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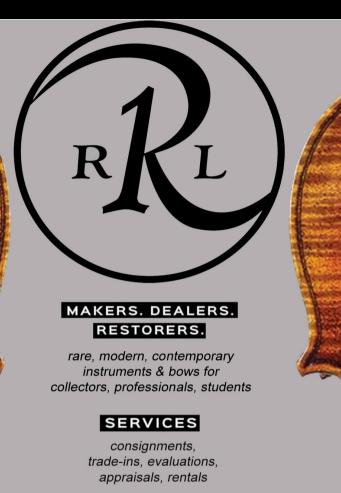


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CROUCHING TIGER CONCERTO, CELLO VERSION

TAN DUN, 2000, 25 minutes

Featuring Nathan Chan, cello

- 1. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- 2. Through the Bamboo Forest
- 3. Silk Road: Encounters
- 4. Eternal Vow
- 5.To the South
- 6. Farewell

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SYMPHONY NO. 1 IN D MAJOR "TITAN"

GUSTAV MAHLER, 1888, 44 minutes

- 1. Langsam. Schleppend. Wie ein Naturlaut.
- 2. Kräftig bewegt, doch nicht zu schnell Trio. Recht gemächlich.
- 3. Feierlich und gemessen, ohne zu schleppen.
- 4.Stürmisch bewegt.

Crouching Tiger Concerto, Cello Version, by Tan Dun, presented under license from G. Schirmer Inc. and Associated Music Publishers, copyright owners.

GUEST ARTIST Mathan Chan, cello

Cellist Nathan Chan made his musical debut at age three conducting the San Jose Chamber Orchestra. He has performed as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony and The Royal Philharmonic, among others and was hailed by San Francisco Chronicle's Joshua Kosman for his "profound technical gift and...his mastery of musical narrative".

Chan was a chosen artist for Foundation Louis Vuitton Classe d'Excellence du Violoncelle with renowned cellist Gautier Capuçon. Nathan earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Columbia University and has a growing internet presence with over 25 million views on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. (@nathanchancello)

Nathan studied with Richard Aaron at The Juilliard School, where he earned his Masters of Music. Nathan recently released his first NFT, collaborating with AI Artist Lia Coleman, combining classical music with machine learning art. He is currently Assistant Principal Cello of the Seattle Symphony.

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TAN DUN (1957 - present)

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The world-renowned artist and UNESCO Global Goodwill Ambassador Tan Dun has made an indelible mark on the world's music scene with a creative repertoire that spans the boundaries of classical music, multimedia performance. and Eastern and Western traditions. A winner of today's most prestigious honors including the Grammy Award, Oscar/Academy Award, Grawemeyer Award, Bach Prize, Shostakovich Award, Italy's Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement, and most recently Istanbul Music Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award. Tan Dun's music has been played throughout the world by leading orchestras, opera houses. international festivals, and on radio and television. In 2019. Tan Dun was named as Dean of the Bard College Conservatory of Music. As Dean, Tan Dun further demonstrates music's extraordinary ability to

Tan Dun's individual voice has been heard widely by international audiences. His first Internet Symphony, which was commissioned by Google/YouTube, has reached over 23 million people online. His Organic Music Trilogy of Water, Paper and Ceramic has frequented major concert halls and festivals. Paper Concerto was premiered with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the opening of the Walt Disney Hall. His multimedia work, The Map, premiered by YoYo Ma and Boston Symphony Orchestra, has toured more than 30 countries worldwide. Its manuscript has been collected by the Carnegie Hall Composers Gallery. His Orchestral Theatre IV: The Gate was premiered by Japan's NHK Symphony Orchestra and crosses the cultural boundaries of Peking Opera, Western Opera and puppet theatre traditions. Most recently, Tan Dun conducted the premiere of his new oratorio epic Buddha Passion at the Dresden Festival with Münchner Philharmoniker. The piece was co-commissioned by New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and the Dresden Festival, and has since premiered worldwide, and will continue with upcoming premieres in London, Hamburg, and Amsterdam.

Tan Dun records for Sony Classical, Deutsche Grammophon, EMI, Opus Arte, BIS and Naxos. His recordings have garnered many accolades, including a Grammy Award (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) and nomination (The First Emperor; Marco Polo; Pipa Concerto), Japan's Recording Academy Awards for Best Contemporary Music CD (Water Passion after St. Matthew) and the BBC's Best Orchestral Album (Death and Fire). Tan Dun's music is published by G. Schirmer, Inc. and represented worldwide by the Music Sales Group of Classical Companies.

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CROUCHING TIGER CONCERTO (2000)

"My music is to dream without boundaries. Tonight, with you, I see boundaries being crossed. As a classical music composer I'm thrilled to be honored here. 'Crouching Tiger' bridged East and West, romance and action, high and low cultures..."



WATCH TAN DUN'S ACADEMY AWARDS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Composer Tan Dun and film director Ang Lee's individual bodies of work have focused on the meeting of East and West cultures, and the fascinating hybrid that results — something no longer wholly Eastern or Western. Tan Dun's four Orchestral Theater works explored the ways in which a classical Western orchestra can generate music that is neither classical nor Western. He has likewise sought to re-imagine and re-invigorate the Western concert experience through the integration of traditions from Chinese opera, Asian theater, ancient ritual, and the addition of film and live video.

The Crouching Tiger Concerto is highly reflective of Tan Dun's current interest in the historical cultures of the Silk Road. Woven into the film score and concerto are instruments, their performing techniques and articulations, and melodies native to the cultures which intermingled along the Silk Road in China's Xinjiang province.

Of particular interest is the cello melody in the third cadenza which is a folk song from this region. Indigenous instruments of Silk Road cultures heard in this concerto are the tar (a North African frame drum) and the bawu (a bamboo, copper-reed flute which came into China from Southeast Asia). The rawap (a high-pitched, plucked string instrument native to the Uygar culture of the Taklimakan area) is prominent in the film score, and represented in melodies and articulations transcribed to the cello and the orchestra. The erhu (a Chinese bowed string instrument which has its roots in India) is evoked throughout the concerto in the melodic contours and sonorities called for in the cello's melodies and cadenzas. Additional instruments from the Silk Road can be heard throughout in the gestures and timbres that Tan crafted into the scoring of this Western orchestra.

The Crouching Tiger Concerto was written for and inspired by Yo-Yo Ma. The work received its world premiere on September 30, 2000, at London's Barbican Centre Festival: Fire Cross Water, of which Tan Dun was artistic director.

The movie "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon", was directed by Ang Lee, and features Academy Award®-winning actor Michelle Yeoh ("Everything Everywhere All at Once"), Zhang Ziyi, Chow Yun-fat and Chang Chen.

The title "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is a literal translation of the Chinese idiom "臥虎藏龍" which describes a place or situation that is full of unnoticed masters, or simply means "talented or extraordinary people hidden from view." It is from a poem of the ancient Chinese poet Yu Xin (513–581) that reads "暗石疑藏虎,盤根似臥龍" which means "behind the rock in the dark probably hides a tiger, and the coiling giant root resembles a crouching dragon." The movie refers to a legend that says "Anyone who dares to jump from the mountain, God will grant his wish."



GUSTAV MAHLER (1860-1911)

Gustav Mahler was a late Romantic composer, as well as one of the most important conductors of all time. As a composer, Mahler is considered the lynchpin connecting the Romantic era to early 20th-Century Modernism.

Born in 1860 in Bohemia (at that time part of the Austrian Empire and now part of the Czech Republic), he was the second of 12 siblings. Coming from humble beginnings, Mahler struggled with the sense of never feeling he belonged. He wrote

"I am three times homeless: a native of Bohemia in Austria; an Austrian among Germans; a Jew throughout the world."

SYMPHONY NO. 1 in D Major (1888)

This Symphony was first presented as programmatic music; music that tells or was inspired by a story. In this case, Mahler was inspired by his favorite author, Jean Paul, and his novel named "Titan".

Based on the Hero's Journey, this multi-volume novel follows the protagonist's development from youth to maturity, exploring the inherent challenges within German Idealism as well as providing a satirical look at the contemporary manners and mores of the time. As a university student, Mahler was intrigued by the subjects of literature and metaphysics, and took a keen interest in German philosophy, threads of which are often found woven throughout his works.

Mahler changed the symphony's title numerous times. It evolved from "Titan" a Tone Poem in Symphonic form to "Form" and then "Symphony" with the additional title of "Titan" by the third performance. From the fourth performance onwards, Mahler dropped all program notes, describing the work simply as Symphony in D major.

For its first performances, Mahler used the following program notes:

Part I: From the days of youth, "youth, fruit, and thorn pieces".

- 1. Spring and no end. This introduction describes the awakening of nature at the earliest dawn.
- 2. Flowerine Chapter (Andante).
- 3. Set with full sails (Scherzo).

Part II: Commedia umana (Human Comedy).

- 1. Stranded. A funeral march in the manner of Callot.
- 2. Dall'inferno al Paradiso (From Hell to Heaven), as the sudden expression of a deeply wounded heart.

Nowadays we only refer to movements as their mood and/or the speed at which they should be performed. For example: Movement I: Langsam. Schleppend (Slowly. Dragging.). And despite Mahler's decision to not use a subtitle for his Symphony, his First Symphony is still referred to as "The Titan".

WHY OLYMPIANS AND TITANS (FROM ALEX!)

During the OSO Music Director Search, the candidates were asked to build a season of concert programs. We were given all the information we needed, including a detailed list of what the OSO had ever performed in its entire existence! I was surprised when I realized the orchestra had not performed any of Mahler's Symphonies. It was time to perform one of his masterworks, but which one?

There is a chapter in Greek Mythology called "The Titan Wars" or "The Battle of the Titans." The Titans ruled Mount Othrys, and the Olympians would rule Mount Olympus. The Titans and the Olympians fought to decide who would rule the universe. In the end, the Olympians, led by Zeus, won.

As Olympians, it is time to conquer our Titans, and so Mahler's Symphony No. 1 was the perfect choice. Combined with Tan Dun's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, this concert program brings together a beautiful metaphor of believing in ourselves, showing the world our amazing talents, being brave to jump the mountain and believe our dreams will come through.

Program notes written by Alexandra Arrieche and Renée Zimmerman, edited by Renée Zimmerman



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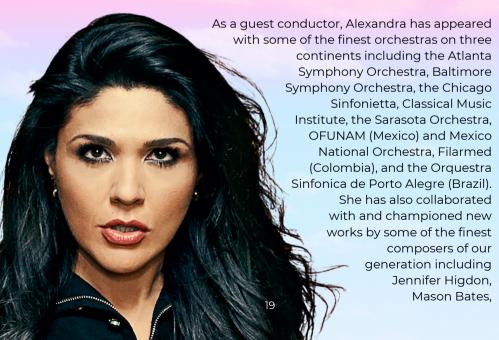
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Alexandra Arrieche

Working with the most important ensembles and figures in both classical and pop music, Alexandra Arrieche possesses an innate talent for moving adeptly between musical genres. She commands a wide range of musical leadership skills, engaging a variety of audiences and communities joyfully and with resounding success. These qualities distinguish her as one of the most unique and exciting conductors of her generation.

In 2015, Alexandra was invited to conduct the European Emmy Award-winning Night of the Proms. Due to overwhelming success, Alexandra was engaged as the Antwerp Philharmonic and NOTP's principal conductor and production company member in 2017. Alexandra collaborates regularly with pop music icons such as Bryan Ferry, Seal, Simple Minds, Earth Wind and Fire, Pointer Sisters, Natasha Bedingfield, Chaka Kahn, Roger Hodgson (Supertramp), Peter Cetera (Chicago), Alan Parsons and John Miles.



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During the pandemic, Alexandra started a Podcast series inspired by her experience with Night of the Proms called "Beethoven was a Rockstar." She explores the limits between classical and pop music, finding where the boundaries are, and breaking through them. The first season Alexandra interviewed iconic figures from both worlds including Marin Alsop, Mason Bates, Joe Jackson, Suzanne Vega, and Nile Rodgers. Music Historian Christopher Gibbs opened the season with the episode, "Classical and Pop: Was there always a division?" In less than three months, the series had thousands of downloads from all over the world.

Alexandra won the Taki Concordia Conducting Fellowship in 2011 and the Baltimore Symphony Conducting Fellowship in 2012. She subsequently served as a conducting assistant to Maestra Marin Alsop at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra, and at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music. Alexandra was also mentored by Gustav Meier at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and Harold Farberman at the Bard Conservatory of Music. In addition to her studies, Alexandra completed numerous master classes with world-renowned conductors including Kurt Masur, Apo Hsu, Robert Spano, Hugh Wolff, George Manahan, Johannes Schlaefli, and Cliff Colnot.

Alexandra is featured in "The Conductor," a documentary about her mentor, Marin Alsop. The documentary was premiered in Tribeca in 2021, with Alexandra opening the screening conducting young female musicians from the New York Youth Symphony.

Currently Alexandra serves as Music
Director of the Henderson Symphony
Orchestra (NV), Principal Conductor of
the Antwerp Philharmonic Orchestra, and was
recently appointed Music Director of the Olympia
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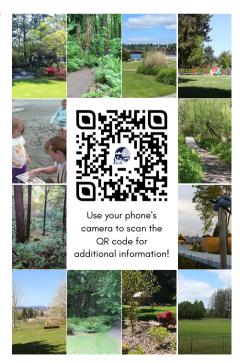
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- Audio/video recording is strictly forbidden in the theater. Patrons may take non-flash photographs between pieces for personal use only. Be sure to tag us in your social media @OLYSYMPHONY!
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WHO CAN ENTER?

Anyone living in Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, or Grays Harbor Counties.

WHAT CAN BE ENTERED?

The design should capture your interpretation of the phrase "True Colors." Inspiration can be drawn from the proposed concert programming and program titles (see adjacent page).

You may use any medium you wish so long as it can be digitized (e.g. have a high resolution picture taken of it).

WHAT DO THE WINNERS RECEIVE?

All selected artists will have their artwork prominently featured on the corresponding concert's marketing materials, including but not limited to posters, playbill, mailed materials, website, social media posts, etc. with their name appearing adjacent to their artwork. Additionally, each winner will receive tickets to the concert their artwork will represent.

EXAMPLE OF A CONCERT POSTER



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