SUMMER 2023
KENT BLOSSOM Music Festival
PRESENTED BY THE KULAS FOUNDATION
JULY 2 – AUG. 6
A Partnership Between Kent State University and The Cleveland Orchestra
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Greetings!

Please join us this summer for the Kent Blossom Music Festival’s 55th season presented by the Kulas Foundation!

From Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, Aug. 6 the festival will host four faculty concerts. WindSync, a virtuoso wind quintet known for their vibrant artistry as well as their commitment to education and community building, will open the festival’s faculty concert series. The second concert will feature pianist Orion Weiss and violinist William Hagen with members of The Cleveland Orchestra. Mr. Weiss has been praised by The Washington Post for having “both powerful technique and exceptional insight” and Mr. Hagen has been recognized by The Dallas Morning News as a “brilliant virtuoso...a standout.” The third faculty concert will showcase the festival’s resident quartet, the Miami String Quartet. The quartet has been praised by The New York Times as having “everything one wants in a quartet: a rich, precisely balanced sound, a broad coloristic palette, real unity of interpretive purpose and seemingly unflagging energy.” Finally, the Faculty series will conclude with a concert featuring various guest artists and members of The Cleveland Orchestra including Assistant Principal Flute, Jessica Sindell; First Assistant Principal Cello, Richard Weiss; and recently retired Principal Keyboardist, Joela Jones.

Young Artists will perform an additional 11 concerts throughout Northeast Ohio at various venues including: Kent State University’s Ludwig Recital Hall in Kent; Cleveland Institute of Music’s Mixon Hall in Cleveland; Judson Senior Living’s South Franklin Circle in Chagrin Falls; and the Hudson Library and Historical Society and Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson.

I invite you to review this brochure for more information about specific times and venues for all concerts.

The festival is incredibly thankful to our presenting sponsor, the Kulas Foundation. Its generous support allows us to engage with internationally-renowned artists, to present exceptional concerts, and to provide extensive educational opportunities for our young artists.

I look forward to seeing you this summer and to enjoying an extraordinary season of music together!

Best regards,
Ricardo Sepúlveda
Director, Kent Blossom Music Festival
Faculty Concert Series

Ludwig Recital Hall
Kent State Center for the Performing Arts
1325 Theatre Drive

Tickets for this series are available through the Kent State Performing Arts Box Office.

JULY 5 | 7:30 P.M.
WindSync
Garrett Hudson, flute
Emily Tsai, oboe
Graeme Steele Johnson, clarinet
Kara LaMoure, bassoon
Anni Hochhalter, horn
Post-Concert Reception

JULY 12 | 7:30 P.M.
Orion Weiss, piano
William Hagen, violin
Members of The Cleveland Orchestra

JULY 19 | 7:30 P.M.
Miami String Quartet
Benny Kim, violin
Cathy Meng Robinson, violin
Scott Lee, viola
Keith Robinson, cello

AUGUST 2 | 7:30 P.M.
Jessica Sindell, flute
Richard Weiss, cello
Joela Jones, piano
Post-Concert Reception

Young Artists Series

Concerts in this series are FREE.

JULY 14-16 CONCERTS

Friday, July 14 | 2 p.m.
Laurel Lake Retirement Community

Friday, July 14 | 7:30 p.m.
Ludwig Recital Hall

Saturday, July 15 | 2 p.m.
Hudson Library and Historical Society

Sunday, July 16 | 2 p.m.
Mixon Hall, Cleveland Institute of Music

Sunday, July 16 | 7:30 p.m.
Ludwig Recital Hall

JULY 27-30 CONCERTS

Thursday, July 27 | 7:30 p.m.
Ludwig Recital Hall

Friday, July 28 | 3:30 p.m.
Judson South Franklin Circle Retirement Community

Friday, July 28 | 7:30 p.m.
Ludwig Recital Hall

Saturday, July 29 | 2 p.m.
Hudson Library and Historical Society

Sunday, July 30 | 2 p.m.
Ludwig Recital Hall
Post-Concert Reception

Performances at Blossom Music Center

TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT AT:
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AUGUST 5 | 6 P.M.
Kent Blossom Music Festival Chamber Orchestra

AUGUST 5 | 7 P.M.
Kent Blossom Music Festival Side-by-Side with The Cleveland Orchestra

The 2023 Kent Blossom Music Festival Season is brought to you thanks to a grant from the Kulas Foundation.
Subscriptions And Tickets

The Faculty Concert Series subscription is only $100 for adults and $80 for seniors. That’s a $20 savings! Single tickets are also available at $30 for adults, $25 for seniors and $10 for college students with a valid ID. We offer FREE tickets for students 18 and under, thanks to a generous donation from Jim Williams. Subscriptions and tickets are available starting June 5, 2023. For more information, please call 330-672-ARTS (2787) or visit www.kent.edu/blossom.

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Kent Blossom Music Festival (KBMF) has been training the next generation of classical music artists in Kent, Ohio for over five decades.

KBMF – a partnership between The Cleveland Orchestra and Kent State University.

Cleveland Orchestra Assistant Principal Cellist
Richard Weiss (1972 alum) coaching KBMF Young Artists

Cleveland Orchestra Principal Oboe
Frank Rosenwein (1999 alum) coaching KBMF Young Artists

“The experience I had at Kent Blossom not only prepared me well for college, it also led me directly to forming a string quartet a year later, which later became the Emerson String Quartet.”
– Philip Setzer, violin (1969 alum)

WindSync
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William Hagen, Violin
Miami String Quartet

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