Symphony Orchestra
Daniel Baldwin, conductor
50th Anniversary Tour
2020 Spring Tour
50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR APPEARANCES

**Saturday, March 21 • 7:00 p.m.**
First Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas

**Sunday, March 22 • 7:00 p.m.**
Trietsch United Methodist Church
Flower Mound, Texas

**Monday, March 23 • 7:30 p.m.**
St. Martin Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

**Wednesday, March 25 • 7:00 p.m.**
McKinney High School Performing Arts Center
McKinney, Texas

**Thursday, March 26 • 7:00 p.m.**
Cooper High School
Abilene, Texas

**Friday, March 27 • 7:30 p.m.**
Fellowship Lutheran Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Saturday, March 28 • 7:00 p.m.**
Blue Valley Northwest High School
Overland Park, Kansas

**Tuesday, March 31 • 7:30 p.m.**
Homecoming Concert
Center for Faith and Life
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**Friday, May 22 • 7:30 p.m.**
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**November 14 • 15, 2020**
50th Anniversary Reunion of the Luther College Symphony Orchestra
Luther College
Decorah, Iowa

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**Tour Program**

**SYMPHONY NO. 9 IN E MINOR, OP. 95**
(“FROM THE NEW WORLD”)
Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

Adagio; Allegro molto
Largo
Scherzo: Trio
Finale: Allegro con fuoco

**INTERMISSION**

**PELLÉAS ET MÉLISANDE SUITE, OP. 80**
Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Prélude: Quasi adagio
La Fileuse: Andantino quasi allegretto
Sicilienne: Allegretto molto moderato
Mort de Mélisande: Molto adagio

**CAPRICCIO ESPAGNOL, OP. 34**
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908)

Alborada
Variazioni
Alborada
Scena e canto gitano
Fandango asturiano
ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK
Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95
(“From the New World”)

While Bedřich Smetana may fairly be regarded as the composer who founded Czech music, it was Antonín Dvořák who popularized it. At the height of his musical career, Dvořák was the idol of Prague, and all of Europe waited anxiously for his next work. Hans von Bülow called Dvořák “next to Brahms the most God-gifted composer of the present day.” Indeed Dvořák’s reputation reached across the Atlantic Ocean, to North America; in 1892 he was invited to come to New York to serve as head of the National Conservatory of Music.

Dvořák was born on September 8, 1841. He was a rustic country boy from Bohemia whose father was an innkeeper and butcher. He was born a peasant, and his music has a strong peasant strain. Dvořák was not the most intellectual or subtle composer of his time, nor was he in any sense a revolutionary. For Dvořák, life seems to have remained a very wonderful, uncomplicated thing. Throughout his entire creative life, Dvořák was perhaps the happiest and least neurotic of the late Romantics.

As for his music, nearly all of Dvořák’s best melodies are nationalistic. Dvořák was at his best when Bohemia took over, when he wrote music that expressed or captured in some way his native Czechoslovakia. Like Smetana, Dvořák seldom used actual folk melodies in his compositions. He was an “absolute” composer who happened also to be a nationalist. He did not produce copies; he created originals.

Dvořák came to New York in September 1892 at the invitation of Jeannette Thurber, the wife of a wealthy grocer. She had been instrumental in founding the National Conservatory of Music, and she wanted Dvořák to serve as head of the institution (she was of course prepared to pay the composer a very handsome salary). In addition to administrative duties, Dvořák agreed to teach three hours a day, prepare four student concerts, conduct six programs of his own music, and take a four-month vacation every year.

During his three-year stay in the United States, Dvořák produced several pieces that have come to be known as “American,” among them the F Major String Quartet, the E-flat String Quintet, and the Symphony No. 9 in E minor (“From the New World”). Most of the New World Symphony was composed in the five-room apartment that Dvořák and his family occupied at 327 East 17th Street in New York City. The orchestration was completed in a little Czech settlement near Decorah: Spillville, Iowa.

DANIEL BALDWIN, CONDUCTOR

Daniel Baldwin is the head of the Music Department and since 1997 has served as director of orchestral activities at Luther College. Baldwin earned the bachelor of music (cello) degree from Furman University and master of music (cello) and doctor of musical arts (orchestral conducting) degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to his arrival at Luther College, Baldwin served as director of orchestral activities at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Baldwin received his formal training in string pedagogy as a teacher in the University of Texas String Project, perhaps the most comprehensive program of its kind in North America. Phyllis Young, director of the String Project for 35 years, was Baldwin’s cello teacher during his studies at the University of Texas. He studied conducting with Henry Charles Smith, Cornelius Eberhardt, Sung Kwak, Walter Ducloux, and Fiora Contino.

Baldwin has served as music director of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra and the Transylvania Youth Orchestra of the Brevard (North Carolina) Music Center, the largest summer music festival in the South. A 1991 conducting fellow of the Conductor’s Institute of the University of South Carolina and formerly a cellist with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra, Baldwin maintains an active schedule as a clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor. Since 2007 he has served as musical and artistic director for the Lake Chelan Bach Fest in North Central Washington state.
Pelléas et Mélisande, a play by the Belgian playwright Maurice Maeterlinck, exerted an enormous influence on musicians throughout Europe in the years around the turn of the last century. Performed for the first time on May 17, 1893 (in Paris), Maeterlinck’s drama inspired the composition of at least four musical masterworks, written by four distinguished composers. Of these four pieces, the best known and largest in scale is the opera by Claude Debussy, who began his project even before the play was produced and who enjoyed the collaboration of Maeterlinck himself. In 1903, the year after the premiere of Debussy’s opera, Arnold Schoenberg, who at that time still pursued a more or less Romantic course in his compositions and had considered an operatic treatment of Pelléas himself, completed instead the large-scale tone poem that was the first of his works for orchestra (Op. 5). Two years later Jean Sibelius composed a set of incidental music for the play. Earlier than all of these was another set of incidental music, composed by Gabriel Fauré at the request of Mrs. Patrick Campbell for her 1898 London premiere of an English translation of the play (which had been presented there in the original French three years earlier).

Fauré was not Campbell’s first choice. When she learned that Debussy was writing his opera, she approached him for music for her production, but he quite understandably declined, and Fauré was approached during his visit to London in April 1898. “I shall have barely a month and a half to write all this music,” he wrote to his wife, adding, “It is true that part of it already exists in my big head!” With help from his pupil Charles Koechlin in orchestrating the score, which included at least 17 numbers, Fauré had it ready in time for the opening. A short time later he lifted
from the incidental music several pieces that he revised and reorchestrated to form the concert suite, Op. 80, introduced in 1901.

The story of Pelléas et Mélisande is a dark romance; it is a story of forbidden love, in which every effort to do anything leads to tragedy. During a hunting trip, Prince Golaud happens upon a mysterious maiden, Mélisande, alone in the wood. Touched by her vulnerability, he offers her the refuge of his ancestral castle and his hand in marriage. Although she accepts the prince’s offer, Mélisande finds a more sympathetic companion in Pelléas, Golaud’s young half brother. Pelléas returns her affection, and with mounting anguish Golaud watches as their friendship grows into passionate love. Inevitably, Golaud’s jealousy leads to their deaths and his ruin.

The first movement of Fauré’s suite serves as a kind of overture to the play; occasional musical outbursts suggest perhaps the impetuous Golaud. The movement ends with a transition to the opening scene of the play (in which Golaud, lost while hunting, comes across the mysterious Mélisande by a fountain deep in the woods). As the overture ends, we hear Golaud’s hunting horn signaling his arrival.

The second movement (sometimes called La Fileuse, “The Spinner”) serves as entr’acte to Maeterlinck’s act 3; its nearly constant triplet turn provides the background hum of a spinning wheel. Mélisande, at her spinning wheel, talks with Golaud and his son Yniold.

The Sicilienne, heard before act 2, is characterized by the rocking rhythm of the delicate Italian dance known as the siciliano. Fauré’s Sicilienne was not part of the suite when it was first performed in 1901, but was added before the score was published eight years later.

The final molto adagio—which introduces act 5—is a quiet, beautiful depiction of the death of Mélisande. Though Fauré certainly never thought of the suite as a symphony, it remains his best known and most frequently performed symphonic composition.

NICOlAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34

In 1871, when Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov was appointed professor of composition and instrumentation of the St. Petersburg Conservatory, this youngest member of the so-called Russian Five had—at the age of 27 years—established for himself a reputation as a great composer. Rimsky-Korsakov had studied with Mili Balakirev, the leader of the Russian Five, and the undisputed leader of Russian music after Glinka died in 1857. But Balakirev’s...
curriculum seems not to have included many of the most elementary aspects of music composition, and only Rimsky-Korsakov knew how little he knew. Rimsky-Korsakov writes in his autobiography:

It was not merely that I couldn’t at that time have harmonized a chorale properly, had never written a single contrapuntal exercise in my life, and had only the haziest understanding of strict fugue, but I didn’t even know the names of the augmented and diminished intervals or of the chords, other than the tonic triad and the dominant and diminished sevenths. Though I could sing anything at sight and distinguish any conceivable chord, the terms “chord of the sixth” and “six-four chord” were unknown to me. In my compositions I strove after correct part writing and achieved it by instinct and by ear. My grasp of the musical forms (particularly of the rondo) was equally hazy. Although I scored my own compositions colorfully enough, I had no real knowledge of string technique or of the practical possibilities of horns, trumpets, and trombones. As for conducting, I had never led an orchestra in my life.

This was the new professor. An officer in the Russian navy, he was allowed to remain in the service, and he taught in uniform. What followed was comedy on a grand scale. Rimsky-Korsakov started to study furiously, keeping just one step ahead of his students. He went deep into counterpoint, harmony, and analysis. In a few years he became a fine teacher. And if there is any doubt whether Rimsky-Korsakov plumbed the depths of the fine art of composing for orchestra, one need look no further than his Capriccio Espagnol. Completed in 1887, Capriccio Espagnol belongs with Russian Easter Overture and Scheherazade as three essays in virtuoso orchestration in a style owing much to Glinka.
Luther College offers three high-caliber student ensembles for orchestral musicians: Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Philharmonia. Auditions for each ensemble are held annually and are open to students from all academic disciplines. Many members also sing in a choir, play in a band or jazz ensemble, or form small chamber groups.


The Symphony Orchestra performs masterworks of orchestral literature and new music in a concert schedule that includes a full-length fall concert, two full-length spring concerts, and featured appearances during Homecoming and Commencement weekends. Since 2001, the orchestra has been presented six world premieres. The orchestra also collaborates with the Luther College choirs in biennial performances of major choral-orchestral works and in the annual Christmas at Luther performances.

Nine chairs in the Luther College Symphony Orchestra benefit from endowed scholarships generously provided by Luther donors. Additionally, the Richard C. and Joann M. Hemp Family Prize for Orchestral Performance is awarded annually to a senior student in Symphony Orchestra. Selection is by audition and recognizes exceptional performance, talent, musicianship, and leadership.

The Luther College Chamber Orchestra, also conducted by Daniel Baldwin, specializes in repertoire for small orchestra and mixed chamber ensembles ranging from the baroque period to the 21st century. In addition to its own concert schedule, Chamber Orchestra performs with the Luther College Opera Workshop.

The Luther College Philharmonia is a symphonic ensemble that performs regularly on campus. Recent repertoire has included Beethoven’s Egmont and Coriolan Overtures, Copland’s An Outdoor Overture, Dvořák’s New World Symphony, and Ginastera’s Dances from Estancia. Faculty soloists are often featured on Philharmonia programs. Philharmonia is conducted by Spencer Martin.

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Christmas at Luther 2019: Whom Angels Greet with Anthems Sweet offers a reflection on the angels in our lives, both known and unknown. Includes performances by Symphony Orchestra playing “Nimrod” (from Enigma Variations) by Edward Elgar and “Introduction” (from The Fair at Sorochinsk) by Modest Mussorgsky.

A Far Green Country (2014) is Symphony Orchestra’s most recent recording, featuring Death and Transfiguration by Richard Strauss, Cello Concerto in E minor by Edward Elgar, and The Firebird by Igor Stravinsky.

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Symphony Orchestra
Vienna Residency Endowment

Goal: $100,000

Vienna, Austria, is a city of exquisite architecture, major art museums, storied coffee houses, and, of course, world-class orchestras. Known as “The City of Music,” it’s where Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Strauss, and Schubert lived, and where 10,000 people continue to take in live classical music each night. And it’s where, every four years since 1977, more than 80 Luther student musicians live, practice, and perform for three weeks during the month of January.

The Vienna residency includes daily rehearsals and coursework, often on current and historical aspects of Vienna, led by Luther professors. On free evenings, many students queue up to get reduced-price tickets to top-tier concerts.

While music is the heart and soul of the residency, Luther students also experience some distinctive Viennese traditions during the month—from relaxing at Europe’s biggest and most modern thermal spa, to attending a formal Officers’ Ball at the Hofburg Imperial Palace. Many students also take trips to Prague, Budapest, and Salzburg.

After a cross-continental journey, dozens of cultural excursions, thrilling weekend side trips, nearly three weeks of rigorous practice, and a triumphant performance, Luther students leave Vienna with new friends, new memories, and a deeper appreciation for the transformative power of musical expression.

The Luther College Vienna Residency Endowment will ensure this unique experience is available to all talented, committed student musicians, regardless of financial circumstances. As we celebrate the 50th-anniversary tour, join us in supporting the residency program. Your generous gift will help continue this unparalleled educational and cultural experience for our student musicians.

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To audition for a music scholarship, prospective students need to arrange an audition through Luther’s Admissions Department prior to an annual March deadline. Visit auditiondates.luther.edu for specific information.

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