

NFSO

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
at Northwest Florida State College

100 College Boulevard East
Niceville, FL 32578

31ST SEASON

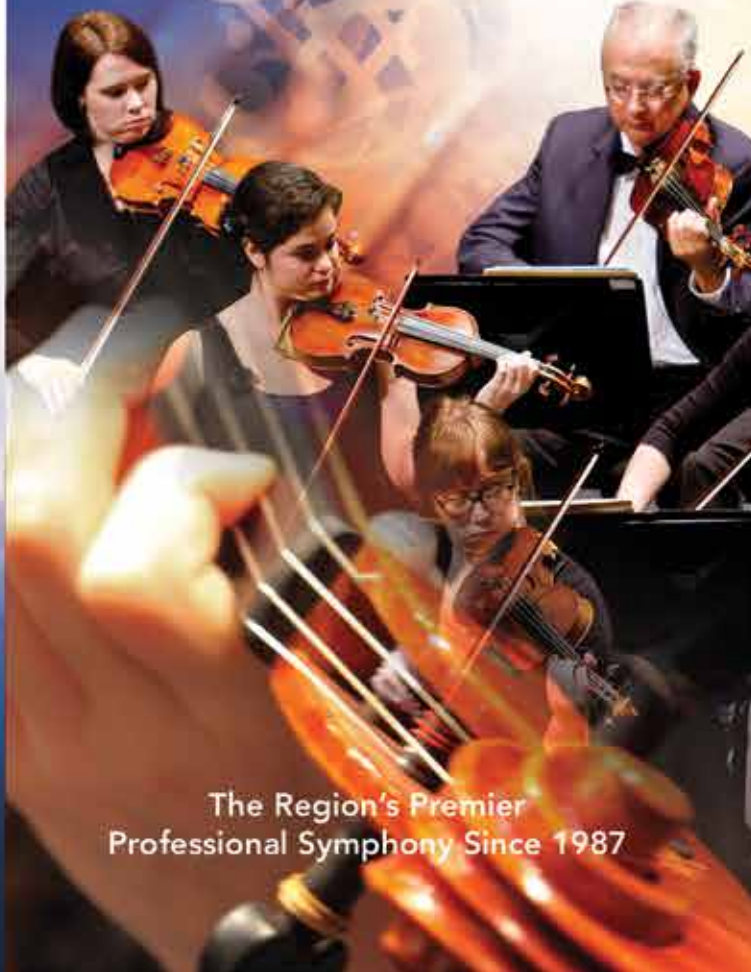
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The Emerald Coast's Premier Professional Orchestra... Since 1987

NORTHWEST FLORIDA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
at Northwest Florida State College

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The Region's Premier
Professional Symphony Since 1987

NFSO 31ST CONCERT SEASON 2017-2018

The 31st season of the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra features 10 Concerts, Recitals and Special Events that all showcase the Emerald Coast's premier professional orchestra! Highlights include a star-studded Special Event concert and Guest Artists from around the globe.

The NFSO performs in residence at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville and the center's magnificent 1,650 seat Mainstage Theater features a custom orchestra shell that provides the very best in acoustics for concert patrons. There's simply nothing in the region like our state-of-the-art concert hall to experience the marvelous music of the NFSO and our slate of outstanding Guest Artists!

The NFSO is a non-profit, fully professional orchestra operated under the auspices of Northwest Florida State College. Conductor and Music Director Jeffrey Rink holds the college's Mattie M. Kelly Distinguished Endowed Chair in Music and Conducting and is entering his 11th season leading the NFSO.



Season Subscriptions Include:

2017-18 Reserve Your Seats Now!

Reserve your NFSO Season Package by completing the form or calling our Box Office. Your printed tickets and Conductor's Circle membership materials (if selected) will be sent in early fall, prior to the start of the season. Reserved Seating selection is on a first-come basis.

Call the Box Office at (850) 729-6000 or submit your completed Season Subscription Reservation form in-person or by mail to:

NFSO, Mattie Kelly Arts Center
100 College Blvd., E, Niceville, FL 32578.
Info: Jeanette Shires at (850) 729-6004.

NFSO SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS FOR BOTH SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS:

- Discount off the Single Ticket price for all 5 NFSO Season Concerts!
- First Selection of Reserved Seating for Concerts/Events!
- Pre-Concerts Talks with Conductor
- **New!** Subscriber discount on **Symphony of Taste Food & Wine Fest** tickets! Add Wine Fest tickets to NFSO Season Package to receive \$5 off. (Subscriber Discount \$35, Regular \$40, At-Door \$45)

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GOLD NFSO Subscription - \$212 each

NFSO Gold Subscription includes the Subscriber benefits noted above plus:

- Reserved seat/ticket for Cirque de la Symphonie (NFSO Special Event)
- Tickets for all 3 Guest Artist Recitals in Tyler Recital Hall
- Reserved seat/ticket for all 5 NFSO Season Concerts
- Invitation to NFSO Holiday Pops reception

REGULAR NFSO Season Subscription - \$115 each

NFSO Subscription includes the Subscriber benefits noted above plus:

- Reserved seat/ticket for all 5 NFSO Season Concerts
- Invitation to NFSO Holiday Pops reception

ADD EVENTS to Your Subscription

- _____ \$35 Symphony of Taste Food & Wine Fest (Jan. 28, 2018)
- _____ \$37 Cirque de la Symphonie (Feb. 24, 2018)
- _____ \$20 Guest Artist Piano Recitals (\$20 each recital date)
- _____ Oct. 21, 2017 _____ Feb. 10, 2018 _____ May 19, 2018
- _____ \$25 adult & \$18 youth
- ADD Additional Tickets to single NFSO concerts

Specify Concert Date(s) _____

Add CONDUCTOR's CIRCLE Membership! \$ _____ Gift Amount

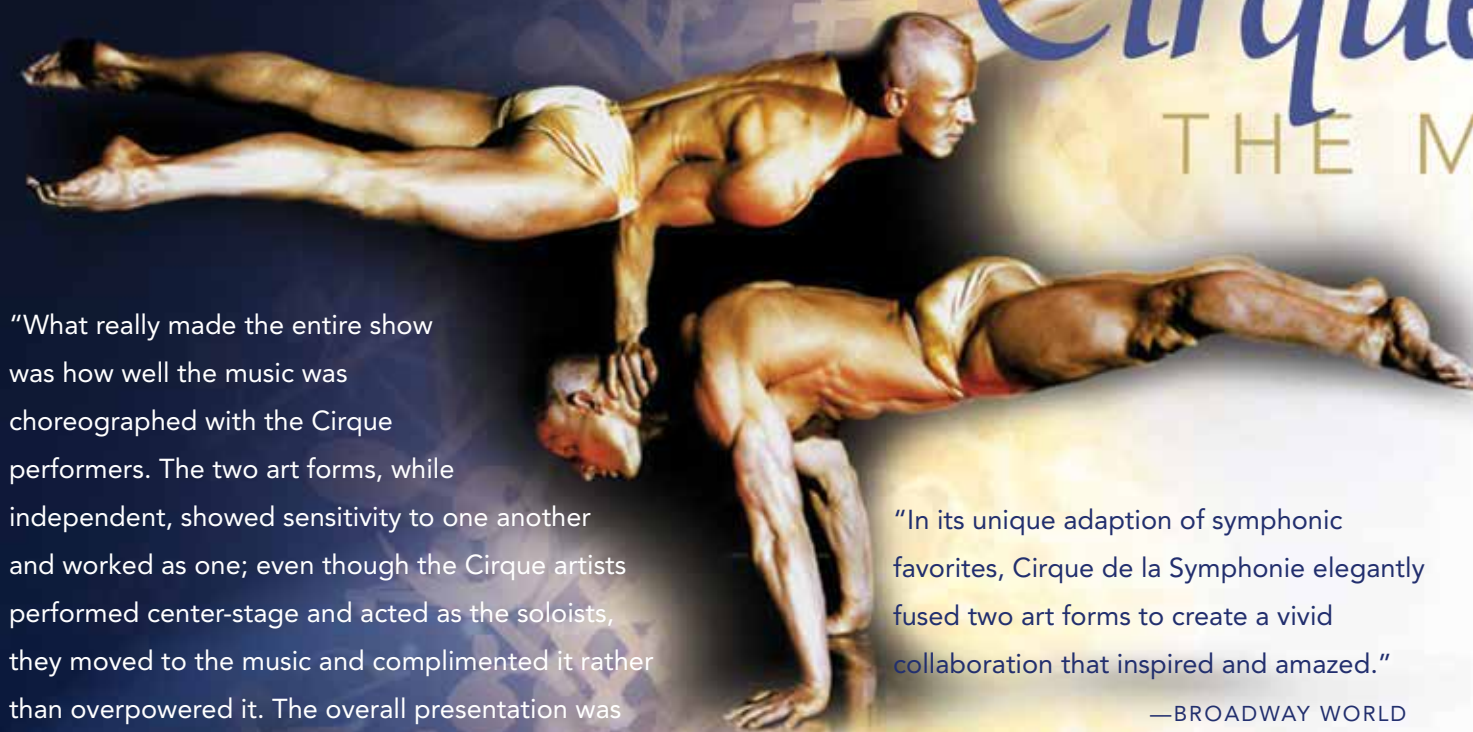
Make a tax deductible gift of \$250 or higher to support the NFSO in addition to your Season Subscription & receive Reserved Parking for all 5 NFSO regular Season Concerts, 2 free tickets to one of the 5 regular Season concerts to share with friends, plus receive a free beverage at concert intermissions and listing in all NFSO programs!

Add NFSO GUILD MEMBERSHIP

_____ \$25 individual _____ \$35 per couple

NFSO 31ST SEASON SHOWCASE

Cirque THE M



“What really made the entire show was how well the music was choreographed with the Cirque performers. The two art forms, while independent, showed sensitivity to one another and worked as one; even though the Cirque artists performed center-stage and acted as the soloists, they moved to the music and complimented it rather than overpowered it. The overall presentation was professional and entertaining, and certainly a show for the entire family.”

—TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

“In its unique adaption of symphonic favorites, Cirque de la Symphonie elegantly fused two art forms to create a vivid collaboration that inspired and amazed.”

—BROADWAY WORLD



Since 1987 the NFSO has provided innovative music education outreach to area youth – reaching more than 80,000 children with the Emerald Coast’s most comprehensive K-12 music education endeavors!

5TH GRADE CONCERT – MAY 4, 2018

For more than 29 years, the NFSO has provided annual concerts for 5th graders with specialized youth oriented programming and teacher’s curriculum. Call (850) 729-6065 for school group reservations.

4TH GRADE CONCERTS – LINK UP! WITH CARNEGIE HALL

In 2012, the NFSO was the first to bring Carnegie Hall’s Link Up! program to the region with a year-long music curriculum and fun classroom activities that culminate in an interactive concert with the NFSO. For information contact Lynne Sawyer, NFSO Education Director at sawyerl@nwfsc.edu or Jeffrey Rink, NFSO Conductor at rinkj@nwfsc.edu or (850) 729-6023.

NFSO Guild

The Northwest Florida Symphony Guild is a group of volunteers who support the orchestra and host fundraisers for the NFSO and its youth music education programs. Networking and social opportunities include monthly Guild luncheons and more. **Guild memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families annually.**

The Guild’s popular 27th annual SYMPHONY OF TASTE FOOD & WINE TASTING FESTIVAL is Sunday, February 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. **Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door.**

Youth Music Education

KATS – KIDS AT THE SYMPHONY

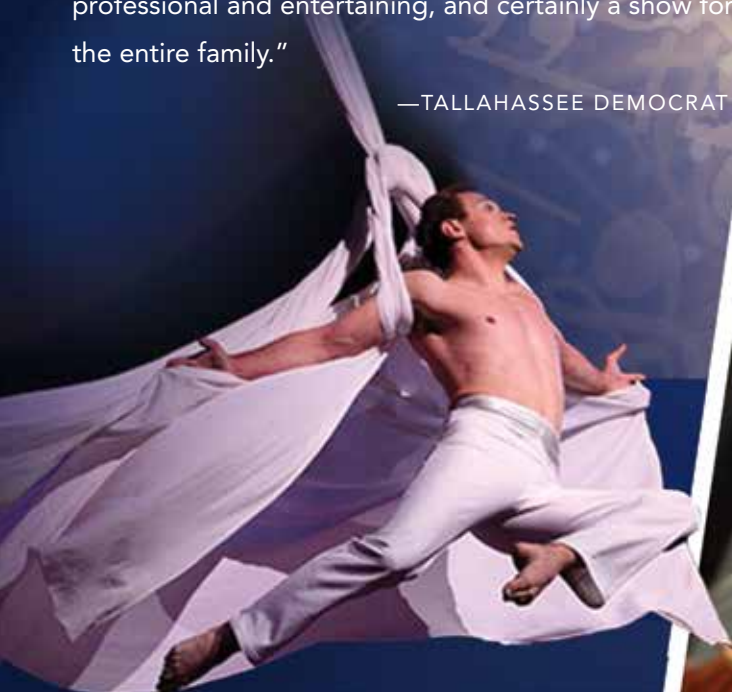
Since 2008, youth selected by area schools and their families attend NFSO Concerts free of charge and enjoy an on-stage visit with the conductor!

CONCERTO COMPETITION & STARS OF TOMORROW

For 29 years the NFSO has hosted the prestigious regional Concerto Competition for youth from 17 North Florida counties. Winners perform with the NFSO at the annual “Stars of Tomorrow” concert May 4, 2018.

NFSYO & JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

In 1998, a grant from the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild established the region’s first youth orchestra program.



NFSO 31ST SEASON GUEST ARTISTS

Piano Recitals

Alison Chiang

OCTOBER 21, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

Alison is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in piano performance at the Eastman School of Music, where she also received her bachelor's and master's degrees. For her undergraduate degree she studied with Nelita True, continuing her master's and doctorate degrees with Natalya Antonova. Her most recent honors include top prizes in the Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition and Lennox International Young Artists Competition, as well as Second Prize in the Wideman International Piano Competition.

Tzu-Yin Huang

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

Tzu-Yin Huang received her degrees from National Taiwan Normal University, and the University of Michigan as a student of Louis Nagel and Logan Skelton. She has won numerous competitions including University of Michigan Concerto Competition and most recently the Hastings (UK) and Wideman (LA) International Competitions which has led to performances in England and throughout the United States.

Chloe Zhang

MAY 19, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

Chloe Chuyue Zhang is currently pursuing a master's degree in piano performance at the Juilliard School, where she studies with Jerome Lowenthal. She has been lauded with numerous competition prizes and honors, including First Prizes at the European Piano Teachers' Association International Piano Competition, the Haiziman Asia Piano Competition, the Xinghai Cup Piano Competition, as well as prizes at the Wideman International Piano Competition, the TOYAMA Asia Piano Competition, Chautauqua annual piano competition and the Grieg Asia Competition.

ALISON CHIANG



TZU-YIN HUANG



CHLOE ZHANG



Cirque de la Symphonie

MAGIC OF CIRQUE RETURNS

...following our sold out 2015 event with Cirque de la Symphonie! Designed to bring the magic of cirque to the music hall, Cirque de la Symphonie is an elegant adaptation of some of the most amazing Cirque performances witnessed anywhere. They include world record holders, gold-medal winners of international competitions, Olympians and some of the most original talent ever seen. These new acts and artists from across the globe will enthrall the audience with aerial flyers and silks, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers and more—all choreographed to magnificent music presented by the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra!



"...dazzles and defies death"
—THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

All NFSO Concerts, Recitals and Special Events performed at:

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER | 100 COLLEGE BOULEVARD EAST | NICEVILLE, FL 32578

Box Office: (850) 729-6000 or toll free 1 (888) 8383-ARTS

Box Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (CT)

Online Box Office: www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

www.nfsymphony.org

NFSO 31ST SEASON CONCERTS

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2017-2018

Russian Nights

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 | 7:30 PM
 Rimsky-Korsakov | Scheherazade Op. 35
 Rachmaninov | Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor Op. 18
Tzu-Yin Huang, Guest Artist, piano
 Enjoy the music of Russian greats with special guest artist Tzu-Yin Huang of Taiwan, the 2016 Wideman International Piano Competition Gold medal winner!

Mozart Deconstructed

OCTOBER 14, 2017 | 7:30 PM
 Mozart | Eine Kleine Nachtmusik K. 525
 Symphony No. 38 in D major "Prague" K. 504
 Serenade in Bb major "Gran Partita" K. 361/370a
 The genius of Mozart is on full display as the NFSO presents his masterpiece for woodwinds the "Gran Partita" paired with his famous "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" for strings. The concert will conclude with his buoyant Prague Symphony which truly will represent the sum of the orchestras' parts. Guest Conductor: Jesús Medina

Holiday Pops

DECEMBER 8, 2017 | 7:30 PM
 Enjoy holiday favorites both secular and sacred musical favorites with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Rink and the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale.

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La Traviata

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

MARCH 10, 2018 | 7:30 PM

One of the world's greatest operas is performed with international guest artists, elaborate costumes, and the NFSO in a staged version of Giuseppe Verdi's fabled *La Traviata*. Featuring German soprano Vera Schoenenberg as the courtesan Violetta and tenor Yegishe Manucharyan as the young bourgeois gentleman Alfredo, along with baritone Ricardo Rivera and mezzo-soprano Olga Perez Flora and the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale.

Stars of Tomorrow

MAY 4, 2018 | 7:30 PM

The amazing talents of the youth Concerto Competition winners of the NFSO Guild sponsored competition appear as Guest Artists with the NFSO in the season finale concert that also includes performance by the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale!

TZU-YIN HUANG



GUEST CONDUCTOR JESÚS MEDINA



VERA SCHOENENBERG

OLGA PEREZ FLORA

RICARDO RIVERA

YEGISHE MANUCHARYAN