

Echoes of Nature and Emotion
The Seasons of Winona



WINONA
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

2024-2025 Season





Erik Rohde, conductor

Entering his seventh season as Artistic Director of the Winona Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Erik Rohde maintains a diverse career as a conductor, violinist, and educator, and has performed in recitals and festivals across the United States and in Europe and Asia. He is the Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of Northern Iowa where he conducts the Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra and the UNI Opera Theater. Prior to his appointment at the University of Northern Iowa, Rohde served as the Director of String Activities and Orchestra at Indiana State University where he conducted the Indiana State University Symphony Orchestra and taught violin, chamber music, and Suzuki pedagogy. Rohde lives in Cedar Falls, IA with his wife Erin and their children.

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Vision

To bring classical music to the ears and hearts of every Winona resident

Mission

To provide enriching encounters with classical music through professional performances and educational outreach

Values

Excellence, Creativity, Community,
Inspiration, Legacy

Season Events

Concert	Date	Time	Location	Ticket Price
Summer Social	8-25-24	1pm – 4pm	Elmaro Vineyard	\$35
Fall Symphony Concert	10-26-24	7:30pm	Wesley United Methodist Church	*\$25
Barber's Adagio for Strings	11-21-24	7pm	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	*\$25
A Classical Christmas	12-5-24	7pm	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	*\$25
Children's Concert	2-18-25	9am & 10:30am	Winona Middle School	FREE
Deanne Mohr & Eric Brisson	2-20-25	7pm	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	*\$25
Spring Symphony Concert	3-8-25	7:30pm	Wesley United Methodist Church	*\$25
"Water Music" Gala	4-10-25	7pm	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	*\$25

Stay tuned for an interactive collaboration between the Minnesota Marine Art Music, Liquid Music, and the Winona Symphony to be announced later this season.



Ticket Packages

Tickets may be purchased in advance online at www.winonasymphony.org or at the venue prior to each performance.

Season Tickets - \$120 (General), \$100 (Senior/Military)

Featuring both our symphonic series and our MMAM chamber music series, season tickets offer the opportunity to hear masterworks performed by some of the region's top professional classical musicians. Save 20% and enjoy 6 concerts all year round.

MMAM Chamber Music Series - \$90 (General), \$70 (Senior/Military/MMAM Member)

Join us for 4 chamber concerts in partnership with the Minnesota Marine Art Museum jointly programmed to spotlight both the visual treasures of MMAM and musical masterworks unified by a common theme. A light reception follows each concert. Save on our MMAM concert tickets by purchasing this ticket package.

***Individual Ticket Pricing:**

- **\$25** Symphony Concerts
- **\$25** MMAM Chamber Concerts
- **\$20** Senior and Military Discount
- **\$5** Student Discount

Symphony Concerts

Fall Concert: *Autumnal Reverie*

Saturday, October 26, 2024 7:30pm

Wesley United Methodist Church
114 West Broadway
Winona, MN 55987

Fall in Winona can bring gentle breezes, multicolored foliage, beautiful bluffs, and a gradual transition into cooler weather. Autumn can also engender deep cold, dramatic frost, and even snow. These many manifestations of the season are all captured in the emotions of this concert. Gwyneth Walker's "About Leaves" breathes movement and energy into three Robert Frost poems, followed by the featured work for the evening, the vivacious Mozart Clarinet Concerto, performed by WSO's own Dan Sheridan. The concert closes with the romantic spirit and emotional depth found in Louise Farrenc's Symphony No. 3.

GWYNETH WALKER: *About Leaves* (R. Frost)

W.A. MOZART: *Clarinet Concerto*

Dan Sheridan, clarinet

LOUISE FARRENC: *Symphony No. 3*



Spring Concert: *A Season of Renewal & Awakening*

Saturday, March 8, 2025 7:30pm

Wesley United Methodist Church
114 West Broadway
Winona, MN 55987

Spring brings the highly anticipated release of the Winona Symphony Orchestra's first recording, featuring music by Libby Larsen and the talents of Clara Osowski and Alan Dunbar. To help us celebrate the release, our spring concert features music inspired by the recording project, including a performance of Larsen's *Raspberry Island Dreaming* and a work by Minnesota composer Dominick Argento. Coupled with Diamond's breath-taking *Romeo and Juliet*, the program brings back audience-favorites and CD artists Clara Osowski and Alan Dunbar, offering a performance that paints music of life, love, and beauty.



DIAMOND: Music for Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet

LARSEN: *Raspberry Island Dreaming*

Clara Osowski, mezzo-soprano

ARGENTO: *A Few Words About Chekhov*

Clara Osowski, mezzo-soprano
and Alan Dunbar, baritone

Symphony Concerts

Children's Concert:

Tuesday, February 18th*, 2025

9:00 and 10:30am

*Snow Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025

Winona Middle School

1570 Homer Road, Winona, MN 55987

Bringing to life the classic story of Peter and the Wolf, the Winona Symphony Orchestra is excited to offer area students an engaging performance that demonstrates music's power of storytelling. Experienced by over 1,000 students, our increasingly popular Children's Concert is a wonderful opportunity for area school children to discover the excellence of classical music through meaningful engagement and fun performances.



STRAVINSKY: Royal March and Little Concert from *L'histoire du soldat*

PROKOFIEV: *Peter and the Wolf*

Elmaro Summer Social:

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Elmaro Vineyard
14756 Delany Road
Trempealeau, WI 54661

Our 2024-2025 season commences with our ever-popular fundraising event at Elmaro Vineyard! Whether you come for the music, the wine, the company, or the view, you are sure to experience an afternoon of tranquil, bucolic delight. Relax with a complimentary glass of wine and personal cheese board; enjoy performances by the region's favorite classical artists; browse the distinctive selections of the Silent Auction. Come with your oldest friends and meet some kindred spirits!



Ticket price \$35 Purchase tickets online at: www.winonasymphony.org

“Water Music”: Chamber Concerts at the MMAM

Water Music Performances at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum

Minnesota Marine Art Museum. 800 Riverview Drive. Winona, MN 55987

Barber's *Adagio for Strings*

Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The opening collaboration with the Minnesota Marine Art Museum will be a moving performance featuring Barber's famous *Adagio for Strings* in its original form for string quartet. Paired with a new museum exhibition titled *A Nation Takes Place*, musicians from the Apollo Music Festival in Houston, MN will join WSO musicians to present a program that takes the audience through a complex and nuanced history of the United States. Barber's music, arriving with the genesis of World War II and the eve of the Great Depression, coupled with an exhibit that explores the role of water and race in the rise of the country, invites the audience to examine a larger frame to experience the connection between art and history.

BARBER: STRING QUARTET

BARBER: *DOVER BEACH* (FEATURING ALAN DUNBAR, BARITONE)

GEORGE WALKER: STRING QUARTET

*Hillary Kingsley and Erik Rohde, violins, Valerie Little, viola,
Ruth Marshall, cello*

WSO & MMAM present a *Classical Christmas*



Thursday, December 5, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate a one-day exhibit featuring Christmas and Winter-themed artwork from the Minnesota Marine Art Museum collection. This concert will be a classical Christmas celebration featuring the famous Corelli Christmas Concerto and an Advent Cantata by J.S. Bach with the Winona State University Concert Chorale. It is sure to be a joyous celebration of the holiday season that will draw listeners into the exhilaration and magic of Christmas.

BACH: CANTATA 62: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

CORELLI: *Christmas Concerto*

BACH: *Christmas Oratorio, Part III: Herrscher des Himmels, erhöre das Lallen*

WSU Concert Chorale

Colleen Chester, Alan Dunbar, and David Walton, soloists

“Water Music”:

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Deanne Mohr & Eric Brisson

Piano Four Hands

Thursday, February 20, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Winona's famous piano duo brings us 'en bateau' (French for 'in a boat') through a romantic program exploring water, boat rides, and beautiful melodies. The Minnesota Marine Art Museum's new rotating exhibit Fluid: What is Marine Art and What Can it Be?, offers a companion to the music that invokes images of Venetian gondoliers and rocking, swaying vessels in which audiences can envision themselves sailing on majestic waters.

DEBUSSY: *Petite Suite*

FAURÉ: *Barcarolle, Op. 26*

RACHMANINOFF: *Barcarolle, Op. 11*

CHOPIN: *Barcarolle, Op. 60*

SCHUBERT: *Fantasie in f minor, Op. 11*



'Water Music' Gala

Thursday, April 10, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Our season closes with another interactive event, featuring a festive performance of the work that inspired the entire series, Handel's Water Music. The wonderful Winona Symphony Orchestra musicians masterfully embrace this momentous work that encapsulates the close connection between music and nature. Handel's timeless music speaks to all audiences and will bring to life a season of sun, warmth, and delight.

SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL: *Water Music*

Musicians of the Winona Symphony Orchestra



WINONA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

About the Winona Symphony Orchestra

Proudly recognized as the oldest arts organization in Southeastern Minnesota, the Winona Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1908 by eminent composer Carl Ruggles. Following his residency in Winona, Ruggles went on to become part of a group of modernist American composers known as "The American Five" among the company of such greats as Charles Ives and Henry Cowell. During the Great Depression, the symphony disbanded but was revived in 1965 and has performed every season since then. Many esteemed local musicians have served as conductor and music director over the past several decades, including Milton Davenport, Sr. Genevieve Speltz, Marsha Mabrey, Dr. Robert King, George Stelluto, Valerie Taylor, Dr. Paul Vance, and Dr. Donald Lovejoy. Now under the direction of Dr. Erik Rohde, music professor at the University of Northern Iowa and prominent violinist and conductor, the Winona Symphony Orchestra proudly features some of the area's finest professional musicians. Comprised of more than 30 local and regional musicians, the WSO offers 3 concerts each season, including two symphonic concerts and our popular Children's Concert. The annual Children's Concert is a significant part of the Symphony's tradition from its earliest seasons. When the WSO offered its first Children's Concert in February of 1910, the Symphony was uniquely visionary at the time in offering a tailored performance programmed especially for children. Since then, the WSO continues its legacy of promoting an appreciation for classical music among children with live, free performances every season.

In the coming seasons, the Winona Symphony Orchestra is excited to advance its mission with initiatives to grow concert programming, increase educational and social outreach, and strengthen its community presence. By elevating and expanding its artistic and educational offerings, the WSO remains committed to serving our community and connecting our neighbors through the shared delight of music.



New!

Winona Symphony Merchandise

T-Shirt – \$25

Hoodie – \$50

Mug – \$16

Tote Bag – \$30

Available at concerts, or
online at: **winonasympphony.org**

Support

The Winona Symphony Orchestra relies on the generosity of foundations, corporations, and individuals like you to continue its century-old creative legacy of inspiring and enriching our community through excellent symphonic music, music education, and cultural leadership. In supporting your community's orchestra, you give not just to a single organization, but your gift enriches an entire community through the arts and reaches thousands of individuals seeking the beauty of music. We are grateful that your generosity allows us, in turn, to offer our gift to our audiences.

Visit www.winonasympphony.org to learn the many ways to support the WSO. From full concert sponsorship, to contributions to our educational fund, to general operating support, choose the level and program that's right for you. Your tax-deductible contribution can be made online at www.winonasympphony.org or by mailing a check to Winona Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 1197 Winona, MN 55987.

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