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# **NJSO presents US premiere of Qigang Chen's *La joie de la souffrance* with Ning Feng**

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**Program features Falla's Suite No. 2 from *The Three-Cornered Hat*,  
Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol***

**Music Director Xian Zhang conducts**

**Nov 7 & 9 at NJPAC in Newark  
Nov 10 at MPAC in Morristown**

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Xian Zhang present the US premiere of Qigang Chen's *La joie de la souffrance* with violinist Ning Feng, November 7–9. In addition to the NJSO co-commission from Chen, Feng performs Saint-Saëns' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso. The program also features a pair of orchestral showpieces: Falla's Suite No. 2 from *The Three-Cornered Hat* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol*.

Performances take place on November 7 at 1:30 pm and November 9 at 8 pm at NJPAC in Newark and on November 10 at 3 pm at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

NJ Advance Media praised Feng's "thrilling" first engagement with the NJSO in 2018: "[Feng's] Strad seemed to be floating as his fingers and hands were playing so fast there would be no way of holding the weight in his hands—this brief passage elicited gasps from more than a few people lucky enough to be inside NJPAC Saturday night to witness this memorable debut."

Concert tickets start at \$20 and are available for purchase at [njsymphony.org](http://njsymphony.org) or 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). Student tickets are \$10, available at [njsymphony.org/students](http://njsymphony.org/students) one month in advance.

NJSO Accent events include a Prelude Performance by the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra on November 7 at 12:30 pm and pre-concert Classical Conversations on November 9 at 7 pm and November 10 at 2 pm. The NJSO will collect new, unwrapped toys for the Orchestra's annual Toys for Tots drive. Learn more at [njsymphony.org/accents](http://njsymphony.org/accents).

Learn more about the program at [njsymphony.org/ningfeng](http://njsymphony.org/ningfeng).

## **CONCERT PROGRAM**

### **Spanish- and French-Inspired Showpieces**

Thursday, November 7, at 1:30 pm | NJPAC in Newark

Saturday, November 9, at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark

Sunday, November 10, at 3 pm | Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

XIAN ZHANG conductor

NING FENG violin

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Capriccio espagnol*

QIGANG CHEN *La joie de la souffrance* for Violin and Orchestra (US Premiere and NJSO Co-Commission)

SAINT-SAËNS Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso  
FALLA Suite No. 2 from *The Three-Cornered Hat*

## **NJSO ACCENTS**

### **Prelude Performance – Nov 7 at 12:30 pm**

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra has brought together musicians of all ages, from 5 to 85. Hear a special performance by this unique ensemble in the Prudential Hall lobby.

### **Classical Conversation – Nov 9 at 7 pm & Nov 10 at 2 pm**

Enjoy a lively 30-minute Classical Conversation before the performance, presented on stage. Learn more about the music from NJSO musicians, guest artists and other engaging insiders.

### **Toys for Tots Drive**

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the NJSO's annual Toys for Tots drive.

## **NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Named “a vital, artistically significant musical organization” by *The Wall Street Journal*, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

Music Director Xian Zhang—a “dynamic podium presence” *The New York Times* has praised for her “technical abilities, musicianship and maturity”—continues her acclaimed leadership of the NJSO. The Orchestra presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra's statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include school-time Concerts for Young People and the NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles, led by José Luis Domínguez. NJSO musicians annually perform original chamber music programs at community events in a variety of settings statewide through the NJSO Community Partners program.

Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or at [njsymphony.org](http://njsymphony.org).

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