PROMENADE
An Evening of Vivid Pictures in Music

The University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra

UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

Strong Auditorium
Saturday, April 4, 2026
8:00 p.m.

ARTHUR SATZ DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Welcome Back!

For the finale of our 2025-2026 season! We're delighted to have you for what can truly be described as a landmark concert. Tonight, we premiere a work commissioned by the URSO, and made possible by the generous support of the University of Rochester's Schwartz Performing Arts Fund. Daniel Pesca is not only the composer of the work, but also our soloist and you're in for an astonishing musical tour of his memories of childhood trips *Up North*, to northern Michigan. In fact the entirety of our concert is as vivid a visual and musical tour as an ensemble can create. John Williams *Jurassic Park* theme has been performed by orchestras from New York to Vienna. And, Ravel's realization of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition (most of them by Viktor Hartmann) is the classic example of pictures giving inspiration to music, and that music helping to paint the pictures for listeners. We look forward to welcoming you back next season!

Musically,

Mark Powell, DMA
Senior Lecturer in Music
Director of Orchestral Activities

We dedicate our performance this evening to the memory of Dr. Reuben Epstein, PhD, University of Rochester scientist, musician, educator, supreme punster, and researcher, and a member of this orchestra for over four decades. Reuben's dedication to our ensemble enriched every single one of us, any time he was present. We celebrate his life, and in doing so, promise to perpetuate all of the best he brought to us, every week.

Reuben Epstein, PhD
1948-2026

PROGRAM

Theme from the film *Jurassic Park* — John Williams (b. 1937)

Up North: concerto for piano and orchestra — Daniel Pesca (b. 1985)

I. Arrival

II. The House on Dresser Street

From down the Block / The Parlor / Hide and Seek / The Attic / The Old Piano (for Kay and Mimi)

III. The Straits

piano soloist, Daniel Pesca

Pictures at an Exhibition

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881) / Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

piano interludes soloist, Aaron Liu
conductor, Mark Powell

URSO Personnel

Principal positions for the ensemble rotate throughout the season

Violin I
Killian Simonson
Natalie Opdahl
Jason Yang
Cordelia March
Issac Mathias
Emily Eckerman
Emily Bellman
Cloud Xiao
Suzanna Rainbolt

Violin II
Ehren Collins
Joshua Chou
Ian Pagan
Hannah Karlin
Ellen Konar
Hilary Ring Lawlor
Keegan Matzky
Shenzhen George Chen

Viola
Kaitlyn McIntosh
Taylor Speas
Grace Widjaja
Keiko Vann
Alaina Towne
Marina Foley
Honora Corso
Julia Sun
Miriam Steinberg
Dorothy Lee
Amy Grove
Isabel Humphreys
Louisa Van Rompay
Mahima Vasudevan
Jingqi Zhu

Cello
Miriam Herron
Brendan Cho
Connor Hewson
Julia Tricomi
Andrew Fogelson
Sarah Smith
Siena Maislin
Chloe Epstein
Enzo Wen

Bass
Tom Seketa
Nikash Gajate

Flute & Piccolo
Laura Smoller
Emily Kay
Jessie Talasco
Joyce Li

Oboe
Amy Marron
Kathleen Holt
Danica Kim
Madeleine Schwab

English Horn
Kathleen Holt

Clarinet
Steve Lurie
Joshua Daniels
Aaron Liu
Tony Sun

Alto Saxophone
Tony Sun

Bass Clarinet
Steve Lurie
Joey Stempien

Bassoon
Michele Di Franco
Lucy Langenberg
Isaac Ondo

Contrabassoon
Lucy Langenberg

Horn
Lori Osgood
David Nichols
Miho Sunada
Raymond Rossiter
Sam Wood
Lilah Costanzo

Trumpet
Millicent Hawkins
Cole Pringle
Jarett Jean Jacques

Trombone
Michael Piacquadio
Louis Osgood
Tyler Liao
Angel Paz

Euphonium
Michael Piacquadio

Tuba
Travis Brown

Timpani & Percussion
Adam Joslyn
Katie Ormsbee
Ray Sze
Lizhou Ding
Gwendoline Saarie

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A/V Direction
Michael Sherman

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