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Come, and join us this season—subscribe now!

Gratefully,

Tony Payne  
General Manager  
Wheaton College Artist Series

Photo courtesy of Chris Dunlop

A photograph of the Canadian Brass quintet, five men in dark tuxedos and white shirts with black bowties, sitting on a set of light-colored stairs. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. A brass instrument, likely a tuba or euphonium, is visible behind them.

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## Canadian Brass

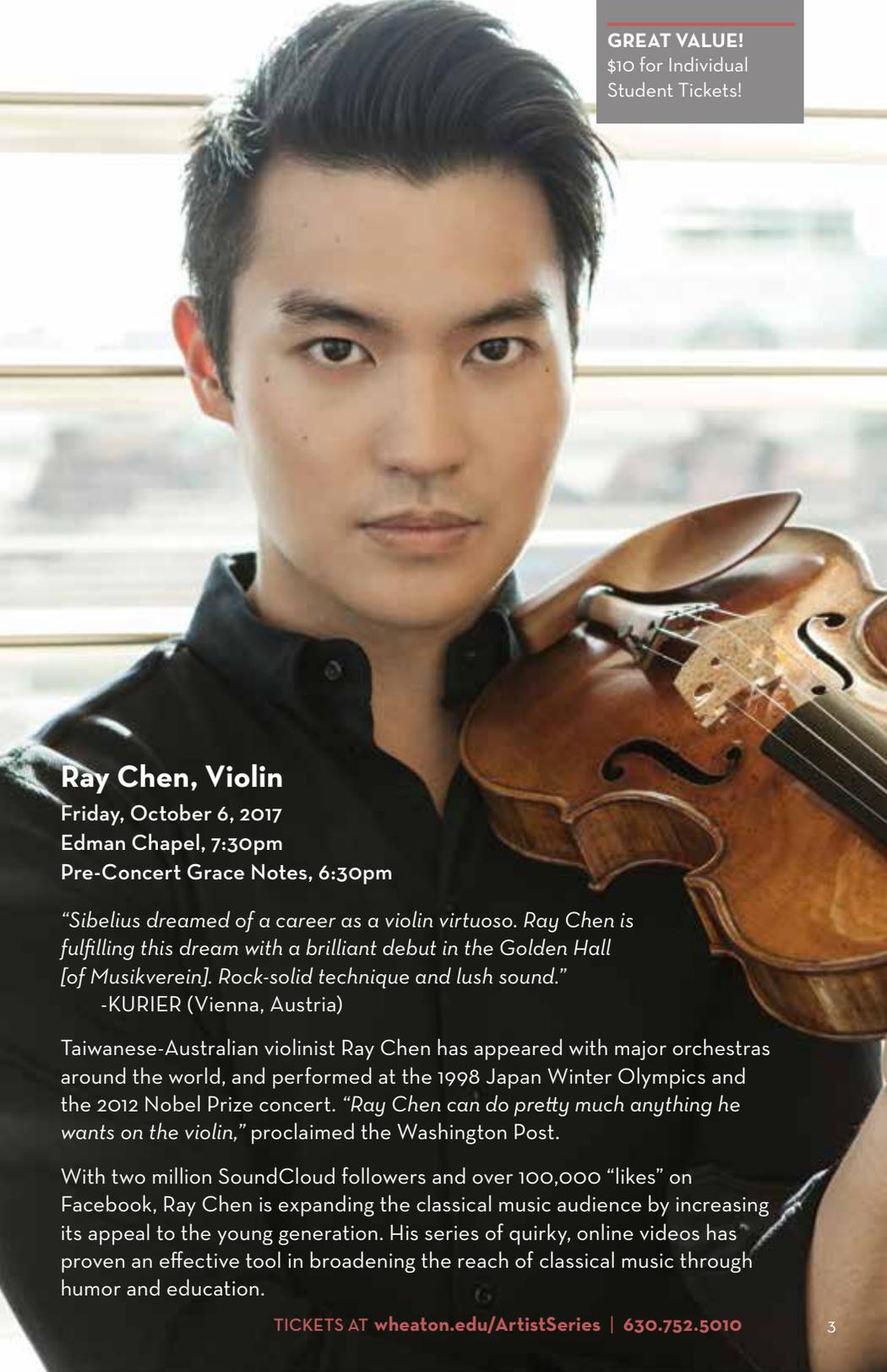
Friday, September 15, 2017  
Edman Chapel, 7:30pm  
Opening Night Festival, 6:15pm

*“One need not be partial to brass, or even to classical music, to love Canadian Brass. For these “famous five” are masters not only of music, but also of presentation. After 40 years on stage, they’ve got the chops of virtuosos and the deadpan delivery of the best stand-up comic.”*

– The Plain Dealer

Founded in 1970, the Grammy Award-winning brass quintet has enjoyed a global reputation for nearly five decades.

An evening of family fun with music from trademark Baroque and Dixieland tunes, to new compositions and arrangements, Canadian Brass has a unique rapport with audiences. The Washington Post praised them for an “unbeatable blend of virtuosity, spontaneity, and humor.”

A close-up portrait of violinist Ray Chen. He is a young man with dark hair, wearing a black shirt, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He is holding a violin across his chest.

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## Ray Chen, Violin

Friday, October 6, 2017  
Edman Chapel, 7:30pm  
Pre-Concert Grace Notes, 6:30pm

*“Sibelius dreamed of a career as a violin virtuoso. Ray Chen is fulfilling this dream with a brilliant debut in the Golden Hall [of Musikverein]. Rock-solid technique and lush sound.”*

–KURIER (Vienna, Austria)

Taiwanese-Australian violinist Ray Chen has appeared with major orchestras around the world, and performed at the 1998 Japan Winter Olympics and the 2012 Nobel Prize concert. “Ray Chen can do pretty much anything he wants on the violin,” proclaimed the Washington Post.

With two million SoundCloud followers and over 100,000 “likes” on Facebook, Ray Chen is expanding the classical music audience by increasing its appeal to the young generation. His series of quirky, online videos has proven an effective tool in broadening the reach of classical music through humor and education.

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In celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**American Spiritual Ensemble**

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Edman Chapel, 7:30pm

Pre-Concert Grace Notes, 6:30pm

*"...the most heavenly, divine sound of voices soared around us with a spirit, velocity and blend unlike anything—and I mean anything—I'd ever heard."*

-June LeBell, YourObserver.com

The American Spiritual Ensemble was founded by Everett McCorvey in 1995, and has performed around the world, including the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, and abroad in Italy, Germany, Britain, Scotland, Spain, and Japan.

With a core purpose of keeping the American Negro spiritual alive, the critically acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble is a group of the finest singers in classical music today. They have thrilled audiences with dynamic renditions of classic spirituals, jazz, and Broadway favorites highlighting the Black experience in America. Brian Newhouse of Minnesota Public Radio wrote, *"What you do is so incredibly special. The world is a richer place because of you and your Ensemble."*

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## Yamato Drummers of Japan

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Edman Chapel, 7:30pm

Pre-Concert Grace Notes, 6:30pm

*"...unbridled enthusiasm, much humor and great musical variety."*

-Scotsman (UK)

Experience the Music with a global reach—Yamato Drummers of Japan, a family-friendly spectacular that celebrates the sights, sounds, and theater of the great Taiko drumming tradition. Founded in 1993, the troupe has given over 2,500 performances in 51 countries and regions, thrilling audiences of all ages and inspiring avid followers.

The globe-trotting troubadours achieve their popularity by infusing traditional drumming virtuosity with original compositions and theatrical staging. The result is a vital, pulsating experience that connects these exceptional artists with their audiences.

Yamato's greatest goal is to send audiences home with a new vitality and passion for life. As they tour the world, whether in concerts, classrooms, school assemblies, or workshops, the troupe cherishes and upholds Yamato—the spirit of Japan.

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## A Grand Night for Singing

Featuring Lawrence Brownlee, Tenor  
with singers from Ryan Opera Center  
and the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Edman Chapel, 7:30pm

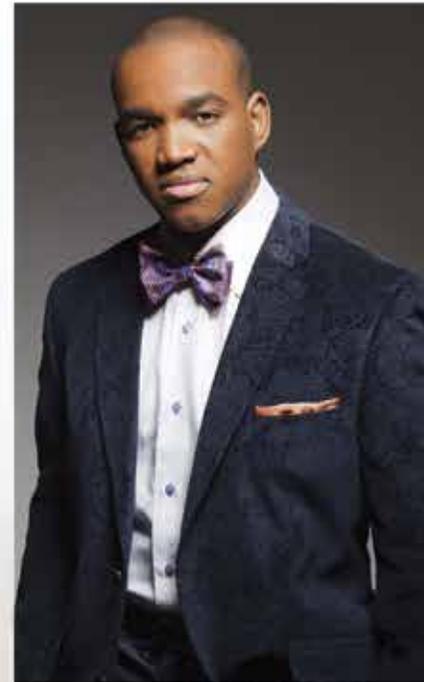
Pre-Concert Grace Notes, 6:30pm

*"Is there a finer tenor than Lawrence Brownlee?"*

-Alex Ross, New Yorker Magazine

"Experience the Music" featuring some of your favorite melodies and starring one of America's leading tenors, Lawrence Brownlee, with artists from The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center at Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the acclaimed Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Sommerville, conductor.

According to the New York Times, Brownlee is helping usher in "A new golden age in high male voices." The most in-demand American tenor in the world in the bel canto repertoire, Lawrence Brownlee continues to astonish audiences with elegance and agility. Brownlee has become a star on the international scene, and is lauded for the seemingly effortless beauty of his voice.



Lawrence Brownlee, Tenor



Daniel Sommerville, conductor



# MORE MUSICAL EVENTS!



## U.S. Army Field Band & Soldier's Chorus

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Edman Chapel, 7:30pm

The U.S. Army Field Band & Soldier's Chorus tour nationally and internationally – honoring our Soldiers and Veterans at home and abroad. Programs include the vast classical choral repertoire, Broadway, opera, barbershop quartet, and Americana.

**Don't miss this FREE concert!** Request tickets with your subscription before they are made available to the general public.

## Wheaton College Christmas Festival

Edman Chapel

Friday, December 1, 2017, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 4:00 & 7:30pm

Join the entire community for this annual tradition featuring the Wheaton College choirs and orchestra.



## Tickets on sale October 2017

Artist Series subscribers receive a special offer this season.

More details will be provided to subscribers beginning in August.



## Cellist Leonardo Altino performs Bach for Holy Week 2018

The Six Cello Suites of J.S. Bach

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 1:00pm

Location to be announced

## A Special Offer for Subscribers

Seize this rare opportunity to experience the music of cellist Leonardo Altino as he shares this spiritual pilgrimage at the threshold of Holy Week. Performing all six of Bach's Unaccompanied Cello Suites, Altino's interpretation reflects aspects of the character and life of Jesus Christ.

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3. Stop by the Ticket Office to set-up or renew your subscription

## Individual concert tickets on sale in mid-July

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- Student tickets for any event are only \$10
- Groups of 20 or more adults receive a 50% discount (phone orders only)
- Artist Series Subscribers receive a 30% discount on CSO at Wheaton College series tickets



### Who is the Artist Series Guild?

The Guild is a company of friends who support the Artist Series through gifts of money and time

### How do I contribute to the Artist Series Guild?

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- Visit the Wheaton College Ticket Office
- Mail a check with "Artist Series Guild" in the memo line to Wheaton College Artist Series, Attn: Artist Series Guild, 501 College Ave., Wheaton IL 60187

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- To share the joy of live performing arts events with others close to home
- To strengthen the educational links between artists and students
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- To contribute time as a volunteer throughout the season



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