



Richard Lee
Conductor



Vadym Kholodenko
Piano



Natalie MacMaster
Violin



The Romeros
Royal Family of Guitar

2014 2015 *season*

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Beethoven: Symphony No. 8

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Mahler: Symphony No. 4

Strauss: Overture to *Die Fledermaus*

Brahms: Symphony No. 4

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I AM THRILLED TO PRESENT THE
EAST TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 2014-2015 SEASON!



It contains an immense array of great music and superb artists. Here are some personal highlights:

- Natalie MacMaster and our very own Mark Miller sharing the stage
- The “Royal Family” of the guitar, the Romeros
- Mahler’s transcendent Symphony No. 4, featuring the luminous voice of soprano Shannon Mercer
- Van Cliburn Gold Medal Winner Vadym Kholodenko performing Rachmaninoff
- My mentor, Raffi Armenian, conducting the music he loves
- The continuation of our Brahms (No. 4) and Beethoven (No. 8) symphonic cycles
- Old music, new music and American music

Flip through the brochure and reserve your seats today!

SEE YOU AT THE SYMPHONY!

Richard Lee

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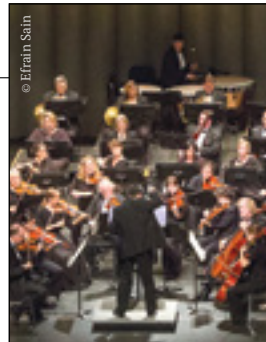
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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MUSIC

NOON NOTES @ LIBERTY HALL

On the Friday before each concert from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Liberty Hall in Downtown Tyler, Richard Lee and the guest soloist share insights about the music being performed.

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OPENING NIGHT!

CLIBURN GOLD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014 - 7:30 PM
UT TYLER COWAN CENTER

A Braithwaite Performing Arts Program jointly presented by the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and the UT Tyler Cowan Center.

RICHARD LEE, CONDUCTOR
VADYM KHOLODENKO, PIANO

RACHMANINOFF: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3
REICH: CLAPPING MUSIC
BRAHMS: SYMPHONY NO. 4



He wowed audiences at the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Now newly crowned Gold Medalist Vadym Kholodenko joins Richard Lee and the East Texas Symphony Orchestra to open the 2014-2015 Season with a performance of one of the most beloved romantic piano concertos of all time, Rachmaninoff’s Concerto No. 3. The opening night also includes the ETSO’s continuing cycle of Brahms with his lush Symphony No. 4 and the Orchestra’s first performance of American composer Steve Reich’s “Clapping Music.” It’s a “golden” start to the new season!



“This (Kholodenko) was music-making as if from another world, far removed from the calculated brilliance more often heard today.”

The Dallas Morning News

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THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GUITAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014 - 7:30 PM
UT TYLER COWAN CENTER

RICHARD LEE, CONDUCTOR
CELIN ROMERO, GUITAR
PEPE ROMERO, GUITAR
CELINO ROMERO, GUITAR
LITO ROMERO, GUITAR

The Romeros, the Royal Family of Guitar, have enjoyed an illustrious career with recitals and countless performances with such prestigious organizations as the Boston Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and many more. They also have performed at the White House, Vatican, Hollywood Bowl and for royal audiences. The legendary family joins Richard Lee and the Orchestra for a rare performance not to be missed.

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"The only classical guitar quartet of real stature in the world of music,"

The New York Times



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DUELING FIDDLES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015 - 7:30 PM
UT TYLER COWAN CENTER

A Braithwaite Performing Arts Program jointly presented by the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and the UT Tyler Cowan Center.

RICHARD LEE, CONDUCTOR
NATALIE MACMASTER, FIDDLE
MARK MILLER, VIOLIN

MOZART: RONDO IN C, K. 373
MASSENET: MÉDITATION FROM THAÏS
ELGAR: SERENADE
SAINT-SAËNS: INTRODUCTION AND RONDO CAPRICCIOSO
SELECTIONS BY NATALIE MACMASTER
"DUELING FIDDLES"

Celtic and classical come together in this concert featuring acclaimed international artist Natalie MacMaster. Having shared the stage with diverse artists from The Chieftans to cellist Yo-Yo Ma, MacMaster brings her fiddling skills to Tyler where she will join Richard Lee, the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and concertmaster Mark Miller for a lively evening of music. Natalie MacMaster shares her high energy jigs, waltzes and reels for which she is so well known, while Mr. Miller is featured in several popular classical works for the violin by composers such as Mozart, Massenet, and Saint-Saëns. The two musical worlds come together on stage when MacMaster and Miller join their styles in a duet for two violins and orchestra.

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MELODY MAKERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 - 7:30 PM
UT TYLER COWAN CENTER

RAFFI ARMENIAN, GUEST CONDUCTOR
CHRISTINE WU, VIOLIN

The ETSO invites you to an evening of great melodies. Guest conductor Raffi Armenian leads the Orchestra in a program that includes a pair of popular overtures: **Rossini's "William Tell,"** made even more popular by a certain masked man, and **Strauss' delightful "Die Fledermaus."** The concert includes the ETSO's continuing examination of symphonies by **Beethoven,** with a performance of his **Symphony No. 8.** Guest soloist for the evening is 2013 Juanita Miller Concerto Competition Grand Prize Winner **Christine Wu** performing **Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 1.** And keep your eye on the viola section as ETSO Music Director **Richard Lee** takes a chair in the Orchestra for this concert.



SUBLIME FINALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015 - 7:30 PM
UT TYLER COWAN CENTER

RICHARD LEE, CONDUCTOR
SHANNON MERCER, SOPRANO

Join the East Texas Symphony Orchestra for an evening of sublime music led by ETSO Music Director Richard Lee. The evening includes **Gabriel Fauré's Pavane** and Mahler's moving **Symphony No. 4.** Acclaimed soprano **Shannon Mercer** brings her lyric voice to two works, **Berg's Seven Early Songs** and the final movement of **Mahler's Symphony No. 4.** Ms. Mercer is an accomplished recitalist and orchestral performer working throughout North America, including appearances with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, the Kansas City Symphony and with the Boston Early Music Festival. This concert is a moving finale to the ETSO 2014-2015 Season.



"...a rare combination of a pure, lyric soprano voice coupled with enough power to fill a large hall"

Toronto Star

ETSOA @ LIBERTY HALL

Throughout the year, the East Texas Symphony Orchestra Association presents special offerings at Liberty Hall in Downtown Tyler. From Jazz to Classical to creative family programming, our Liberty Hall events offer something for all ages.



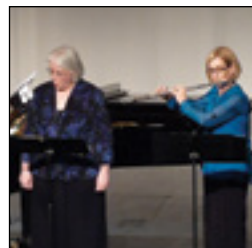
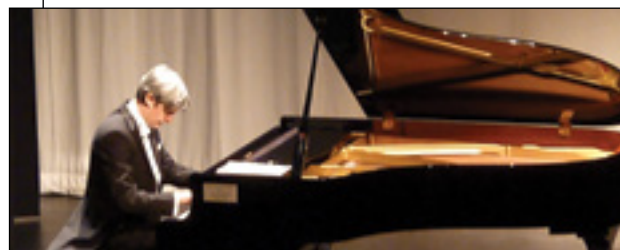
The season kicks off in style on **JULY 3, 7:30 PM,** with the Tyler Big Band in a **PATRIOTIC FANFARE** of music for the Independence Day weekend.

Look for other special events throughout the year including:

ETSO JAZZ SPECTACULAR
 in November 2014

ETSO PIANO FESTIVAL
 in Spring 2015

SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAMMING
 in December 2014 and February 2015



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