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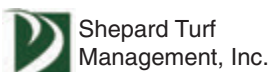
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# NEW BEGINNING

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New Bedford Symphony Orchestra



## DEAR MUSIC LOVERS,

One of the main roles of a conductor is to inspire the orchestra. But when I first came to New Bedford, I was inspired myself—by the fantastic musicians of the NBSO, the passionate staff and board, and the enthusiastic audience. It is therefore a great pleasure for me to be joining the family of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and to welcome you to our 2017-2018 season!

In planning this season, I aimed to make each program not just a concert, but also a unique event, something special and out of the ordinary that you would typically only be able to experience at a festival. For example, one of the programs contains both Ravel Piano Concertos played by Roberto Plano: the G Major Concerto for two hands and the Concerto for the Left Hand. In January, pianist Inon Barnatan, artist-in-association with the New York Philharmonic, will make his debut with the NBSO in a program of two monumental works: Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

This year marks two important centennials in the music world—the 100th anniversary of Finland's independence, in which music, especially that of Jean Sibelius, played an essential role; and the 100th birthday of legendary composer, pianist, and conductor Leonard Bernstein. We, too, are

celebrating these occasions: our opening concert will feature Bernstein's Serenade for Violin performed by Daniel Chong and paired with Mahler's First Symphony; and in November, we will play Jean Sibelius' First Symphony alongside a special guest performance by his great-grandson, the electric bass guitar master Lauri Porra.

In putting together this mix of extraordinary music, it is my hope that every concertgoer will find something they like and that resonates with them in every program. But this is not just an introduction to our season—it is also an introduction between you and me. So I thought I should tell you a few essential things about me: I am from Israel and moved to the United States about 10 years ago. I am a dog person, but I have two cats, Steve and Fergie. They live with my wife, Christina, and me in Milwaukee, where I serve as Associate Conductor with the Milwaukee Symphony. My instrument is piano, and my favorite composers are Mozart and Mahler.

Each of our NBSO concerts will be followed by a reception, so come and say hello. I look forward to meeting you!

Thank you and welcome to our season!

*Yaniv Dinur, Music Director*



## BERNSTEIN'S INSPIRATION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, 7:30PM**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

**Daniel Chong**, Violin

**Yaniv Dinur**, Conductor

**Derek Bermel:** *Dust Dances*

**Leonard Bernstein:** Serenade, after Plato's *Symposium*

**Gustav Mahler:** Symphony No. 1 in D Major

Leonard Bernstein was a true Renaissance man—conductor, pianist, composer, and educator. Among his many activities, he was committed to promoting new American music as well as championing the music of Gustav Mahler, which he helped turn into mainstream repertoire. Celebrating Bernstein's centennial anniversary, the New Bedford Symphony opens its season with a program inspired by Bernstein's endeavors and passions. In between the enchanting sounds of American composer Derek Bermel's *Dust Dances* and Mahler's glorious Symphony No. 1, the brilliant Grammy-winning violinist Daniel Chong, leader

of the Parker String Quartet, will perform Bernstein's own lyrical and virtuosic Serenade.



## THE SIBELIUS CONNECTION

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017, 3:00PM**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

**Lauri Porra**, Electric Bass Guitar

**Yaniv Dinur**, Conductor

**Lauri Porra:** *Entropia*: Concerto for Electric Bass Guitar and Orchestra (U.S. Premiere)

**Jean Sibelius:** Symphony No. 1 in E Minor

Not to be missed! Masterful bass guitarist Lauri Porra is the great-grandson of the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. In this concert, Porra will dazzle in the U.S. premiere of his own Concerto for Electric Bass and Orchestra, combining rock and classical music. The New Bedford Symphony will follow with the First Symphony of Jean Sibelius, written when he was just 33 years old, exploring the endless possibilities of the orchestra with fresh and youthful excitement.



# FAMILY HOLIDAY POPS CONCERTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017,  
3:30PM AND 7:00PM**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center  
Yaniv Dinur, Conductor

## A Family Holiday Treat!

Join the NBSO for the best holiday concert in town! The Family Holiday Pops Concerts feature all the holiday music you love, played by our great orchestra! Our family-friendly atmosphere and choice of performance times make this the perfect family holiday outing. The children's matinee at 3:30 features fun surprises for the young at heart, while the 7:00 concert features a bit more music. Both performances are approximately one-hour long, with no intermission. Share the joy of the season with friends and family in the festively decorated theater and take part in a South Coast holiday tradition! Let your holiday season sparkle with a special experience only the NBSO can provide!



# KISS OF THE EARTH

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018, 7:30PM**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center  
Inon Barnatan, Piano  
Yaniv Dinur, Conductor

**Sergei Rachmaninoff:** Piano Concerto No. 3

**Igor Stravinsky:** *The Rite of Spring*

Inon Barnatan, Artist-in-Association of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, has been hailed by the *New York Times* as “one of the most admired pianists of his generation.” Barnatan will perform Rachmaninoff’s monumental Third Piano Concerto. The second half of the concert will feature Rachmaninoff’s contemporary—Igor Stravinsky—and his ever-rousing and scandalous *Rite of Spring*.



# MOVIE NIGHT POPS CONCERT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018, 7:30PM**

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

Yaniv Dinur, Conductor

Relive the magic of the movies at our Movie Night pops concert! Join us for an exciting evening of memorable film music from *Frozen*, *La La Land*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Game of Thrones*, *Scent of a Woman*, *Pulp Fiction*, and many other new and old favorites.



# PARDON MY FRENCH

**SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018, 7:30PM**

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Roberto Plano, Piano

Yaniv Dinur, Conductor

**Guillaume Connesson:** *Night-Club*

**Maurice Ravel:** Piano Concerto in G

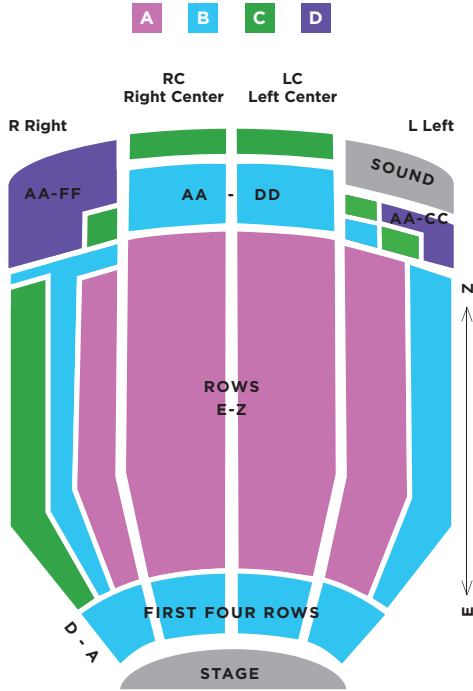
**Maurice Ravel:** Piano Concerto for the Left Hand

**Claude Debussy:** *La Mer*

Beloved pianist Roberto Plano returns to the New Bedford Symphony to perform both of Ravel's piano concertos on the same night. This program, featuring the flavors and perfumes of France, opens with the flary, humorous music of French contemporary composer Guillaume Connesson, inspired by funk and disco music played at a nightclub. Music Director Yaniv Dinur closes his first season with *La Mer*, Debussy's powerful and vivid image of the sea, in what is bound to be an unforgettable event.



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