



World Youth Symphony Orchestra

Cristian Măcelaru, conductor

Sunday, July 9, 2023 • 7:30 p.m.

Kresge Auditorium

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Thank you for investing in the artists of tomorrow. I hope you enjoy the performance.

Trey Devey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trey Devey', enclosed within a simple, hand-drawn oval shape.

President, Interlochen Center for the Arts

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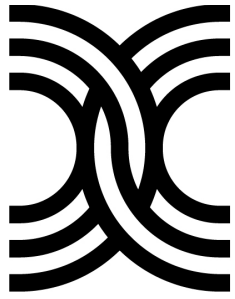
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Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 Max Bruch
Vorspiel. Allegro moderato (1838-1920)
Adagio
Finale. Allegro energico

Philippe Quint, violin soloist

Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68 Johannes Brahms
Un poco sostenuto–Allegro (1833-1897)
Andante sostenuto
Un poco allegretto e grazioso
Adagio–Allegro non troppo, ma con brio

*The audience is requested to remain seated
during the playing of the Interlochen Theme.*

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PROGRAM NOTES

by Amanda Sewell

Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26

Max Bruch

Instrumentation: 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, and strings, plus solo violin

Duration: 25 minutes

There are a lot of parallels between the two composers on today's program. Max Bruch and Johannes Brahms were just five years apart in age, they both spent most of their careers in Germany, and they both struggled to compose in the shadow of Beethoven. The two were also close friends.

Not only were Brahms and Bruch friends—both were also friends with the legendary violinist Joseph Joachim. He worked closely with both composers for decades, advising them on their violin concertos. Near the end of his life, Joachim said, "The Germans have four violin concertos. The greatest and most

uncompromising is Beethoven's. The concerto by Brahms vies with it in seriousness. The richest and most seductive was written by Max Bruch. The most inward and the heart's jewel is Mendelssohn's."

That "rich" and "seductive" Bruch violin concerto is featured on today's program. Bruch completed the piece in 1866 and conducted its first performance. Afterwards, he heavily revised it with help from Joachim, who was the soloist at the concerto's next performance in 1868.

While Brahms struggled to get out of the shadow of Beethoven, Bruch had a different kind of problem: He couldn't get out of his own shadow, as it were. Audiences and performers loved this first violin concerto so much that they had no interest in the two subsequent violin concertos that Bruch composed, nor did they care much about his several other pieces for solo violin and orchestra, including an Adagio appassionato, a Concert Piece, a Romance, and a Serenade. Refer to the above quote from Joachim, in which the violinist mentions Bruch's "violin concerto" without designating which one: he likely meant the first and completely overlooked the other two, much to Bruch's annoyance. The only other Bruch work for violin and orchestra that even comes close to the first concerto in popularity is his Scottish Fantasy, and the two are often paired on album recordings.

Bruch's legacy was damaged by global politics during the first part of the 20th century. He was impoverished near the end of his life, and since World War I was raging and the global economy was in chaos, he didn't receive royalties from international sales of his music. He gave his precious autographed copy of the score of the first violin concerto to colleagues, asking them to sell it for him. They stole the score instead, hiding it for nearly 30 years until they sold it to a collector. (It's safe in a library today.) The Nazi Party also wrote Bruch out of German history. Bruch's piece *Kol Nidrei* for cello and orchestra quotes the incantation heard at the beginning of the Yom Kippur service. His use of this thematic material led to speculation that he was Jewish, even though he was raised Protestant and his middle name was Christian. When the Nazi Party rose to power, about a decade after Bruch's death, they scrubbed Bruch's music from orchestra programs because he was a "possible Jew."

Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68

Johannes Brahms

Instrumentation: 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, contrabassoon, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, timpani, strings

Duration: 50 minutes

It's hard to comprehend the amount of pressure that symphonic composers in the middle of the 19th century felt. Beethoven had died in 1827, but he had revolutionized the symphony as a form and genre. Any new symphony composed was always going to be compared to those of Beethoven. Poor Robert Schumann presented two movements of a symphony in progress at a concert in 1833—but it happened to be on the same program as Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

Defeated, Schumann set those symphonic movements aside after that concert and didn't try to write a symphony again for almost a decade. There was just no way a symphonic composer could escape what scholars term "the shadow of Beethoven."

After Beethoven's death, some composers and critics wondered if the symphony as a genre was dead too. There didn't seem to be any composer who might succeed Beethoven as a symphonist, and anyone who tried was probably foolish to think they even had a chance of measuring up. For a couple of decades, conversations focused on whether the symphony had reached its zenith in Beethoven's hands.

Johannes Brahms was born in 1833, six years after Beethoven's death, but the shadow of Beethoven covered Brahms his entire career. At one point, he famously said, "I will never compose a symphony! You have no idea how it feels to hear such a giant marching behind you." For a long time, Brahms felt too much pressure from the marching giant of Beethoven's legacy to feel like he could even try writing a symphony.

Others felt more confidence in Brahms than he did in himself. Robert Schumann wrote an article in 1853 called "New Paths," in which he praised the 20-year-old Brahms, claimed that the young composer's excellence was "fated," and expressed faith that Brahms represented the future of music. This article was upsetting to Brahms, who wrote to Schumann that the elder composer's praise raised the expectations of him so much that he didn't think he would ever be able to fulfill them.

Only at the age of 43 did Brahms complete his first symphony. (Middle-aged readers with unrealized dreams and goals can take solace in this fact.) Almost immediately, some critics dubbed it "Beethoven's 10th," a comparison that was probably unavoidable. Brahms remained very cautious with the symphony, insisting that it be performed in at least six different cities before he would allow it to be published. He also avoided saying anything positive about it, even to his friends; in fact, in his letters to friends, Brahms said the symphony was "not exactly charming" and also "long and difficult."

Although it took a long time for Brahms to begin writing symphonies that he felt confident about, those symphonies almost immediately found their way into the canonic repertoire of orchestras around the world. His Symphony No. 2, for example, was performed at Interlochen's National Music Camp in 1928, during the Camp's very first summer.

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GRAMMY® Award winning conductor **CRISTIAN MĂCELARU** is Artistic Director of the George Enescu Festival and Competition, Music Director of the Orchestre National de France, Chief Conductor of the WDR Sinfonieorchester, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Interlochen Center for the Arts' World Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director and Conductor of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

In his inaugural season as Artistic Director, Măcelaru appears at the 2023 George Enescu Festival leading the George Enescu Philharmonic, WDR Sinfonieorchester, and Orchestre National de France alongside the Romanian Youth Orchestra. Additional 2023/24 season highlights include guest appearances with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

The 2023/24 season marks Măcelaru's fifth season as Chief Conductor at the WDR Sinfonieorchester, and his fourth season as Music Director of the Orchestre National de France. Măcelaru leads the latter in their second international tour, with concerts in Vienna and Innsbruck, Austria; Zaragoza, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, and Girona, Spain; and Perpignan, Narbonne, and Toulouse, France.

Highlights from the 2023 summer season include leading the Luxembourg Philharmonic with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Orchestre National de France at the Bastille Day Concert de Paris for the second time, and Chamber Symphony Orchestra at Aspen Music Festival. Summer 2023 marks Măcelaru's fourth season as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen and seventh season at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

Măcelaru attracted international attention for the first time in 2012, stepping in with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and receiving the "Solti Emerging Conductor Award" for young conductors, followed in 2014 by the "Solti Conducting Award." He has performed regularly at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, and National Symphony Orchestra. Since his debut in April 2013, he has led the Philadelphia Orchestra over 150 times and served there for three seasons as Conductor-in-Residence.

Măcelaru studied at Interlochen Arts Academy, the University of Miami, and Rice University with Larry Rachleff, as well as Tanglewood Music Center and Aspen Music Festival in master classes with David Zinman, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, Oliver Knussen, and Stefan Asbury.

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With an award-winning discography of 17 commercial releases that can be found on Warner Classics, Naxos, and Avanti Classics, Philippe Quint regularly appears

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Quint's appearances in recent seasons have taken him to the London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Houston Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony, Weimar Staatskapelle, Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Bilbao Orkestra Sinfonikoa, China National Symphony, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Berlin Komische Oper Orchestra, Leipzig's MDR performing under the batons of such renowned conductors such as the late Kurt Masur, Edo De Waart, Andrew Litton, Tugan Sokhiev, Ludovic Morlot, James Gaffigan, Carl St. Clair, Michael Stern, Vladimir Spivakov, Cristian Măcelaru, Kristian Jarvi, Krzysztof Urbanski, Jorge Mester, Jahja Ling, Krzysztof Urbanski, Carlos Miguel Prieto, Tugan Sokhiev, Tito Munoz, Steven Sloane, and Bramwell Tovey.

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