

Extra(ordinarily) Fancy: A powerful and celebratory season opener

Auburn, WA: Auburn Symphony Orchestra kicks off their 2022-2023 season back in Auburn with a powerful and celebratory opening concert. *Extra(ordinarily) Fancy* will be presented on **Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:30 PM at Auburn Performing Arts Center** featuring soloists Rachell Ellen Wong, violin and Shannon Spicciati and Dan Williams, oboes. The pre-concert talk will be at 1:30 pm with William C. White, conductor, composer, teacher, writer, and performer based in Seattle. Tickets and information can be found at <u>auburnsymphony.org</u> or by calling the ASO office at 253-887-7777. Ticket prices are \$40 general, \$32 seniors, and \$12 students.

What can you expect from this concert? The music will be celebratory and powerful. The concert opens with a playful work by Viet Cuong for chamber orchestra and dueling oboes. Auburn Symphony's own Shannon Spicciati and Dan Williams go "reed to reed" in the ultimate oboe smackdown in this Pacific Northwest Premiere of Cuong's *Extra(ordinarily) Fancy*.

Star guest soloist, Rachell Ellen Wong, 2020 Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient, will perform Felix Mendelssohn's passionate *Violin Concerto*. Auburn Symphony is excited to welcome Wong from Seattle. She is a co-founder of Twelfth Night and concertmaster of Seattle Baroque Orchestra among many more accomplishments.

Beethoven's monumental *Eroica* ("Heroic") *Symphony* is a composition that changed the course of music history and expressed the feelings of being alive. It will close out this powerful season opening performance. Tickets are on sale now.

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