Jeffrey Sean Dokken Music Director

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *of* NORTHERN VIRGINIA

SONOVA

Eleventh Season

2023

Welcome!

The SONOVA Board of Directors and Music Director Search Committee are pleased to welcome two finalists in the Music Director Search, Glen Cortese and Ingrid Lestrud, as guest conductors for the March and May concerts, respectively. The SONOVA team is eager to incorporate both musician and audience feedback as part of the selection process. Please email your feedback to orchestramanager@sonovamusic.org, or submit anonymously via the electronic form (also linked on the SONOVA website): https://forms.gle/7LssrNdQg18nxtHA7.

The SONOVA Board of Directors and staff would like to thank the members of the Music Director search committee (Michael Thompson, Agnes Manley, Eileen Street, Alex Grisos, Tanya Whisnant, Joe Luquire, and Brian Falkowski). The committee reviewed many applications, conducted interviews of candidates, and recommended the finalists to the Board. Thank you for your commitment of time to the future of SONOVA!

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Music Director

As featured in the "Best Of" issue of Virginia Living Magazine, Maestro Jeffrey Sean Dokken is one of today's most exciting and vibrant Music Directors and Conductors. Over the past decade, Dokken has performed throughout the United States in some of America's greatest venues, including The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Strathmore Concert Hall, The Grand Opera House, Constitution Hall and many more. Internationally, he's performed in innumerable world renowned venues throughout Europe and South America. Maestro Dokken has had the distinct honor of conducting at the White House in Washington D.C. on several occasions.

Dokken is the Music Director and Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, and the Artistic Director and Conductor of The Rome Symphony Orchestra in Rome, Georgia. Additionally, Maestro Dokken is the Music Director for the NFL's Washington Commanders. Dokken has an active career as a guest conductor, and amongst many other recent engagements throughout the United States and abroad, has recently had the honor of conducting the National Symphonies of Brazil and Ecuador, and conducting the World Premiere of the Philip Glass Flute Concerto in Florence, Italy.

After earning his degree in voice from the University of Redlands, Dokken pursued graduate degrees at California Lutheran University and Shenandoah Conservatory. A multi-instrumentalist as well as a vocalist, Dokken is a piano, brass, and percussion specialist, with an emphasis on low brass.

To read Dokken's full bio, visit sonovamusic.org/music-director.

The Orchestra

Jeffrey Sean Dokken
Music Director

Michael Thompson
Associate Conductor

First Violin
Tanya Whisnant
Concertmaster
Kristie Budihardjo
Molly Jackson
Joseph Keum
Marisa Liles
Myranda Moye
Adriel Pond
Chris Rudyj
Serena Sela
Sarah Taylor

Second Violin
Jeanne Faubell
Principal
Lorrie Clark-Hannan
Jiyoung Chung
Zuri Davis-Okoro
Emily Gruber
Bryna Helfer
Julia Maas
Veera Parko

Viola
Jennifer Dehkordi
Acting Principal
Ken Barnett
Jackie Cheng
Cynthia Liccese-Torres
Ana Montenegro

Cello
Hwa Yoo
Co-Principal
Philip Hopko
John Janega
Agnes Manley
Eileen Street

Bass
Kate Easton
Cyndy Elliott
Simon Semann

Flute
Martine Micozzi
Principal
Hailey Nowacek
Maria Luisa Rohde

Piccolo
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Maria Luisa Rohde

Oboe
Rachael Bredefeld
Principal
Jeff Kahan

English Horn
Jeff Kahan
Principal

Clarinet
Deborah Albert
Principal
Kate Meeley

Bassoon
Whitney Burkholder
Principal
Joan Fragaszy Troyano

French Horn
Deanne de Lima
Principal
Marjorie Marque
Sara Smith
Jennifer Strang

Trumpet
Alexander Grisos
Jeff Menzin

Trombone
Ian Giles
Principal
Bruce A. Patterson
Patty Zweibel

Tuba
Blake Helander
Principal

Timpani
Jim Bartelt

Percussion
Joe Katz
Principal
Matt Hughes
Megan Funkhouser
Shawn Mitchell
Elliot Parrish

Harp
Anna Ellsworth

Guest Conductor

Glen Cortese has had hundreds of guest engagements as the conductor of dozens of orchestras, opera and ballet companies and summer festivals around the world, including New Jersey Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, Florida Philharmonic, Belarus State Philharmonic, Sofia Philharmonic, National Romanian Radio Orchestra, Slovak Radio Orchestra, and Mexico City Philharmonic.

A champion of new music, Cortese has conducted over 150 premieres, working in direct collaboration with composers Milton Babbitt, Elliott Carter, John Corigliano, George Crumb, Richard Danielpour, Peter Maxwell Davies, Lukas Foss, Hans Werner Henze, and Ralph Shapey. He was an assistant conductor to the New York Philharmonic from 1990–92 for Zubin Mehta and in July of 1993, he was invited by Kurt Masur to guest conduct a reading with the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall. At present he is artistic director of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and artistic director of the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. He just completed twelve seasons as music director of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and was named music director emeritus of the Oregon Mozart Players after serving as artistic director for nine seasons.

11th Anniversary Gala

March 18, 2023, 6:30 PM
George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre
Jeffrey Sean Dokken, Music Director

Please enjoy the reception and silent auction in the grand ballroom prior to the concert. Bidding will close prior to the concert start, and there will be no intermission between the pieces.

Night on Bald Mountain

Modest Mussorgsky (1867), arr. Nikolai Rimsy Korsakov (1886)
Featuring Glen Cortese, Guest Conductor

Scheherazade

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1888)

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The Board would like to thank you for supporting SONOVA.
We would also like to thank the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

About the Symphony

SONOVA began in 2011 as a small, government-funded orchestra in Arlington County, Virginia, borne from the efforts of Maestro Dokken and a group of committed musicians. We are now a professional organization dedicated to providing high quality, innovative music at affordable prices.

Our home theater is the beautiful George Washington Masonic Memorial Theater. Over the years, SONOVA has been invited to perform throughout the Mid-Atlantic region with arts organizations as wide ranging as renaissance choirs, tap dance companies, symphonic choirs, and Broadway artists. Additionally, SONOVA has performed at such venues as Arlington's Spectrum Theater, the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, Delaware, the historic Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., the White House, and Colonial Williamsburg's historic Bruton Parish.

SONOVA routinely performs with world-class guest artists, conductors, and musicians. SONOVA has been joined onstage by world-renowned soloists and conductors Jorge Saade-Scaaf, Sofya Gulyak, Juan Carlos Escudero, Krystal Rickard-McCoy, Jackson Caesar, Laura Wehrmeyer, Bakaari Wilder, David Timpane, Barry Hemphill, and many others.

SONOVA also places special importance on collaborations and both American and world premieres. Since its inception, SONOVA has given premieres of works by Brian Wilbur Grundstrom, Peter Rauch, Paul Leavitt, Michael Ream, and William Burdett.

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