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LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

2023 **2024**

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

This season, I am thinking about our future makers and ways to make art together. The stories on our stages, both inside and beyond the building, offer an opportunity to hear new voices and diverse perspectives from world-class artists and talented Lehigh students.

Sphinx Virtuosi opens the Presenting Series with an exciting program highlighting the excellence of Black and Latinx performers and

composers. The San Diego Symphony graces our stage to premiere a new work by Carlos Simon, the Kennedy Center's composer-in-residence, the night before they debut it in Carnegie Hall.

The imaginative Momix celebrates its 40th anniversary with a fantastical version of *Alice in Wonderland*. The Vienna Boys Choir rings in the holidays with traditional songs in Packer Memorial Church. Mermaid Theater's *The Rainbow Fish* is a delight for audiences of all ages. Lehigh Music Department Chair Paul Salerni conducts a live orchestra for Nimbus Dance's contemporary interpretation of Copland's *Appalachian Spring*.

The university's music and theatre departments continue to amplify students' talents with the artistic vision of our esteemed faculty. See the future makers share their creativity this season.

We understand the importance of building our future audiences. Our Family Series partnership with the Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital ensures engagement continues with our second annual fun-filled Family Day.

Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble joins us for a year-long residency, building dialogue and collaboration in the community beyond our building. The ensemble activates spaces with art by listening to individuals and turning their stories into a devised play that will be seen throughout Bethlehem's South Side neighborhood, weaving the campus and community together with a beautiful performance.

How excited I am that Zoellner Arts Center's 2023-2024 season adds to the vibrant arts scene in the Lehigh Valley and is a conduit to bring the area's rural, suburban and urban communities together. Thank you for your continued support. Arts have an impact in our community because of you.

*Mark Fitzgerald Wilson*

Executive Director

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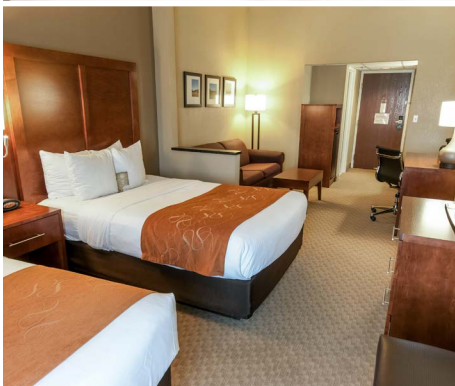




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## ABOUT

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is America's premier large brass ensemble. A group that always reflects the diverse makeup of men and women in the American culture, RMPBB is dedicated to the notion that music is a gift to be enjoyed by everyone.

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is a family-owned and operated business that had its beginnings on the streets of New Orleans. On the advice of family patriarch Ellis Marsalis, the group created a concert format that breaks the usual barriers between genres and strives to create a connection between the audience and performers.

The ensemble is especially dedicated to reaching out to the world's youth and inspiring them to reach for their dreams. A veritable "dream team" of virtuoso brass players, the group burst onto the music scene with a debut performance in Philadelphia's Kimmel Center in Verizon Hall, a residency for the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, and a special feature on the National Public Radio show, "All Things Considered."

Performances by The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass range from solo trumpet, to brass quintet, to the full eleven-piece ensemble with percussion. Their programs include holiday concerts, mini-concerts for schools, and traditional brass concerts with optional organ or choir. "Brothers on the Battlefield: The Power of Love" covers music from the Civil War through the Civil Rights Movements.

In recent years the group has been invited to perform in performing arts centers around the world, including China's National Center for the Performing Arts, Guangzhou Opera House, Tanglewood's Seiji Ozawa Hall, and prominent performing arts centers throughout the United States, South America, Asia, and Europe.

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<b>THE BACON BROTHERS</b>	<b>OCT 6</b>
<b>NEIL GAIMAN</b>	<b>OCT 8</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY</b>	<b>OCT 12</b>
<b>STORYFACES + ARTRAGEOUS</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY</b>
 <b>Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital</b> <b>FAMILY SERIES</b>	<b>OCT 14</b>
<b>LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CHORAL ARTS</b> <i>Sacred and Profane</i>	<b>OCT 21-22</b>
<b>MOMIX</b> <i>Alice</i>	<b>OCT 28</b>
<b>LEHIGH UNIVERSITY JAZZ REPERTORY ORCHESTRA</b>	<b>OCT 29</b>
<b>LEHIGH UNIVERSITY FACULTY STRING QUARTET</b> <i>Impression, Sunrise</i>	<b>NOV 5</b>
<b>RAGS PARKLAND SINGS THE SONGS OF THE FUTURE</b>	<b>NOV 10-17</b>
<b>THE RODNEY MARSALIS PHILADELPHIA BIG BRASS</b>	<b>NOV 17</b>
<b>LEHIGH UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE</b> <i>Come Dance with Us</i>	<b>NOV 19</b>
<b>LEHIGH UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC</b> <i>A Dance Across Life</i>	<b>DEC 1-2</b>
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