

GREENSBORO SYMPHONY

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The Greensboro Symphony Orchestra presents

Not Our First Goat Rodeo

Yo-Yo Ma – Stuart Duncan

Edgar Meyer – Chris Thile

with guest Aoife O'Donovan



GREENSBORO, NC (March 12, 2020) – An astounding group of virtuosos – **Yo-Yo Ma** on cello, **Stuart Duncan** on fiddle, **Edgar Meyer** on bass, and **Chris Thile** on mandolin — reunite live for the first time in nearly a decade. Joined by featured vocalist **Aoife O'Donovan**, the lively talents of these exceptional artists come together on stage to create a singular sound that's part composed, part improvised, and uniquely American — music so complex to pull off that the group likens it to a goat rodeo, airplane pilots' nickname for a situation in which many different things need to go right to avoid disaster. In the words of the *Los Angeles Times*, this concert presents “unlikely musicians on unlikely instruments in concerts ... that [are] part blues, part bluegrass and a smidgen of Bach.”

2011's Grammy-winning Goat Rodeo Sessions was the first step in this pathbreaking collaboration,

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producing music that NPR's *World Cafe* called "organic yet composed in a way that only four deeply talented, in-tune musicians could make it," hinting "at Appalachia, Chinese, classical, Celtic, and jazz influences." Now, the group reunites to perform a collection of all-new music, accompanied by a new album on Sony Masterworks. These five musicians' diverse traditions and experiences intersect to create a compelling sound that is at once global and American, a shared voice that speaks powerfully to the American experience.

Who: Yo-Yo Ma, cello
Stuart Duncan, fiddle
Edgar Meyer, bass
Chris Thile, mandolin
Aoife O'Donovan, vocals

What: *Not Our First Goat Rodeo*

When: Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 7:00 PM

Where: Steven Tanger Center for the Performing Arts | 300 N. Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401

Tix: This concert is currently available only to subscribers of the 2020.21 Masterworks, Chamber and POPS Series. Tickets go on sale to the general public on August 1, 2020 greensborosymphony.org / ticketmaster.com / GSO Box Office: 336-335-5456 x224

Price: \$195, \$125, \$99, \$58 (Special premium seats available to donors which will include a pre-concert reception and VIP Parking)

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