

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *of* NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Ethan Lolley Music Director



 **SONOVA**

Twelfth Season
2023–2024



Program Notes

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Welcome to Elements of Earth! Now you're probably thinking that sounds more like a science class than an orchestra concert, but rest assured, music will be the cornerstone of our immersive experience today.

For centuries, composers have been inspired by the sounds of the natural world around us and by the beauty and strength of this incredible planet. In Greek philosophy, the idea arose that four elements – earth, water, air, and fire – made up all matter and became the foundation of science for two thousand years. Today, we explore those sounds through each element, but in true immersive fashion, we add movement so you see the elements take shape and hear their personalities develop. Our partnership with Fairfax-based dance company, Next Reflex Dance Collective, is a collaborative fusion for your senses!

I believe music should help us contemplate, challenge our perspectives, and invite change. As luck would have it, today is World Wildlife Day, a day to celebrate the wild animals and plants that depend on our good stewardship of this earth and preservation of its elements and resources. In addition, we have partnered with local non-profit environmental organizations to bring awareness to this special day. My hope is that we all walk away from today's experience enlightened, energized, and passionate about this special place we call home.

Enjoy Elements of Earth, a true collaboration of science, music, and Mother Nature! Then go home and plant a tree :)

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Music Director

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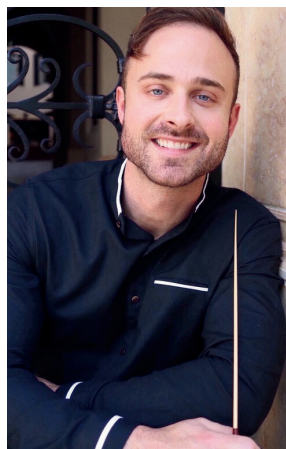
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Music Director



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 Actor's 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.

The Orchestra

First Violin

Tanya Whisnant^C
Désirée Baron
Kristie Budihardjo
Joseph Keum
Marisa Liles
Myranda Moye
Adriel Pond
Serena Sela
Sarah Taylor
Emma Wen

Second Violin

Jeanne Faubell^P
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Sarah Byrne
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Julia Maas
Abhita Moorthy
Molly Jackson
Tresa Proffitt

Viola

Ryan Gates
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Gene Makely

Cello

Kathy Augustine^{CO-P}
Hwa Yoo^{CO-P}
Michael Del Toral
Christina Lin
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Agnes Manley
Kyungjin Yoon

Bass

Harley Robertson
Simon Semaan

Flute

Martine Micozzi^P
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Piccolo

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Oboe

Rebekah Gernert
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English Horn

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Patrick Walker^{AP}
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Trumpet

Michael Thompson^P
James Lewis
Jeff Menzin

Trombone

Ian Giles^P
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Tim Smith

Tuba

Blake Helander^P

Timpani

Lydia Sorenson

Percussion

Joe Katz^{CO-P}
Matt Hughes^{CO-P}
Shawn Mitchell

Piano

Micah Fields

^C Concertmaster
^P Principal
^{AP} Associate Principal
^{CO-P} Co-Principal



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, 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-Scaff, 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.

Elements of Earth

Sunday, March 3, 2024

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater Ethan
Lolley, Music Director

Into the Clouds!

Richard Saucedo

Earth

“Allegretto”

5th Mvt., Symphony No. 6
“Pastoral Symphony”

Ludwig van Beethoven

“Largo”

2nd Mvt., Symphony No. 9
“From the New World”

Antonín Dvořák

Air

“Waldweben (Forest Murmurs)”

from *Siegfried*

Richard Wagner
arr. Hermann Zumppe

“Colors of the Wind”

from *Pocahontas*

Alan Menken

Into the Storm

Robert W. Smith
Strings by Robert D. McCashin

Intermission

Water

“Allegro Vivace”

1st Mvt. from *The Water Goblin*

Antonín Dvořák

“De l'aube a midi sur la mer (from Dawn to Midday on the Sea)”

1st Mvt. from *La Mer (The Sea)*

Claude Debussy

Fire and Rain

James Taylor, arr. Larry Morre

Fire

“Danza ritual del fuego (Ritual Fire Dance)”

8th Mvt. from *El amor brujo*
(*Bewitched Love*)

Manuel de Falla

“Finale”

7th Mvt. from *The Firebird Suite*
(*L'Oiseau de feu*)

Igor Stravinsky



2023 – 2024 Season

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