

NBSO presents A Symphony of Villains & Heroes

On November 12, the NBSO 2016-2017 season continues with Villains & Heroes at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. David Amado takes the podium as the second music director finalist to appear with the NBSO. Amado is currently music director of both the Delaware Symphony Orchestra and the Atlantic Classical Orchestra and is a prominent leader of the Delaware arts community. He has been praised by the media, audiences, and fellow musicians for his deep insight, visceral energy, and imaginative programming.

The concert opens with Bernard Herrmann's Psycho Suite, from the infamous "shower scene" in the classic Hitchcock film. Herrmann's violent string-screams remain one of the most enduring, and terrifying, moments in both music and the movies. Next on the program, award-winning Steinway Artist Diane Walsh joins the orchestra to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, highly charged music suffused with drama, poignancy, tenderness, and no shortage of pianistic virtuosity. The program closes with Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique, an obsession-fueled tale of love, betrayal, murder, and (of course) witches. Featuring spectacular orchestration, riveting narrative, tolling bells, a guillotine, and a grotesque "Witches Sabbath," Symphonie fantastique is an audience—and musician—favorite.

Villains & Heroes will take place on November 12 at 7:30pm, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Concert sponsor is Burke & Lamb, P.C. Tickets are \$25–\$60, student tickets always \$10 (not available online). Purchase tickets through the Z box office, 508-994-2900, or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Save up to 20% on ticket prices with a season subscription to 3 or more concerts; call the NBSO at 508-999-6276.

Please join us before the performance for Mr. Amado's pre-concert talk on the evening's program at 6:30pm in the Penler Space (adjoining the theater), free and open to the public. Concertgoers are invited to join us in the Penler Space after the performance to meet Mr. Amado, Ms. Walsh, and NBSO musicians. Reception sponsor is Russell Morin Catering & Events. Free and convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage.

Help the NBSO choose its next Music Director by sharing your impressions of the finalists after each concert. Learn more about the season and the finalists on our website at www.nbsymphony.org.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with prize-winning guest artists from around the world, as well as a chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 30,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org for more information.