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Note from the Podium – Dylan Chmura-Moore

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To those who are in the house right now, who have loved the symphony over the years, I'm in awe of you. I'm thankful for you. A symphony requires a community to come together in collaboration to work, regardless of differences. And to those who can't be here with us tonight or to those whom we've lost over the past 75 years, let's not forget all they've given.

Whether they gave time, talent, treasure, or simply loved the symphony from afar, we are here because of those who stood before us. We are here because of their imagination, their creativity. We are here because of their compassion, their empathy. We are here because of their perseverance, their integrity. Their light, their legacy, continues because of your continued stewardship.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

This year, this 75th season, we honor our past by welcoming back to the symphony some of those who've helped to make MSO the gem that it is.

We begin with Karl Miller, MSO's founding Music Director. One of his favorite pieces was Sibelius' second symphony and so we perform it in his honor. It is also how we introduce a new collaborative program between audience and symphony. Something we're calling Audience Choice. It's as it sounds. You choose what we play! More about this on Page 13.

Tonight we also honor Holy Family Conservatory. They've turned 100 this year! Where would The Lakeshore be without the music education they've provided? We are eternally grateful to them for helping to make our community a more beautiful place to be.

Two musicians who are intimately connected to the Conservatory join us tonight, emblematic of how the Conservatory brought world class music education and performance to our community over the past CENTURY. Mozart's double piano concerto, about family and togetherness, is a perfect example of the impressive work they've done. ■

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Diana Shapiro was born in Moscow, Russia. At the age of 17 she moved to Israel and started her studies at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy under Prof. Berkovich. At one of her classes in the Academy, she was encouraged by Prof. Alexander Tamir to try playing as a piano duo with Stanislava Varshavski. The collaboration turned out to be a success, bringing them to the top at numerous competitions worldwide, including the world's biggest in their field – the Murray Dranoff Two Piano Competition. In 2005, the duo moved to Boston, where they studied under Prof. Victor

Rosenbaum. In 2011, Ms. Shapiro earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano from UW-Madison, where she studied under Prof. Martha Fischer.

Besides being part of the piano duo, Diana Shapiro has appeared with many leading instrumentalists and singers in Israel, New England, and Wisconsin. She accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Piano at the UW-Whitewater in September of 2023.

Stanislava Varshavski was born in Kharkov, Ukraine. A young piano

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prodigy, she had her orchestral debut at the age of eight. After receiving her initial musical training in Ukraine, Stanislava proceeded with her studies at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy in Israel. There, in 1998, she together with Diana Shapiro established the Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo. Within a few years, the duo won first prizes at series of international competitions, leading to appearances across three continents.

After studying under the legendary Israeli duo Tamir-Eden and Prof. Victor Rosenbaum in Boston, in 2011 Ms. Varshavski received her DMA degree from UW-Madison, where she studied under Prof. Martha Fischer. In addition to her collaborations with leading instrumentalists, Dr. Varshavski also pursues an active piano education career. Currently she is a Director of Music Education and Concert Series at Holy Family Conservatory of Music at the Franciscan Center in Manitowoc.

Since 1998, the **Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo** have gone on to capture top prizes at numerous competitions, including the most prestigious for piano duos – the Murray Dranoff International Piano Competition in Miami. A winner of the Astral Artists' 2012 National Auditions, the Varshavski-Shapiro Duo also won first prizes at the Italy's XV Piano Competition "Rome 2004," the Jerusalem's Kol HaMusica Young Artists Competition, the Israel Chamber Music Competition, the XIII Schubert Competition in the Czech Republic, and the First International Piano Duo Competition in Bialystok, Poland.

The Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo has performed in such distinguished venues as the HKAPA Concert Hall in Hong Kong, Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, Teatro Valle in Rome, and Lincoln Theater in Miami. They have appeared with the Radio Orchestra in Munich, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Miami's New World Symphony. Outside of their current home base in

Wisconsin and Illinois, the duo has recently given concerts in Georgia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Texas, where they performed Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos with the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra.

The Varshavski-Shapiro Duo has recorded for Bavarian Radio, Radio 4 of Hong Kong, Israeli National Radio and TV, and New York's WQXR. They have recently produced a CD in collaboration with the Wisconsin Public Radio. The performances were also broadcast live on WPR and recorded for a documentary film, presented on Wisconsin television.

As music educators, Varshavski and Shapiro frequently present lectures and master classes across the United States. In 2016, they were invited to showcase at the National Conference of Chamber Music America and served as judges at the Chicago International Competition for Piano Duos.

You can visit the duo's website at www.piano-4-hands.com





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While you're in your seat

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and with live music. And if you haven't been to the Capitol recently, there's now a bar on the second level. Sorry, the Capitol does not permit food in the auditorium. I so wish we could have popcorn.

PHONES. Yes, phones are allowed, just silence them. We want you to be you. Should you wish to check in on social media and share your experience, great. Take that selfie while the orchestra warms up or with friends at intermission. Take that video of the audience jumping to their feet after the show is over. We only ask that phones are silenced and dimmed so that they're not distracting those on stage or those sitting nearby. In other words, please be respectful to those around you. We hope that your phone blows up, really we do, we just ask that you keep it to yourself that you're so popular. And, no flash photography or video recording please—you don't want YouTube to suspend your account because you owe someone \$.009 in royalties.

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Program Notes – Dylan Chmura–Moore

MOZART

I choose to believe that Mozart wrote the double piano concerto you hear today for his sister and himself to perform. No one really knows if this is true, but Mozart, the baby of the family, did adore his older sister and needed new rep. to perform after returning home from a two-year European tour. He was on the hunt for a better, more-steady gig. He was 21.



Mozart Family, attributed to Johann Nepomuk della Croce, ca. 1780-81

His older sister, Nannerl (referred to as Marianne when she became an adult, though her given name was Maria Anna, not to be confused with her mom whose name was Anna Maria), was a first-rate pianist, a prodigy even, every bit as accomplished as Mozart when a preteen. And with her brother and acclaimed violinist father Leopold, she was no stranger to European touring, concertizing with her family in front of Europe's most noble families, and in the most grand of palaces. But when she turned 17 years old, she stopped performing in "family concerts."

If not for his sister, why else might Wolfgang have composed *K.365*? Was he simply infatuated with double concertos after his tour, having been exposed to different aesthetics and new ideas on his jaunt?

Maybe. He did compose several double concertos upon his return home (to Salzburg), in 1778 and 1779, including the famous *Sinfonia Concertante, K.364* (for violin and viola). There was always purpose to his writing but here we have a mystery, as no record exists to explain the "why."

Happy to be blindly blissful, I choose to believe that Wolfie led with his heart on this one. The reason is in the music. *K.365* is pure opera. It's dialogue. It's character. It's humor. It's strife. It's one part flamboyant virtuosity, one part raw, vulnerable human emotion, one part novel motivic/melodic/formal invention, one part conversational eloquence, one part learned craft. That's a lot of parts, true, but that's often why Mozart's music is fantastic. What's more, the music written for the two concerto soloists is equally virtuosic, perhaps requiring Nannerl's talents. Equal, yes, but of different personality! I wonder which part Mozart and Nannerl would have played, which part was written for whom. And perhaps most sublime, there are moments when one long melodic line must be performed by four hands, in succession, requiring a rare (sibling?) bond.



WA Mozart, attributed to Pietro Antonio Lorenzoni, ca. 1763



Manitoowoc Symphony, 1953

MSO Founding Director Karl Miller grew up in Kaukauna, moving to Madison while in high school, where he played in the band and orchestra, as well as in the Madison Symphony Orchestra. He also led one of the most popular big bands in the area. Karl's instrument was the trumpet. He entered the US Air Force in 1942, where he played in the 16th Air Force Band. After graduating with honors from UW-Madison School of Music in 1949, Karl taught in Eau Claire, then moved to Manitoowoc in 1951 and taught at Lincoln. He chose Manitoowoc because he believed the city would support a civic symphony orchestra, which he founded that same year. In May 1952, the new Manitoowoc Symphony Orchestra played its first concert. **Karl Miller conducted the orchestra for its first 35 years, retiring in 1986.**



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SIBELIUS

Some great symphonies have received great quotes. Not all! Two of my absolute favorites were penned by Sibelius. One goes,

“My second symphony is a confession of the soul.”

Honesty. Vulnerability. Truth. Humanity. This. Quote. And what makes this quote extra special to me is that these words weren't offered on a whim, or in poetic-heat, riding a high while in the middle of composition. No. They were written some 41 years after the work's premiere, in a letter to a friend, fellow Finnish composer, one Jussi Jalas (1908-1985), on New Year's Eve in 1943. That's some deep reflective thinking for you.

The second quote, even better than the first, describing his symphonic inspiration and compositional process, goes,

“It is as if God had thrown down the pieces of a mosaic for heaven's floor and asked me to put them together.”

Ever wonder what Heaven's floor looks like? What it feels like? What is its texture? What is its state? Does it sing when you step? Do colors burst forth from under foot? Is it memory, sustenance, light, harmony?

Sibelius had synesthesia, seeing/experiencing color when hearing sound, even hearing sound when seeing color. Thus, music was everywhere and everything for Sibelius and made the whole universe make sense. As such, he believed in the “Music of the Spheres,” which traces back to the ancient Greeks. They believed that the universe could be wholly understood



Jean Sibelius by Antti Favén, 1913

by numbers, or at least the Pythagorean Order did. They attributed numbers to our heavily bodies (read: planets) and, subsequently, relationships were discovered—the same relationships (read: ratios) as found in music.

Our math and understanding of the universe have improved over the past few thousand years, but many of their ideas remain true. For example, Jupiter has a 1:2 relationship with its moons (sounding perfect octaves, 'do' to 'do' in solfège). Pluto has a 2:3 relationship with Neptune (sounding a perfect fifth, 'do' up to 'sol' in solfège). Mercury and Venus have a 3:4 relationship with Earth (sounding a perfect fourth, 'do' up to 'fa' in solfège). These are but the first four notes in what Pythagoras put forward as the Harmonic Series, what is still the spine of our music today.

I briefly journey us down this rabbit-hole because I think it makes manifest that Sibelius endeavored to compose what surrounded him—music, color, math, nature, true to how he experienced the world, not an idealized or artificial thing. This is why



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many attribute this symphony, and much of his musical output as patriotic, nationalistic, even rebellious. When his second symphony was composed, Finland was under Russian control. In 1899 things began to change. A resistance movement was founded, the same year Sibelius wrote his famous *Finlandia*. Between 1901 and 1902, when Sibelius wrote his *Second*, the rebellion grew tremendously, many beginning to outrightly defy Russian political directives. (On it went until Finland declared independence in 1917.)

Sibelius' *Second* became a rallying cry for the country, regardless Sibelius' intentions, and almost immediately became popular, heralded propaganda freely disseminated throughout Europe. Ilmari Krohn (1867-1960), Finland's first ethnomusicologist proper, whose first book on Finnish sacred folk melodies was completed in 1899, called Sibelius' *Second* "Our Liberation Symphony." As you can see, it was all kind of happening at the same time. And so it's no curious thing that Robert Kajanus

(1856-1933), Chief and Founding Director of the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra (for 50 years!) and Director of Helsinki's university music school (for 29 years!) similarly, famously said of the music:

"[The *Second Symphony*] is a broken-hearted protest against all the injustice that threatens at the present time to deprive the sun of its light and our flowers of their scent."

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Dylan Thomas Chmura-Moore, D.M.A., is honored to be just the fourth director of the symphony and call Manitowoc a home. In addition, Dylan is Music Director of Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra and Associate Professor of Music at UW-Oshkosh, where he is director of orchestras. Previously, he was director of the Ripon College Symphony Orchestra and taught at Holy Family College. In addition, Dylan has conducted ensembles of Harvard University, New England Conservatory, Longy School of Music, Northeastern University, Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music, and other groups such as Callithumpian Consort and Shivaree Ensemble. Some of the conductors with whom Dylan has had the opportunity to intimately observe and work are Pierre Boulez, Robert Page, Larry Rachleff, Gunther Schuller, Joseph Silverstein, and Benjamin Zander. He is the author of "A Practical Reference Manual of Tempos for Musicians," published by Potenza Music.

As an instrumentalist, Dylan's notable international appearances include the Internationale Ferienkurse Fur Neue Musik in Darmstadt, Germany, and the Lucerne Festival in Lucerne, Switzerland. Dylan has recorded albums on the record labels Mode, Summit, EuroArts, Albany, TZADIK, and Accentus. His solo album, *Flag*, was released by Peer 2 Records.

Dylan was awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from UW-Madison.



He was a Paul Collins Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellow and focused his studies on the research and performance of newly composed music. Previously, Dylan studied at New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts, where he received two Master of Music degrees. Upon graduation, Dylan was awarded academic honors, a distinction in performance, and the Gunther Schuller Medal—the highest honor awarded by the conservatory. He received the Bachelor of Music degree from Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music. His principal teachers are Norman Bolter, Allen Kofsky, Mark Hetzler, Dwight Oltman, and Charles Peltz.

Dylan came to Wisconsin from Oberlin, Ohio originally, residing here with his spouse Sharon and their two children Sophia and Elliot. He wishes to sail more, camp more, instead spending too much time around his ancient home on projects that clearly should be done by professionals—but he loves it. ■



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At age nine, Mrs. Kulas developed an unexpected fondness for what some consider the most human of all instruments, setting aside her clarinet and picking up a bow. The challenges of competition and developing muscle memory heightened her interest. During high school, grieving the tragic loss of her dearest friend, Mrs. Kulas immersed herself in practicing. "I learned how to express myself through the violin music," she says.

Her burgeoning love of playing the violin motivated her to save every dime from her first job to send herself to a six-week orchestra camp. Mrs. Kulas earned her Bachelor of Music Performance from UW-Stevens Point. She credits her success to a number of fine and gifted teachers, including Everett Goodwin, Margery Aber, and Vasile Beluska. Mrs. Kulas also served as concertmaster for the Green Bay Civic Symphony from 1996 to 2003. She has performed with the Pamiro Opera Company, the Green Bay Symphony, the Clayton Ladue Chamber Orchestra, the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. Since 1985 Mrs. Kulas has been teaching violin at the Suzuki Music

Academy of Green Bay, and is a former member of the Wausau Area Suzuki Association.

Not only is Mrs. Kulas a strong musical leader but she also possesses the ability to play in a wide range of styles. Her skills and dedication as a teacher are especially valuable to the MSO as she assists players to navigate the technical hurdles of some very difficult pieces. In addition to joy and passion, Mrs. Kulas also brings a great sense of humor to her work. The Manitowoc Symphony is truly blessed to have Carrie Kulas as our concertmaster. Carrie is also the Director of Operations, working closely with the Maestro and the musicians. ■





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In addition to MSO, Mr. Miller taught in the Manitowoc Public School District, leading the orchestra program at Lincoln High School. He encouraged in his students and many others a life-long appreciation for music. He demonstrated the importance of hard work and perseverance, the necessity for teamwork and community, and the import of showing compassion for others. Karl Miller's founding ideals are a continuing guide for the MSO.

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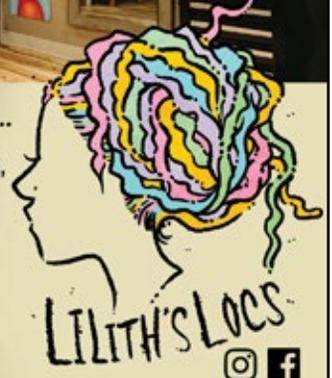
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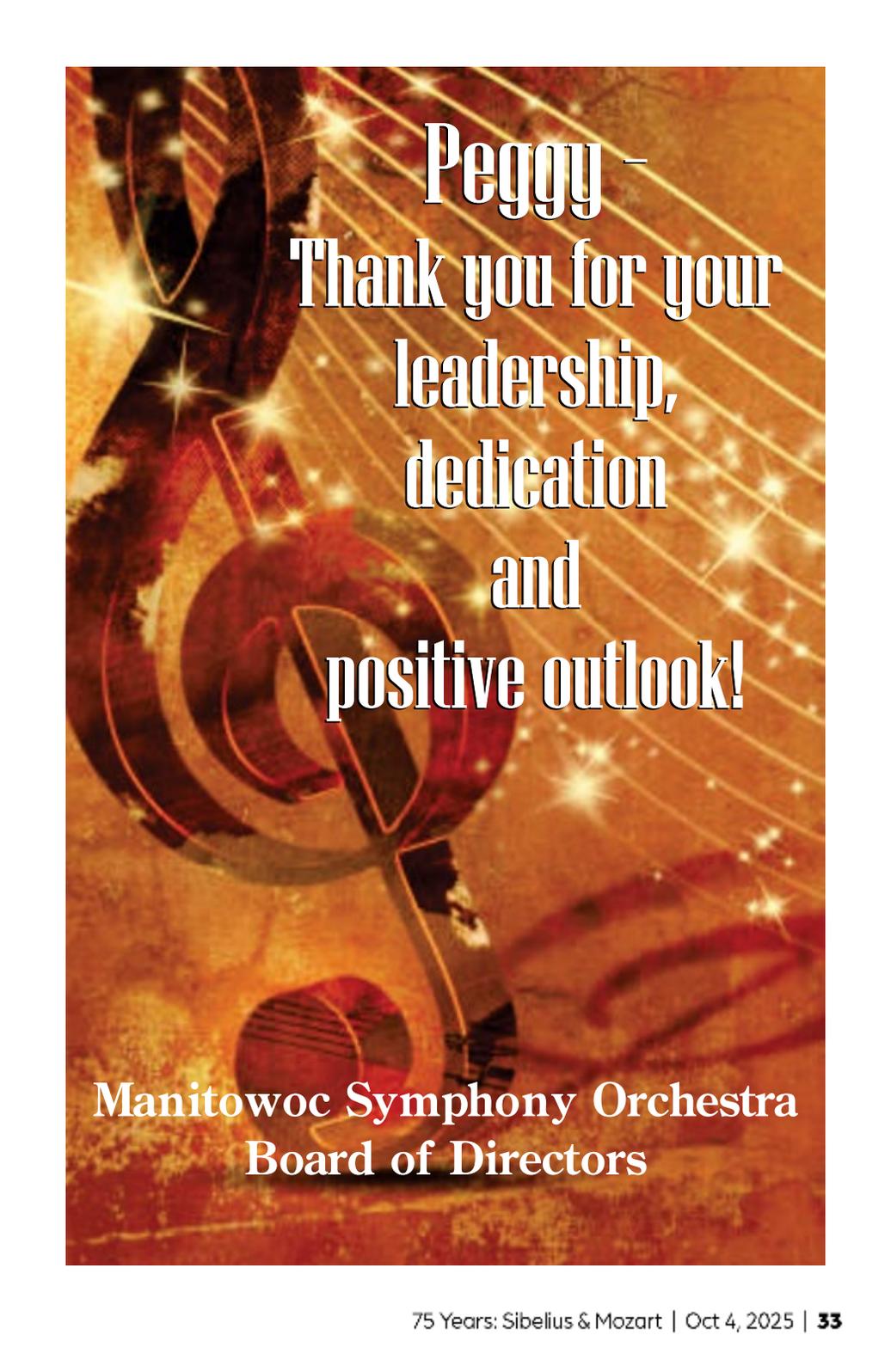


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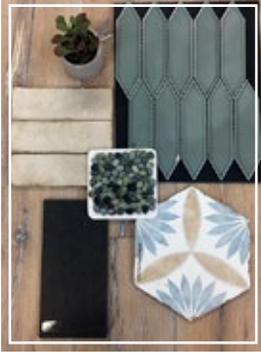
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