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Let Music Be Your Vacation

Escape the cacophony of life with new musical offerings from Auburn Symphony Orchestra. Music can provide comfort during troubling times and even offer a new experience when we are stuck in the norm. ASO continues to produce and share music for the 2020-21 season. They have many programs lined up for the beginning of 2021. All are available to stream for free from auburnsymphony.org.

Premiering **January 21,** 7:30 PM, and available through February 21, is an encore performance available for the first time on video. Édouard Lalo's Cello Concerto in D minor is both lyrical and powerfully emotional. Soloist Brian Wharton loves it for its romantic melodies, fiery passages, and Spanish flavor.

Next, Johannes Brahms' Piano Quintet offers a little something for every type of listener. From angst and vivacity to soothing melodies and finally exalted rhythms. Don't miss this piece from the zenith of 19th century chamber music starting **February 18.** Featuring musicians, Emilie Choi and Sol Im, violin; Betty Agent, viola; Brian Wharton, cello; and William Chapman Nyaho, piano.

As winter turns to spring, hear the Nonets of Bohuslav Jan Martinů and Louise Farrenc conducted by Music Director Wesley Schulz. The music on this program by French composer Louise Farrenc and Czech composer Bohuslav Jan Martinů is perfectly splendid: soothing harmonies and contagious melodies run rampant in these luxurious chamber works. Streaming begins **March 11.** Featuring musicians Wendy Wilhelmi, flute; Shannon Spicciati, oboe; Jennifer Nelson, clarinet; Mona Butler, bassoon; Rodger Burnett, horn; Emilie Choi, violin; Betty Agent, viola; Brian Wharton, cello; and Steve Schermer, double bass.

Check auburnsymphony.org regularly for updates including performances and links to learning and listening resources. The Symphony is offering their concerts for free as a commitment to remain Creatively Connected to the community during this time.

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