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WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES
The Power of
Storytelling Through Music

peter and the Wolf

Presented by the
Kenwood Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Chautauqua Fine Arts Center
8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

The Wildwood Artist Series is a committee of the
Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF)



UPCOMING 2023-2024 SERIES EVENTS

All concerts (unless otherwise stated) are held in the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center of Mahtomedi High School.

Sing Along – at the Dugout Bar in Mahtomedi

Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 7pm

A Cappella Showcase

Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ 7pm



To purchase tickets or to make a tax-deductible donation visit wildwoodartistseries.com, scan this QR code or call 612-655-6023.

The Chautauqua Fine Arts Center provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby. Public restrooms are located off the lobby in either direction. Beverages and food are limited to the lobby or high school commons and may not be brought into the Center. Fire codes prohibit seating in the aisles. Our buildings and grounds are smoke free.

WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES VOLUNTEERS

David Bennett	MAEF Representative
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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee! We currently are in need of someone to help with our Programs. To learn more, contact Julie at info.wildwoodartistseries@gmail.com or (612) 655-6023.

IN-SCHOOL ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

2016-2017	Ross Sutter at Wildwood Elementary
2017-2018	J.D. Steele at OH Anderson Elementary
2018-2019	Dr. Scott Agster with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Bands
2019-2020	Kyle Pederson with Mahtomedi Middle And High School Choirs
2020-2021	James Hersch at Wildwood Elementary
2021-2022	Peter Mayer at OH Anderson Elementary
2022-2023	Sowah Mensah Mahtomedi Middle
2023-2024	TBA - Mahtomedi High School

DONORS to ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

(January 1, 2023 – January 7, 2024)

Thank you for your support of this incredible legacy program. Ellie Bruner, our founder, is very missed.

Mary Kaye & Greg Anderson | Linda Anderson
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PETER AND THE WOLF

Russian-born Prokofiev wrote his first opera (*The Giant*) when he was nine years old. In 1936, when he was grown and had children of his own, the memory of that early opera and his first experience hearing an orchestra helped inspire *Peter and the Wolf*.

Peter and the Wolf is not an opera (there's no singing) and it is not a ballet (although it can be performed that way); nor is it a play (there are no actors.) It is a musical tale in which the **orchestra** tells the story, helped along by a narrator.

Prokofiev wrote *Peter and the Wolf* at the invitation of Natalia Satz, the director of the Moscow Children's Theatre, who gave him the idea of composing music that would entertain, but which would also help children get to know the instruments of the orchestra. So, this fantastic tale with its charming music has an ulterior motive. Each character in Prokofiev's musical fairytale is represented by a different instrument of the orchestra:

the **bird** by a twittering flute,



the **duck** by a plangent oboe,



the **cat** by a mellifluous clarinet,



Peter's grumpy **grandfather** by a bassoon,



the dreaded **wolf** by three French horns,



and **Peter** by all the strings of the orchestra playing a jaunty march tune.



The timpani (or "kettledrums") have their part to play when the **hunters** turn up, shooting their rifles.



FEATURING

KSO Artistic Director & Conductor

Yuri Ivan, D.M.A.

Violin I	Ian Snyder – <i>Concertmaster & Soloist</i> Melissa Hernes Pickering, Julie Pronovici, Steven Rollin, Barbara Lamb, David Otero, Madeleine Norman (<i>Soloist</i>)
Violin II	Megan Peterson (<i>Principal</i>), Clair Tyra, Duane Jacobson, Linda Xayamongkhon, Anna Souders
Viola	Ann Bur (<i>Principal</i>), Jenny Bengston, Phillip Brauer, Erika Neely, Patrick McCarthy
Cello	Brita Moore-Kutz (<i>Principal</i>), Madison Wieczorek, Todd Grill, John Renwick
Bass	Conrad Hultquist
Flute	Leslie Pietila
Oboe	Kaia Sand
Clarinet	Christopher Raddatz
Bassoon	Ellen Maas Pratt
French Horn	Sam Crocker (<i>Principal</i>), Josephine Bierbaum, Bob Meier
Trumpet	David Kaiser
Trombone	Jeff Macomber
Percussion	Kelly Grill (<i>Principal</i>), Paul McKenzie
Narrator	Julie Conzemius

Artrio Performers (Peter Douglas, Ellen Maas Pratt, and Gene Scholtens) will delight us with a collection of classical, jazz, and contemporary music featuring the versatility and comical timbre of the bassoon.

Violin Duo: Ian Snyder & Madeleine Norman

ABOUT THE WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES



The Wildwood Artist Series (WAS) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The goal of WAS is to present quality, diverse,

family-appropriate arts events, and to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts in the community.

Over the course of our 30+ year history, performers such as the Vienna Boys Choir, Arlo Guthrie, The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Billy McLaughlin, Pat Donahue, John McCutcheon, Monroe Crossing (to name just a few) have entertained and enriched the lives of community members of all ages.

The Wildwood Artist Series is run by a volunteer committee who contribute their time, talent, and energy to bring the best and most accomplished performers to the Fine Arts Center stage.



THE ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Ellie Bruner founded the Wildwood Artist Series in 1990 to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts and to support musical education in our community. Under her leadership, WAS initiated the Wildwood Artist Series Professional Performing Artist Residency Program which funds extended residencies by professional performing artists (clinicians, composers, arrangers and artists of various cultural backgrounds) to work closely with students in the Mahtomedi school district. WAS is currently able to offer one residency per year that rotates around the four schools. Ultimately, we would like to be able to provide at least one residency experience for each student during their school career. Here is the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far:

WELCOME!

Dear Valued Patrons,

I am so excited for today's show. It is such a gift to be able to bring a symphony to our community! I truly hope that this performance will inspire a new or renewed appreciation for the performing fine arts.

Today's performance is of particular significance because it is the last show envisioned by our beloved founder, Ellie Bruner. She passed away last April and we are so pleased that her son, Rick Bruner, will perform a tribute in her honor. We are also thrilled to have Mahtomedi High School senior Greta Nelson. To warm us up for the orchestra, there will be two ensembles with fun selections featuring the bassoon and violin. After a short intermission we will have the Peter and the Wolf performance, followed by an optional Q&A session with the orchestra.

Thank you so much for supporting music programs in Mahtomedi Public Schools and enjoy the show!

Julie Molitor
President, Wildwood Artist Series

About KENWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Founded in 1972 as the Kenwood Chamber Orchestra, the orchestra became a full symphony in 2003 and appointed Yuri Ivan as Artistic Director in 2007. From humble beginnings as an adult education class, the orchestra continues to grow in membership, ability, and reputation.

Based at Washburn High School in Minneapolis, the KSO comprises over 50 highly accomplished volunteer musicians of diverse ages and occupations including students, working professionals, and retirees, all passionate about playing and sharing great music.

Kenwood Symphony Orchestra is a nonprofit organization financed primarily by member dues, financial gifts from supporters, and annual performance partnerships with The Metropolitan Ballet.

More information at kenwoodsymphonyorchestra.org