday, Beethoven](#) **BEETHOVEN250**

Feb. 22 & 23, 2020

Michael Stern, *Music Director Designate*

Pamela Frank, *violin*

Beethoven Overture to *Coriolan*

Beethoven Violin Concerto

Beethoven Symphony No. 7

[Romantic Marimba](#)

March 21 & 22, 2020

Jonathan Bloxham, *guest conductor*

Ji Su Jung, *marimba*

Amy Berger, *harp*

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Hannah Lash *Chaconnes* — Stamford Symphony Premiere

Emmanuel Séjourné Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra*

Debussy *Danse sacrée et danse profane*, for harp and strings*

Dvorak *Serenade for Strings**

[Fateful Beethoven](#) **BEETHOVEN250**

April 18 & 19, 2020

Lina Gonzalez-Granados, *guest conductor*

Milhaud *Le Boeuf sur le toit (The Ox on the Roof)*

Ginastera *Variaciones concertantes*

Beethoven *Symphony No. 5*

If You're Going ...

- Tickets start at \$25. Kids under 18 FREE on Sunday with accompanying adult
- Concert tickets include **free admission to the *Behind the Baton*** lectures by each program's conductor one hour prior to every subscription concert.
- **Just For Kids:** FREE Interactive MusiKids program on Sundays at 2pm. Recommended for kids ages 5-12.
- **Single tickets are available by calling 203.325.4466, online at www.stamfordsymphony.org, or in person at the Palace Theatre box office.**