

CityMusic Cleveland plans nineteen performances this season

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CityMusic Cleveland will present four programs during 2014-2015 in multiple venues around metropolitan Cleveland, three of them conducted by the chamber orchestra's artistic director and composer Avner Dorman, one by CWRU's Peter Bennett.

Dorman will be featured as a composer in concerts from October 15 through October 19, when his *Saxophone*

Concerto will be played by Timothy McAllister in performances in Lakewood, Cleveland, Willoughby Hills and University Heights, along with Mozart's *Symphony No. 35* ("Haffner") and Haydn's *Symphony No. 45* ("Farewell").

The late Argentine composer Ariel Ramírez's *Misa Criolla* (1964) will be at the center of the second series of concerts. Incorporating South American folk instruments, the piece will be sung by the choir of Sagrada Familia Church on Cleveland's west side in performances in Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Willoughby Hills and Lakewood from December 3-7 conducted by Peter Bennett. Also on the program: the *Sinfonia in D* by the Spanish composer and clarinetist Antonio Sarrier (1725-1762), and Mozart's *Bassoon Concerto* with Laura Koepke as soloist.

Dorman will return to the podium for concerts from March 12-15 in Mentor, Lakewood, Cleveland and Shaker Heights, when violinist Adele Anthony will solo in Carl Nielsen's concerto. To complete the program, Dorman will conduct Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1* and Arvo Pärt's *Symphony No. 4, Los Angeles*, commissioned by a consortium including the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Esa-Pekka Salonen.

Avner Dorman and the orchestra will be in residence at the Masonic Auditorium Performing Arts Center in Cleveland from May 28-30 for school and public performances of a program entitled "Wishes and Dreams" and featuring the premiere of

Georgian composer Ioseb Bardanashvili's *A Child's Prayer*, for pop singer, children's chorus and chamber orchestra.

Performances are free, but donations are welcome. For details about dates, times and venues, visit the CityMusic Cleveland [website](#).

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