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White Plains Native Garrick Ohlsson and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra *Opening night at The Purchase PAC*

(Purchase, New York – September 5, 2024) THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE 2024-2025 season begins on Friday, September 27, at 7:30pm with a concert featuring the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and pianist Garrick Ohlsson.

The concert on September 27, titled *Generations*, melds Orpheus Chamber Orchestra's innovative approach to classical music with pianist Garrick Ohlsson's masterful technique. The program includes Mozart's Piano Concerto No. in E-flat Major and Brahms' Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, alongside a new piece by American composer and six-time Grammy winner Billy Childs, commissioned by Orpheus & The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

A pre-show Artist Talk, scheduled for 6:45pm, will provide audiences an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the program. The Artist Talk is free for all ticket holders.

This concert will be of special interest to local audiences, as Garrick Ohlsson is a White Plains native who began his musical journey at the Westchester Conservatory of Music.

About the artists

NYC-based [Orpheus Chamber Orchestra](#) is a radical experiment in musical democracy, proving for fifty years what happens when exceptional artists gather with total trust in each other and faith in the creative process. The orchestra's mission is to create extraordinary musical experiences that enrich lives and empower individuals through collaboration, innovation, and a passion for artistic excellence.

A native of White Plains, N.Y., [Garrick Ohlsson](#) began his piano studies at the age of 8, at the Westchester Conservatory of Music. Ever since, starting with his triumph as winner of the 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition, Ohlsson has established himself worldwide as a musician of magisterial interpretive and technical prowess.

[Billy Childs](#) has emerged as one of the foremost American composers of his era, perhaps the most distinctly American composer since Aaron Copland – for like Copland, he has successfully married the musical products of his heritage with the Western neoclassical traditions of the twentieth century in a powerful symbiosis of style, range, and dynamism.

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and Garrick Ohlsson

Friday, September 27, 2024 • 7:30pm

\$75 / \$60 / \$35

BILLY CHILDS / *Each Moment Is a New Discovery*

Commissioned by Orpheus & The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

MOZART / Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-flat Major K. 271, *Jeunehomme*

Garrick Ohlsson, piano

BRAHMS / Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op. 24

orchestrated by Michael Stephen Brown

Tickets: <https://www.artscenter.org/events/orpheus-chamber-orchestra-with-garrick-ohlsson/>

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The Purchase PAC's 2024-2025 season features a broad range of events by professional touring artists. It includes familiar audience favorites, Purchase alumni, innovative emerging artists, and opportunities for creative encounters and engagement. The 2024-2025 season will run from September through early May of 2025.

All performances will take place at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577. Tickets and a complete season schedule are available on The Purchase PAC website at <https://www.artscenter.org/events/>.

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[The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College](#) (The Purchase PAC), "your home for extraordinary experiences," is a four-theatre complex located on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY, is the major professional, non-profit arts presenter in the Southeastern New York–Southwestern Connecticut region.

The Purchase PAC has long been a hub for highly skilled artists, civic and academic leaders, community activists, and volunteers who recognize the power of investing in the performing arts to spark creativity and connection.

Through Education & Engagement programs, The Purchase PAC creates opportunities for local K -12 students and multi-generational learners to participate in the artistic process.

The Purchase PAC has a collaborative relationship with the campus population, hosting performances for the Conservatories of Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts. Purchase College students

can take advantage of master classes, on-site training, internships, job opportunities, and ticket discounts.

An active facility rental business focuses on providing space and support to high-quality musical recordings, technical rehearsals, and community events.

The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College is a 2024 Best of Westchester award recipient (Best Theatre/Professional).

Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY, is located 28 miles northeast of New York City at the Connecticut border. The College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY), is an institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, continuing education, the Neuberger Museum of Art, and The Performing Arts Center.

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