

# SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *of* NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**Ethan Lolley** Artistic Director



 **SONOVA**

***Fourteenth Season***  
2025–2026

# Program Notes

When I think about what excited me most on Saturday mornings as a kid, it wasn't always the cartoon channels. While Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network were always a good option, this kid was way more interested in THE GAME SHOW NETWORK! My mom knew whatever cable package we got, GSN was a staple in our household. The lights, colorful sets, the prizes, and the game show hosts that felt like friends - what more could a kid ask for!?

Game shows are truly an American pastime, and after decades of contestants getting their shot on national TV, these iconic shows are still going strong! Today, SONOVA presents in our own unique way, an homage to my favorite game shows as a child - The Price is Right, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud, and Who Wants to Be A Millionaire. Each mini-round features those classic game show themes played by our resident "TV studio orchestra." During commercial breaks, we feature our incredible sections of the orchestra with chamber music from our brass, woodwind, and string sections (and some impromptu interludes from our rhythm section!). But what would a TV studio be without a LIVE audience?! As many of you might be chosen as contestants, you have a chance to win (drumroll please) a \$1,000 prize!

I can't wait for you to experience our truly immersive afternoon of games, fun, and music! Now please welcome your host, Maestro Ethan Lolley, as we present COME ON DOWN: The SONOVA Game Show! (Sorry, Vanna White is on vacation).

Ethan Lolley  
Artistic Director

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Their involvement ensures that we continue to thrive, innovate, and reach new audiences.

2025-2026

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We are immensely grateful to these committee members for their leadership and dedication. Their efforts play a vital role in helping SONOVA fulfill its mission of bringing the joy of symphonic music to everyone.

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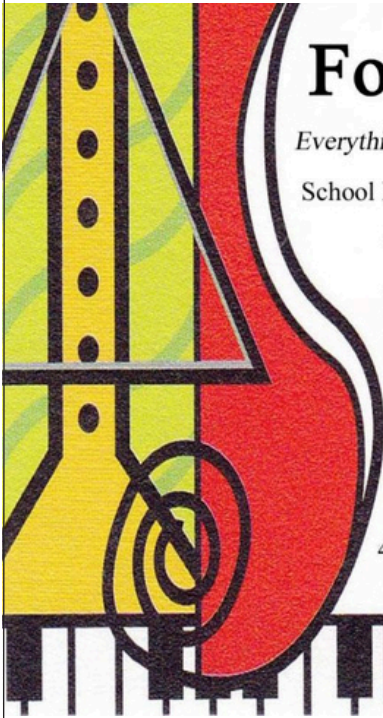
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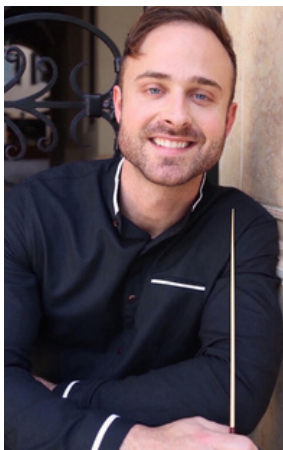
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# Artistic Director



Ethan Lolley, an Alabama native, is an accomplished conductor, clinician, and music director. He holds his graduate degree in music education with a conducting emphasis in instrumental and choral conducting from Auburn University. He has led music ensembles as a collegiate and Drum Corps International drum major, youth and symphony orchestra conductor, and music director for children's theatre, adult mainstage regional theatrical productions, and as a professional opera conductor. Ethan also serves as a Florida public schools music and conducting clinician, providing professional development in conducting and ensemble performance for new music teachers, as well as adjudicating bands, orchestras, and choirs for state performance assessment. In 2015, he founded Drum Major Innovations, an educational institution that offers conducting clinics, camps, and competitions for aspiring drum majors and student conductors. He currently serves as an instructor for the Macy's Great American Marching Band, a select ensemble of the country's top high school musicians who perform in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Ethan has performed professionally with Universal Orlando Resort, Disney Cruise Line, and The Walt Disney World Resort as an Actors' Equity vocalist. He is currently a principal performer for Walt Disney World's longest running show on property, The Hoop Dee Doo Musical Revue. He was formally the music director of the CFCArts Young Artists Orchestra in Orlando, Florida, as well as an associate conductor for the CFCArts Symphony Orchestra, the nation's largest community orchestra with over 240 musicians.

To read Ethan's full bio, visit [sonovamusic.org/music-director](http://sonovamusic.org/music-director).

## Associate Conductor

Michael Thompson, a native Oregonian, is the Associate Conductor and Co-Principal Trumpet of the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia (SONOVA) and the Associate Director of the National Football League's Washington Commanders Marching Band (WCMB). As SONOVA's Associate Conductor, Michael frequently directs rehearsals and brass and percussion sectionals, has conducted numerous Holiday Concerts (2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2025), and leads SONOVA's Brass Quintet. With the WCMB, Michael leads musical rehearsals and conducts the band on the field and in the stands during Commanders' home games. He also creates custom arrangements and orchestrations for SONOVA, WCMB, and numerous other ensembles across the country.



Michael studied trumpet performance and music at the University of Oregon where he was the Musical Director of the elite, nationally-performing Green Garter Band, an audition-only, full-tuition scholarship ensemble. While at the University of Oregon, Michael was also the trumpet section leader of the Oregon Symphonic Band and the Oregon Athletic Bands, including the Oregon Marching Band where he received the Director's Choice Award in 2004 and was named Outstanding Band Member in 2005 and 2006. Before that, Michael attended Grammy Award-winning South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon where he was the Head Drum Major of the Marching Band, earning High Drum Major at the 2001 University of Oregon Festival of Bands. Michael was also a member of the South Salem High School Full Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Choir and, as a senior, was the recipient of the prestigious John Philip Sousa and Louis Armstrong awards.



# The Orchestra

## First Violin

Kristie Budihardjo

*Concertmaster*

Tanya Whisnant

*Assistant Principal*

Jeanne Faubell

Abhita Moorthy

Myranda Moye

Serena Sela

Sarah Taylor

## Second Violin

Kate Bongard

*Assistant Principal*

Rachel Kaper

Gwen dePolo

Tresa Proffitt

Mark Yohn

## Viola

Ike Sae-Tang

*Principal*

Justin Vu

*Assistant Principal*

Ryan Gates

Amanda Gorman

Ava Krishnan

Cynthia Liccese-Torres

Michael Ream

Mara Schimmel

## Cello

Deven Diaz

*Acting Principal*

Isabella Galinski

Agnes Manley

Andrew Nixon

Liz Peirce

Eileen Street

## Bass

Simon Semaan

David Sindt

## Flute

Martine Micozzi

*Principal*

Tina Christie

Lauren Kochy

## Piccolo

Lauren Kochy

*Principal*

## Oboe

Rachael Bredefeld

*Principal*

Jeff Kahan

Alicia McMahan

## English Horn

Alicia McMahan

*Principal*

## Clarinet

Kristi Perry

*Principal*

Rose Mascarenhas

Jerry Sun

## Bass Clarinet

Thomas Kazior

*Principal*

## Bassoon

Joan Fragaszy Troyano

*Principal*

Karen Bell

## Contrabassoon

Aaron Hahn

## French Horn

Patrick Walker

*Principal*

Adrienne DeGeorge

Deanne de Lima

Dave McCullough

## Trumpet

Jeff Menzin

*Co-Principal*

Michael Thompson

*Co-Principal*

Chris Andersen

Josh Head

James Lewis

## Trombone

Ryan Doherty

Ian Giles

Bill Wright

## Tuba

Jason Bongard

*Principal*

## Timpani

Glenn Paulson

## Percussion

Matt Hughes

*Acting Principal*

Will Egger

Shawn Mitchell

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## Keyboard

Janghyo Yoo

## Guitar

Keenan Brown

Corey Emerson

# About the Symphony



SONOVA began in 2011 as a small, government-funded orchestra in Arlington County, Virginia, founded by Jeffrey Sean Dokken and a group of committed musicians, some of whom continue to play in the orchestra today. SONOVA is now a semi-professional orchestra dedicated to providing high quality, innovative musical experiences at affordable prices and is excited to begin its journey and new growth under Maestro Ethan Lolley.

Our home theater is the beautiful George Washington Masonic National 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, Broadway artists, and various community arts organizations. 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, Colonial Williamsburg's historic Bruton Parish, the Atlas Performing Arts Center, and the Ernst Community Cultural Center.

SONOVA routinely performs with world-class guest artists, conductors, and musicians. SONOVA has been joined onstage by world-renowned soloists and conductors Jorge Saade-Scaff, Sofya Gulyak, Juan Carlos Escudero, and Jacqueline Fontaine-Isaac.

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, William Burdett, Jeremy Smith, and Simon Royer.

# Come On Down: The SONOVA Game Show

Sunday, October 19, 2025 | George Washington Masonic National Memorial  
Ethan Lolley, Artistic Director

**"Sonnenaufgang" ("Sunrise")**  
from *Also sprach Zarathustra*

Richard Strauss

**Soundtrack Highlights**  
from *The Hunger Games*

James Newton Howard,  
Win Butler, and Regine  
Chassagne arr. Jay Bocook

***The Price is Right* Theme**

Edd Kalehoff  
arr. Josh Head

**"Disney Fly Medley"**

Sammy Fain, Richard  
Sherman & Robert  
Sherman, and Oliver  
Wallace, arr. for  
Voctave by Jamey Ray,  
orch. Josh Head

**"Think!"**  
from *Jeopardy!*

Merv Griffin  
arr. Josh Head

**"A Frolic in B-Bop Major" Mvt. 3,**  
from *Suite No. 3 "Gone with the Woodwinds"*

Don Gillis

**"Big Wheels"**  
from *Wheel of Fortune*

Alan Thicke  
arr. Josh Head

**"End Credits"**  
from *Wheel of Fortune*

Frankie Blue and John Hoke  
arr. Josh Head

**"Danse Bacchanale"**  
from *Samson and Delilah*

Camille Saint-Saëns

## *Intermission*

**"Eye of the Tiger"**  
from *Rocky III*

Frankie Sullivan and Jim  
Peterik arr. Matthew Morgan  
and Jose Villanueva

***Family Feud* Theme**

Walt Levinsky  
arr. Josh Head

***Eine kleine Nachtmusik***

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

***Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* Theme**

Keith Strachan and  
Matthew Strachan  
arr. Josh Head

**"Finale"**  
from *The Year 1812, Solemn Overture*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



## **2025 – 2026 Season**

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SONOVA is grateful to the time and talents of the volunteers that support the orchestra, including lighting designer Christina Giles, arranger and orchestrator Josh Head, our percussion instrument-moving team, and our concert-day volunteers.



## **2025–2026 Season**

### SONOVA Staff

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