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Hochstein Announces Fall 2020 *Live from Hochstein* Concerts to be Broadcast on WXXI Classical 91.5 FM

Five-concert series features Hochstein students, faculty members, and RPO musicians

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The Hochstein School’s ***Live from Hochstein*** fall concert series airs exclusively on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM (no live audience*) beginning on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**, from 12:10–12:50 pm with a concert featuring cellist and Hochstein instructor Natalie Spehar performing music by Bach and William Grant Still. Other performances on the five-concert series feature Hochstein students, faculty members, and RPO musicians. One concert features all American composers, and another takes us on a trip to different parts of the world. The series continues through Wednesday, December 2. **See below for calendar listings of the full series.**

The *Live from Hochstein* concert series gives the radio audience an opportunity to enjoy classical music by outstanding musicians, including soloists, duets, and small ensembles. Hosted by WXXI Classical 91.5’s **Mona Seghatoleslami** and broadcast live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM, *Live from Hochstein* is the longest-running live broadcast concert series in Western New York. ***Please note that because of health and safety guidelines during the pandemic, the fall concert series will be broadcast without a live audience in the Performance Hall.**

Sidney and Barbara Sobel have provided continuous underwriting of the *Live from Hochstein* Broadcast & Concert Series since 1993. *Live from Hochstein* is also made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

For all concerts:

The Hochstein School's lunchtime Live from Hochstein concert series will be broadcast live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM (no live audience). Hosted by WXXI Classical 91.5's Mona Seghatoleslami.

Live from Hochstein – Bach & Beyond with Natalie Spehar

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

12:10–12:50 pm; listen live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM

Recognized for her versatile skill set, Hochstein cello instructor **Natalie Spehar** has performed live with artists including Disturbed, Cage the Elephant, 2 Cellos, Josh Groban, Sarah Brightman, Dessa, Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, Johnny Mathis, Michael Bolton, Il Volo, Michael Bubl , and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. She is also an active composer and studio recording artist. Her concert includes works by Bach and William Grant Still, among others.

Live from Hochstein – American Sounds

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

12:10–12:50 pm; listen live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM

The RPO Quartet – **Willa Finck**, violin; **Robert Simonds**, violin; **Melissa Matson**, viola; and **Lars Kirvan**, cello – performs an All-American program with a nod to Veteran's Day. The concert includes works by contemporary composers Luke Cissell, Kenji Bunch, and Caroline Shaw, and a piece by Elmira's Charles Griffes that is based on Chippewa/Ojibwe music.

Live from Hochstein – Travel Remotely

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

12:10–12:50 pm; listen live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM

Although our in-person travel experiences are limited during this unique time, music can take us to different parts of the world with no limitations. Pianist and Hochstein instructor **Yi-Wen Chang** takes us on a tour around the world with works by Catalan composer Federico Mompou, Leopold Godowsky, Taiwanese composer Shui-Long Ma, Brazil's Heitor Villa-Lobos, and George Gershwin (arr. Percy Grainger).

Live from Hochstein – David Hochstein Recital Competition Concert

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

12:10–12:50 pm; listen live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM

The 2020 David Hochstein Recital Competition winners – **Maxwell Sun**, marimba (Rochester, Grade 11); **Noah Lee**, violin (Pittsford, recent HS graduate); and **Amy Feng**, piano (Pittsford, Grade 11) – perform works by Schumann, Prokofiev, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Bach, and Stout in this concert rescheduled from the spring. Since 1991, The Hochstein School has commemorated the life of David Hochstein – a Rochester native and gifted violinist and composer – with a yearly competition for local upper-level high school students. Hochstein is proud to honor his legacy by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

Live from Hochstein – Madrigalia: A Physically Distanced Cup of Good Cheer

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

12:10–12:50 pm; listen live on WXXI Classical 91.5/90.3 FM

Our annual celebration of the holiday season with the choral chamber ensemble Madrigalia, Cary Ratcliff, artistic director. Small groups of singers – solos, duets, quartets – will perform selections appropriate to the season. Under Ratcliff's direction, the chorus has released two CD recordings: *For Better, For Worse: Music About Marriage*, and *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*. The chorus also contributed to the recording of Ratcliff's large-scale opera *Eleni*.

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