

NJSO and DreamPlay Films present NJSO Everywhere: cinematic performances in outdoor spaces

- Announcing new release dates for future episodes to be released online through April 2021
 - March 17: Brass ensembles perform on the boardwalk and beach in Seaside Heights
 - March 31: String quartet on the Hoboken waterfront
 - April 21: Septet at Van Vleck House & Gardens in Montclair
- Series premiere available now, featuring violinist David Southorn performing Jessie Montgomery work on the roof of Newark's One Theater Square
- Directed by Yuri Alves
- njsymphony.org/everywhere

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and DreamPlay Films announce new release dates for future episodes of NJSO Everywhere, to premiere online through April. NJSO musicians give solo and chamber performances outdoors in iconic New Jersey locations in this cinematic series presented by the NJSO and DreamPlay Films, part of Newark-based DreamPlay Media. Award-winning, Newark-raised filmmaker Yuri Alves directs.

The March 17 episode features NJSO brass ensembles at the Jersey Shore, filmed on the boardwalk and beach at Seaside Heights. Trumpeter Michael Baker joins NJSO hornist Lawrence DiBello and trombonist Vernon Post for the first movement of Poulenc's *Sonata for Horn, Trumpet and Trombone*. Baker, Post and NJSO hornist Andrea Menousek perform Sousa's *The Washington Post*.

An NJSO quartet performs the *Lyric for Strings* by the late New Jersey composer George Walker at Hoboken's Pier C Park in an episode that will air on March 31. The quartet features violinists Bryan Hernandez-Luch and Ming Yang, violist Brett Deubner and cellist Laura Andrade, the NJSO Colton Fellow.

A chamber ensemble performs the first movement of Beethoven's *Septet* at Van Vleck House & Gardens in Montclair in an episode that airs on April 21. The septet features Concertmaster Eric Wyrick, violist David Blinn, Assistant Principal Cello Na-Young Baek, Assistant Principal Bass Alexander Bickard, clarinetist Andrew Lamy, Principal Bassoon Robert Wagner and hornist Lawrence DiBello.

The series premiere is available now at njsymphony.org/everywhere. Assistant Concertmaster David Southorn performs *Rhapsody No. 1 for Solo Violin* by Princeton resident Jessie Montgomery—filmed with the RED Cinema Camera on the roof of Newark's One Theater Square.

NJSO President & CEO Gabriel van Aalst says: "We are so delighted to showcase some of New Jersey's most beautiful spaces through NJSO Everywhere, and we hope audiences will enjoy the experience of great performances in amazing places. It was fitting to open this series with Princeton composer Jessie Montgomery's brilliant violin rhapsody, and we look forward to sharing equally striking episodes in 2021. The NJSO takes great pride in being New Jersey's state orchestra, and we are thrilled to partner with Newark's own DreamPlay Films, which has captured these performances with stunning cinematography."

"I hope the audience will be impressed by this beautiful blending of incredible music and performers with iconic locations and powerful visuals," says filmmaker Yuri Alves, who directed the series. "I love that we keep setting the bar higher and higher with the NJSO."

DreamPlay Films CEO and series producer Igor Alves says, “These works reveal how these outstanding music performances can both transform and be transformed by environmental and filmic elements beyond the stage, while in this case, also inspiring Jersey lovers old and new.”

All NJSO Everywhere performances air at 7:30 pm on the NJSO’s YouTube and social media channels and at njsymphony.org/everywhere.

NJSO Everywhere is part of NJSO Virtual 20–21, the Orchestra’s digital season. For more information, visit njsymphony.org/virtual.

FROM ONE THEATER SQUARE IN NEWARK

Wed, Dec 2, at 7:30 pm

NJSO Assistant Concertmaster David Southorn performs Rhapsody No. 1 for Solo Violin by Princeton resident Jessie Montgomery.

FROM THE JERSEY SHORE

Wed, Mar 17, at 7:30 pm

NJSO brass ensembles perform Poulenc’s Sonata for Horn, Trumpet and Trombone and Sousa’s *The Washington Post* at the Jersey Shore, filmed on the boardwalk and beach at Seaside Heights.

Featuring NJSO hornists Andrea Menousek and Lawrence DiBello and trombonist Vernon Post with trumpeter Michael Baker.

FROM PIER C PARK IN HOBOKEN

Wed, Mar 31, at 7:30 pm

A quartet performs the *Lyric for Strings* by the late New Jersey composer George Walker on the Hoboken waterfront.

Featuring violinists Bryan Hernandez-Luch and Ming Yang, violist Brett Deubner and cellist Laura Andrade, the NJSO Colton Fellow.

FROM VAN VLECK HOUSE & GARDENS IN MONTCLAIR

Wed, Apr 21, at 7:30 pm

An NJSO chamber ensemble performs the first movement of Beethoven’s Septet in Montclair.

Featuring Concertmaster Eric Wyrick, violist David Blinn, Assistant Principal Cello Na-Young Baek, Assistant Principal Bass Alexander Bickard, clarinetist Andrew Lamy, Principal Bassoon Robert Wagner and hornist Lawrence DiBello.

Yuri Alves

Filmmaker Yuri Alves has written and directed films, primetime television programs and commercial projects in the US and Europe. Alves’ films have screened at over 100 film festivals worldwide, earning 20 awards. Alves’ projects include *Grind*, *On the Cusp* and *Exit Road* and the European primetime television series “Tempo Final” and “Filha da Lei.” Alves is the co-founder and creative director of DreamPlay Media and served as head of production at Fox Digital Studios. Alves is represented by the agency Brawler Los Angeles. Alves was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to Portuguese parents, and raised in Newark, New Jersey. For more, visit yurialves.com | Instagram: [@yurialvescinema](https://www.instagram.com/yurialvescinema).

DreamPlay Films

DreamPlay Films develops and produces narrative and documentary films, television programming and more. DreamPlay Films is a division of DreamPlay Media, an original and creative media company, based in Newark, NJ. For more, visit dreamplayfilms.com | dreamplaymedia.com.

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.

The Orchestra’s online hub for free NJSO Virtual 20–21 content is njsymphony.org/virtual.

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