



What's Happening



You're Invited!
Friday, March 31st
Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra
7:15pm/8pm
Lecture/Concert
El Camino College, Torrance
BeachCitiesSymphony.org

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**Featuring Pianist
Rosalind Wong**

Still
Kaprálová
Beethoven

Maestro Pope



free
Admission/Parking

Join us THIS Friday, March 31st for the 3rd concert of our 73rd Season - at El Camino College. Maestro Pope will hold a pre-concert lecture at 7:15pm, with the concert at 8pm, feat. pianist Dr. Rosalind Wong. FREE Admission/Parking! Visit <https://www.beachcitysymphony.org> for info.



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"Trailblazers Alight" is the theme for BCSO's March 31st concert - as we perform music by little-known and/or rarely-played composers William Grant Still & Vítězslava Kaprálová, along with fan-fave, Beethoven! [CLICK HERE TO HEAR!](#)

HELP US PERFORM ANOTHER 73 YEARS?

THOUGH IT'S RAINING LIKE CRAZY IN SO CAL, BCSO is recovering from a dry spell...

BCSO Fans & Supporters..the pandemic and shutdown truly put into perspective how much we all have missed Beach Cities Symphony - we are so happy to be back! However, the shutdown, like with so many, also set BCSO back in terms of supporters, memberships and ad revenue - all the ways we sustain our beloved organization and keep our concerts free to the public (for the past 73 years!).

On that note, I want to ask a question...have you become a member of the Beach Cities Symphony Association? If the answer is "No" then I want to ask a favor - please choose to spend as little as \$40 and become a member of the BCSA which directly supports our orchestra.

If you've been to the last two concerts, you know that Dr. Geoffrey Pope is knocking it outta the park on ALL levels! BCSO, under Maestro Pope's direction, has delivered two amazing concerts this season - our first in October featured a French horn soloist, and the last one debuted a world-premiere composition by a young, local composer named Niall Taro Ferguson.

We are thrilled about our upcoming performance and the balance Dr. Pope

has struck between old favorites (Beethoven) and what are sure to become "new" favorites (Kaprálková & Still) - though they are decades old (if not close to a century old). We're especially looking forward to Dr. Wong's delivery of the Kaprálková piano concerto.

As we approach our Diamond Jubilee 75th Year in two years, with your donations and generous support and by telling a friend and THEM telling a friend, I know we can not only thrive but show the entire South Bay what an amazing cultural gem we have in our very own backyard.

In June, we will continue our tradition of showcasing the Music Teacher's Association of California (MTAC) student soloists! We are so happy to continue our partnership with this wonderful group, which allows us to ensure the next generation of musicians get a chance to show off their talents!

Thanks a million for your support - no matter how small it may be - because every dollar helps! Scan the QR code below or press the link to become a Beach Cities Symphony Association Member:

<https://www.beachcitysymphony.org/membership/>

Here's to a continuing successful season!

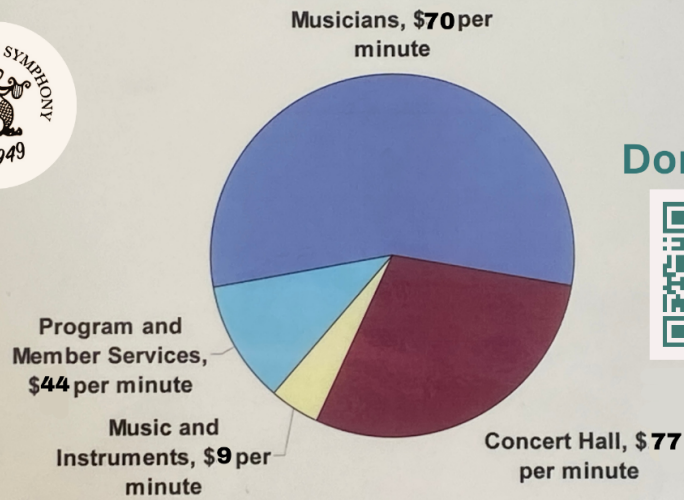
Musically Yours,

- Erika Snow Robinson

BCSA Chair & 2nd Bassoonist

What is the Cost of a "Free" Concert?

A Beach Cities Symphony concert costs **\$200 a minute**



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Conductor's Corner



BCSO Supporters, Musicians & Family-

We are thrilled to continue delivering a top-notch musical experience with our next concert of our 73rd season, themed "Trailblazers Aflight." We are featuring Vítězslava Kaprálová's Piano Concerto in D minor, a resplendent and overlooked work written in 1935. Kaprálová's death in 1940 at the age of 25 cut short a career that would have established her as one of the foremost melodic composers of the twentieth century. As a pianist and conductor in addition, her performances with the great orchestras of Europe during her short lifetime were groundbreaking.

Pianist Dr. Rosalind Wong is one of the most dynamic musicians I am fortunate to call a colleague. I have found her musical insight and passion inspiring. When I uncovered the Kaprálová piece, Rosalind was the first pianist who came to mind.

The "Dean of Afro-American Composers," as he was referred to, William Grant Still, blazed a path in Harlem before settling in Los Angeles. Another monumental figure in spite of enormous prejudice, he achieved many significant "firsts" – notably as the first Black composer and conductor to conduct his own work with a major US orchestra. Still's lush "Wood Notes" received most of its performances in the 1960s, but in recent decades, has gone largely unheard.

We will round out the evening with the music of Beethoven, a musical revolutionary of his own time. His innovation despite the rapid loss of his hearing remains viewed as one of humanity's most outstanding artistic achievements. We perform his rousing Symphony No. 7, whose iconic slow movement is familiar to so many.

Finally, please put June 16th on your calendar – you won't want to miss our "Artists of the Future" concert. We are so happy to resume our longtime partnership with the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) and feature three concerto competition-winning music students from our community. A new addition to this concert is the first of our yearly "BCSO New Voices" premieres – this year, the selected composition will be a brief new piece by a local composer in response to Debussy's *Nocturnes*, also performed on this concert. This is an event not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing you THIS Friday, March 31st and June 16th! We hope you continue to enjoy our performances and find them worthy of your crucial financial support now and in the future.

Regards,
Dr. Geoffrey Pope
BCSO Music Director & Conductor
www.geoffreypopemusic.com

Meet The Musicians.



CANDICE WOOD - BCSO VIOLINIST

Candice has been an integral part of Beach Cities Symphony since she joined us in 2004! She began playing violin when she was in the 2nd grade and was fortunate to play her way through high school under an amazing music program LBUSD offered at the time, as well as with some pretty esteemed youth orchestras like OCHSA (when it was on the Los Alamitos HS campus), Pacific Youth Orchestra, Pacific Symphony Youth Institute, and various all-city/all-state honors orchestras. She has been fortunate to play under the baton of some incredible conductors and music teachers including the following: Naomi Norwick, the late Andy Osman, Edward Cumming, Carl St. Clair, Barry Brisk, Dr. Robert Sage, and Dr. Geoffrey Pope, as well as her private teacher Janice Luna. Even as life got much busier, Candice somehow managed to keep up with her playing through college and thereafter with stints in various community orchestras like UCSB, USC, Claremont, Bellflower, and Beach Cities Symphony (Redondo Beach) which has been her “home” orchestra (and family) since she joined nearly 20 years ago. She is a Fundraiser/Events professional but she's moonlighted and played solo or in string ensembles for many churches and private events/weddings (still does!). She absolutely LOVES this “hat” she continues to wear, and feels so blessed to be able to fulfill her stress-relieving passion with the support and encouragement of her family. Candice looks forward to doing this for as long as her fingers can handle it!

FAVE BCSO CONCERT YOU'VE PLAYED?

REALLY hard to choose but I loved the last time BCSO played Beethoven's 9th Symphony with a full choir and vocal soloists (kickoff of the 2010 season!)

ARE YOUR CHILDREN INTERESTED IN THE ARTS?

My daughters, 10 & 7, are both rising stars in their respective performing arts (ballet and musical theater)!

DOES YOUR FAMILY ATTEND BCSO CONCERTS?

My entire family attends my concerts, including my 91-year-old grandma who I think has maybe only missed a handful of

my performances (which is quite the feat given that I've been playing since I was in 2nd grade - 37 years ago!).

Upcoming Concerts

ALL CONCERTS @ El Camino College's Marsee Hall in Torrance, CA
FRIDAY EVENINGS: 7:15pm Pre-concert Lecture; 8pm Downbeat

March 31, 2023

"Trailblazers Alight"

Still's "Wood Notes;"

Kaprálová's Piano Concerto;

Beethoven's Symphony No. 7

Piano Soloist: Rosalind Wong

June 16, 2023

"MTAC Artists of the Future PLUS BCSO New Voices Premiere"

New Voice Premiere related to Pulcinella - TBD;

Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite;

Four Various Solos by Youth MTAC Competition Winners - TBD

Guest of Note: Pre-concert Interview with New Voice Composer (Tentative)

MORE INFO

Get Involved.

BCSO is proud to always be free, always open to all and nearly 75 years established! That means we are solely run by volunteers, most musicians donate their time, and we rely on the generosity of donors like you!

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No matter what you decide you can do, please DONATE below and help us continue the amazing journey of our beloved Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra for another 75 years!

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Thank You Sponsors.

Thanks Brian & Erika Robinson for the client referral and for also becoming one of my clients! I'm happy to be a proud sponsor of Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra.

Congratulations on your 73rd season and your new Conductor and Music Director, Geoffrey Pope!



"Bought a wonderful house in North Torrance with Susan's invaluable help and guidance. Her local knowledge and experience in our market ensured I was able to find my future home, even though it was not on major websites and had no 'For Sale' sign.

Susan is super responsive, prompt, down to earth and very easy to communicate with. All aspects of home-buying were handled professionally, quickly and I knew I had the right Realtor after our first meeting."

- Brad C.



"Selling our home during a wild market could've been stressful but Susan and Nick helped us through the process beautifully. They were hands-on, professional, and personally in touch daily, as often as necessary.

Susan's insight was invaluable and her and Nick went above and beyond, getting us top dollar during a seamless process. We are so glad we referred her team to others we know AND they are now OUR Realtors for life, too!

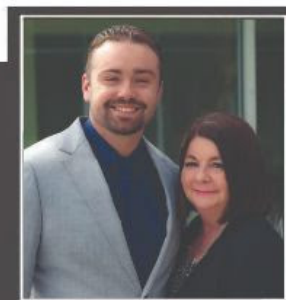
- Brian & Erika R.

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Salute to a New Season

Beach Cities Symphony

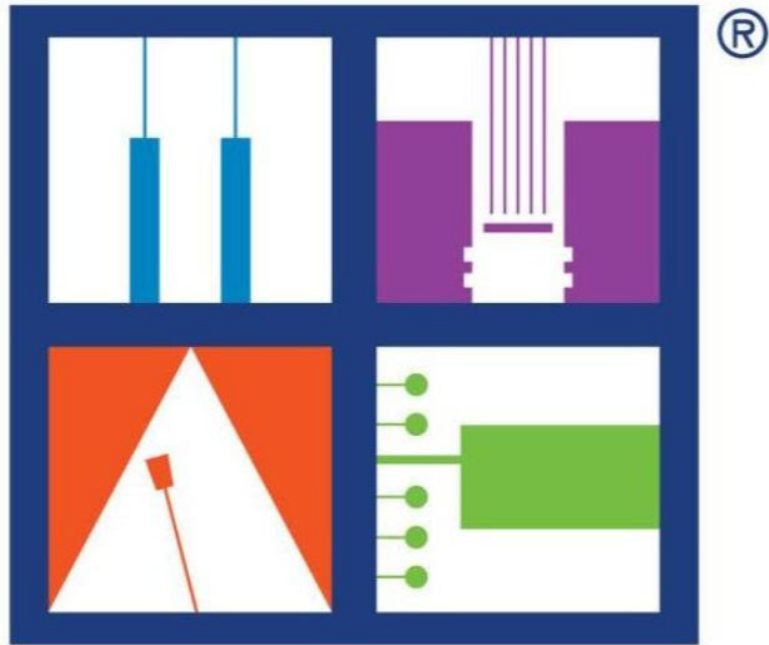


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2022 - 2023 Season

**In Memory of
BCSO's French Hornist
Mr. Bob Peterson
and his 70 years
with our Symphony**





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THANK YOU Music Teacher's Association of California for being a BCSO Partner!
We look forward to hearing your amazing student soloists at our June 16th concert!

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