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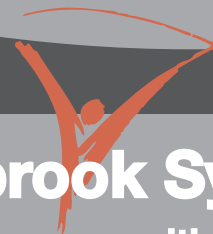
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## From the Maestro The Pride of Nations

World Premiere Highlights Our Opening Concert

Since so many of our concerts are based on compelling, colorful, and dramatic historical events, it seems appropriate that we inaugurate our new season with a program that promises to be exactly that: compelling, colorful, and dramatic—and let's add "thrilling" to the list. Can you imagine a time when composers of classical, "serious" music were an important part of major historical movements in society, the tides that actually helped shape the nations of which they were a part? It's true...and it only serves to illustrate how powerful a force music was—and still can be—in the lives of those who believe in it.

It's rather unfortunate that Tchaikovsky's brilliant *1812 Overture* has become the property of countless fireworks displays and the rowdy revelry that often accompanies them. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the NSO will "take back" Tchaikovsky's most popular work by putting it where it belongs—in the legitimate concert hall. This will allow us to become reacquainted, as it were, with the *1812's* dynamic and monumental power, commemorating as it does the crucial defeat of Napoleon's attempted conquest of Russia. Joining the NSO to help bring this great work to life will be the Glenbrook North Symphonic Wind Ensemble, complete with extra brass and bells. And how will we fit this impressive apparatus on the Sheely Performance Center stage? You will have to come see for yourself!



Also on the program is a magnificent but totally unknown work by Sir Edward Elgar, a tribute to the Polish nation and the British relief efforts to aid the struggling country during the darkest days of World War I. Like the *1812*, Elgar's work depicts the stormy, turbulent action of the

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One of our long-time subscribers recently told us: "The Northbrook Symphony provides the North Shore with a really high quality, interesting variety of programs that are easily accessible and not expensive. It is the perfect storm!"

While the term "perfect storm" normally has a negative connotation, we think the phrase is appropriate, given the benefits our subscribers enjoy.

We are especially excited about our 2011-2012 season, which invites you to join us in exploring a world of musical wonder.

Our season begins Oct. 23, with a concert entitled "The Pride of Nations." "This performance offers a thrilling historical panorama of works that celebrate the popular spirit of countries struggling to establish their national identity," remarked NSO Music Director Lawrence Rapchak.

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# NSO in the Community

## NSO, The New Tradition Chorus Team Up for Special 9/11 Concert

**O**n September 11, 2011, America commemorates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy that shook, but also strengthened, our nation. It will be a day to honor those who perished; pay tribute to the heroes who risked their lives; and, most importantly, celebrate our enduring national spirit.

The Northbrook Symphony Orchestra and The New Tradition Chorus combine their musical talents that day to present a unique concert. "From Sea to Shining Sea" will be an inspirational, uplifting, and unforgettable performance. The exclusive Event sponsor for this concert is Allstate.

"This collaboration between The Northbrook Symphony and The New Tradition Chorus is long overdue," said Lawrence Rapchak, NSO Music Director. "How appropriate that the result will be a festive concert that celebrates the traditions, the musical heritage, and the greatness of the American nation and culture."

"On this important date, there is no better way to honor our heroes and celebrate our freedom than with the wonderful gift of uplifting and inspirational American music," said Al Landry, President of The New Tradition Chorus. "We are honored to share the stage with the NSO to mark this occasion."

The concert will be held at 4 PM at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Glenbrook North High School. For more information visit [www.TheNSO.org](http://www.TheNSO.org), or contact Nestor Dyhdalo, General Manager, at 847/272-0755 or via email at [gm@TheNSO.org](mailto:gm@TheNSO.org).



### About The New Tradition Chorus

The New Tradition Chorus is the performing chorus of the Northbrook Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The New Tradition Chorus was founded in 1982 with the goal of delighting audiences through a cappella performances of diverse musical styles. In 2001, The New Tradition Chorus was awarded the International Gold Medal at the annual competition in Nashville, TN. The New Tradition Chorus is the first chorus inducted into the Barbershop Hall of Fame. Its membership exceeds 100 men from ages 18 – 85 who live throughout the Chicagoland area and southern Wisconsin.

### From the Maestro

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war, replete with marching tunes and fanfares. But as the tempest subsides, something truly magical begins to happen, as Elgar weaves a gentle, dream-like fantasy around melodies of Chopin and Paderewski, Poland's two iconic composers. And as the end of Polonia approaches, we hear the gradual emergence of Poland's National Hymn, in the form of a grand and stirring polonaise. Another fabulous Northbrook Symphony rarity, not to be missed!

Last...and hopefully not least...is the world premiere of a work of my own, *Becoming America*, in which the great British anthem, *God Save the Queen*, is literally transformed from the elegance and frivolity of the 18<sup>th</sup> century British court into the far more rugged and high-spirited dance style of the New World, becoming, of course, the beloved melody, *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*. As a member of our audience on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will be the FIRST to hear this brand new work. Considering that "The Pride of Nations" features music of Russia, England, Poland, France, and Bohemia, it seems entirely appropriate that we pay tribute to our own great nation as well.

I look forward to seeing you there.  
Larry



Glenbrook North Symphonic Wind Ensemble



## Meet the Players

Charles Finton,  
Principal Trumpet

**C**harles Finton has literally seen the world. And when it was time to settle down, Chuck decided to make Chicago his home.

That decision turned out to be a great one for us, as Chuck has been the principal trumpet player for the NSO for the last several years. He is also a core member of the NSO Brass Quintet.

“Chuck is a major asset to the NSO,” NSO Maestro and Music Director Lawrence Rapchak said. “In addition to being a fine player, he is extremely conscientious about his work. I can always count on Chuck to help achieve the vision of the music that we work for.”

“I like the spontaneity Larry brings to the performances,” Chuck said. “We also program some really exciting things; we do not just perform ‘ordinary’ music. That passion makes it fun to play.”

Chuck started playing the trumpet in sixth grade, inspired by his father, who also played the trumpet. After receiving a Bachelor of Music degree from Western Michigan University, Chuck received a Master of Music degree in trumpet performance from Northwestern University.

After that, Chuck was chosen to perform in the prestigious U.S. Coast Guard Band for six years. Among the highlights, Chuck performed at President Clinton’s inauguration, and also at the 50th anniversary of D-Day in England. He also played in Russia at the celebration of the signing of the nuclear disarmament treaty. As part of the band, Chuck also performed in almost all 50 states, with Alaska and Hawaii being the only exceptions.

In addition to performing with the NSO, Chuck also performs with the Racine Symphony Orchestra and the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra. He also conducts private music lessons.

Chuck lives in Wheeling with his wife Louise, who teaches music in the Skokie school system, and his 10-year-old daughter.

### NSO Brass Quintet

Chuck is also one of the members of the NSO Brass Quintet (pictured on page 4). Other members are Dennis Morris, tuba; Christy Gervais, trumpet; Nancy Orbison, French horn; and Robert Plagemann, trombone. The Brass Quintet is available for performances. For more information, call the NSO office at 847/272-0755.



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Tchaikovsky’s well-known *1812 Overture*, commemorating the Russian triumph over Napoleon’s invading forces, will be given a serious, “indoor” concert presentation, complete with extra brass forces courtesy of Glenbrook North’s first-rate Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Other highlights include Elgar’s rousing *Polonia*, a tribute to the courage of the Polish nation during World War I, and the premiere of a new work by NSO Music Director Lawrence Rapchak, *Becoming America*, which traces the venerable melody America from its inception as a British anthem through its transformation into our own national musical treasure.

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# Upcoming Events

## From Sea to Shining Sea

9/11/2011 – 4 PM

Sheely Center for the Performing Arts

*A Celebration of the American Spirit*

*A combined performance with The New Tradition Chorus*

Presented by Allstate

## The Pride of Nations

10/23/2011 – 4 PM

Sheely Center for the Performing Arts

*Celebrating the Establishment of National Identity*

*With the Glenbrook North Symphonic Wind Ensemble*



The NSO Brass Quintet

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**3.** Scan the code with your **Smartphone** to see a video presentation of The NSO.



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