

JUNE 7 - 17, 2021

Embracing a Changed World

76th National Conference *Online*

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS



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League's National Conference, June 7 – 17, to Include New Voices, Showcase Performances by Ten U.S. Orchestras

Wynton Marsalis, Renowned Musician, Composer, and Bandleader, Opening Plenary Keynote in Conversation with League President and CEO Simon Woods

Examining where orchestras are now and looking ahead to the future, the League's National Conference, "Embracing a Changed World," will tackle the big questions through new perspectives, actionable content, and provocative discussion.

Five thematic days will include emcees, panel discussions, and facilitated open chat, each day focused on one critical question (full session information coming soon):

- Concert Hall vs. Digital: What new opportunities and challenges are emerging, and how do we balance the need for both engagement and revenue?
- Better Together: What responsibilities and opportunities do orchestras have to deepen their relationships with their communities?
- Showing Up for Racial Equity: What shifts across the board can we make in order to progress towards a more equitable, post-pandemic future? What new tools and approaches do we need in order to sustain and expand this work?
- New Directions: How has a year of adversity and innovation changed our approach to programming and the concert experience?

- Reframing the Narrative: How do we make a compelling case that resonates with government, funders, and the public as a new chapter in the work of orchestras begins?

Eight speakers and a vibrant line-up of emcees and panelists will provide inspiring perspectives and ideas:



Elizabeth Alexander



Denise Wilmer Barreto



Colleen Dilenschneider



Marc Bamuthi Joseph



Emil Kang



Wynton Marsalis



Kiran Singh Sirah



Titus Underwood

Emcees and panelists to date include

Maria Arajuo
Asa Armstrong
Jennifer Arnold
Steve Barbar
Harold Brown
Michelle Miller Burns
David Dombrosky
David Etlinger
Henry Fogel
Michael Frisco
David Holland
Susan Howlett

Nicki Inman
Blake-Anthony Johnson
Kyu-Young Kim
Joe Kluger
Lee Koonce
Chris Kusek
Alecia Lawyer
Scott Leonard
Doug McLennan
Anwar Nasir
Susan Nelson
Dr. Akuoma Nwadike

Dr. Fred Onovwerosuoke
Doris Parent
Susan Reinecke
Laura Reynolds
Phillip Roeglin
Roger Sametz
Briana Scales
Jessica Schmidt
Bob Swaney
Rick Talaske
Janna Walters-Gidseg
Ed Yim

Showcasing the rich range of music-making by American orchestras, ten orchestras will

perform throughout the Conference (programs and details to be announced):

Albany Symphony
Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra
Greensboro Symphony Orchestra
Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra
Interschool Orchestras of New York
Minnesota Orchestra
National Symphony Orchestra
New Bedford Symphony Orchestra
Omaha Symphony
San Diego Symphony

Save the dates of June 7-17... Additional details coming soon!

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