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DENK PLAYS ALL-MOZART

Renowned pianist returns to lead the Philharmonic from the bench

(White Plains, New York) — Continuing its 40th Anniversary Season the Westchester Philharmonic returns to the Purchase Performing Arts Center on **Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm**, with pianist **Jeremy Denk**. Three iconic works of Mozart will be brought to stunning life by today's foremost interpreter, as Denk will lead the orchestra in this conductor-less program.

Jeremy Denk is one of America's foremost pianists, proclaimed by the New York Times as "a pianist you want to hear no matter what he performs." He is also a New York Times bestselling author, winner of both the MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the Avery Fisher Prize, and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This engagement marks his long-awaited third appearance with the Phil, following sold-out engagements in 2013 and 2015.

PROGRAM

Sunday, March 12, 3:00 pm
Purchase Performing Arts Center
Denk Plays All-Mozart

Jeremy Denk, soloist-leader
with Melanie Feld, oboe; Ben Baron, clarinet; Harry Searing, bassoon; Lawrence DiBello, horn;
Westchester Philharmonic

Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310
Quintet in E-Flat for piano and winds, K. 452
Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, K. 466

LINKS TO ARTIST PHOTOS

<https://www.opus3artists.com/artists/jeremy-denk/#photos>

GENERAL INFORMATION AND TICKETS

Performance at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, New York.

Tickets are \$40 and \$75, with half-price tickets for young people ages 6 – 16.

ALL TICKETS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOX OFFICE:

- Online sales: <https://www.artscenter.org/events/westchester-philharmonic-denk-plays-mozart/>
- Box office telephone: (914) 251-6200
- In-person sales on the day of performance beginning at 12:00 noon.
- For further information about the entire 2022-23 season, as well as links to the PAC box office, visit <https://www.westchesterphil.org>

About the Westchester Philharmonic

Now in its 40th season, the Westchester Philharmonic is the oldest, continuously running professional symphony orchestra and largest performing arts organization of any kind in Westchester County. The Philharmonic's main stage concert series makes its home at the Purchase Performing Arts Center, with outdoor concerts, chamber concerts, children's programs, and special events throughout the area, attracting savvy music-lovers from Rockland, Bergen, Fairfield, and Putnam counties, New York City, and beyond.

The orchestra was founded in 1983 under the leadership of late Music Director Paul Lustig Dunkel, and is now led by Executive & Artistic Director Joshua Worby. Renowned artists who have performed with the Phil include Joshua Bell, Julia Bullock, Barbara Cook, Jeremy Denk, Branford Marsalis, Midori, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Kelly O'Hara, Garrick Ohlsson, Itzhak Perlman, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Gil Shaham, Isaac Stern, and André Watts.

Among the many new works commissioned and premiered by the Westchester Philharmonic is Melinda Wagner's Concerto for Flute, Strings and Percussion, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1999. Newly commissioned works by award-winning composers Christopher Theofanidis, David Ludwig, and Jed Feuer debuted in 2014, 2016, and 2018, respectively.

The Westchester Philharmonic has a long history of supporting artists of diverse backgrounds. Many of the composers whose works have been commissioned or premiered with the Philharmonic come from diverse backgrounds and/or are women. Over the past ten seasons the Phil has engaged 30 conductors or guest soloists of African-American, Hispanic, and Asian backgrounds. Women conductors and composers have appeared in eight of the last ten seasons.

The orchestra is comprised of the finest professional free-lance musicians from around the greater metropolitan area, who also perform regularly with the New York City Ballet, Orchestra St. Luke's, Orpheus, Mostly Mozart, and for many Broadway shows. Members of the Phil hold faculty positions at Juilliard, Mannes, Manhattan School of Music, Purchase Conservatory, Vassar and Bard Colleges, and at local public schools.

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