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MSU Music presents season finales by major large ensembles

College orchestras, choirs and bands fill Wharton Center stage with inspirational performances.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Fans of large musical ensembles will want to clear their evening calendars the last week of April as the MSU College of Music presents a full slate of season finales in the Cobb Great Hall of the Wharton Center for Performing Arts. Major ensembles closing out the **2022-2023 Encore! Season** include the MSU Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Symphony Orchestra with Choirs, and Concert and Campus Bands.

Among the anticipated large ensemble events is a performance of inspiring works by the MSU Wind Symphony on **Thursday**, **April 27 at 7:30 p.m.**, conducted by Kevin L. Sedatole. The program features guest composer Adam Schoenberg's *Losing Earth* and Aaron Copeland's *Appalachian Spring* with solo percussion performances by MSU percussionist Jon Weber.

The MSU Symphony Orchestra shares the stage with Choral Union, State Singers, and University Choral for a spectacular event on **Saturday**, **April 29 at 8 p.m.**, conducted by Octavio Más-Arocas and David Rayl in his final conducting performance for MSU. The program "A Celebration of Legacies" includes *Symbolum Nicenum* from *Mass in B Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Daphnis et Chloé* (Suite No. 2) by Maurice Ravel, *Missa brevis K. 192* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and selections from *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms.

Additional large ensembles performing at Wharton Center for the last week of April include:

4/25 Tues., 7:30 p.m. Symphony Band

David Thornton, conductor

4/26 Wed., 7:30 p.m. Concert Orchestra

Katherine Kilburn, conductor Sally Yu and Asieh Mahyar, guest conductors

General admission seating for this and other large ensemble performances are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 60 and older), and free for students and those under 18 with valid ID, and can be purchased online (music.msu.edu), by calling (517) 353-5340, or at the door. More information on these and other events in the 2022-23 Encore! Season can be found at music.msu.edu/events.