

American Voices

*An energizing concert featuring Mariachi, Broadway, and
Symphonic Folk Melodies*

Auburn, WA: Auburn Symphony Orchestra continues its annual celebration of American music with iconic and newly-embraced works. ***American Voices*** will be performed **Sunday, October 15 at 2:30 PM in the Auburn Performing Arts Center**. Tickets and information can be found at auburnsymphony.org or by calling the box office at 253-887-7777. Ticket pricing is \$40 (\$32 seniors, \$12 students/families).

There is a lot on offer at this concert including a student Mariachi performance, guest expert discussion, Latin beats, Broadway familiarity, a contemporary composition and a new edition of a once-lost work. This is truly a celebration of musical voices of America.

The most familiar piece will be the Latin beats from Leonard Bernstein's 1957 smash musical, *West Side Story*, including tunes like *Maria* and *I Feel Pretty*. *Mariachitlán* by Juan Pablo Contreras (born 1987, Guadalajara, Mexico) is a loving homage to the Mexican state of Jalisco, the birthplace of Mariachi. Tying in with the theme, there will be a performance by Auburn School District Mariachi in the lobby before the concert.

The opening piece is William Levi Dawson's epic *Negro Folk Symphony* which premiered nearly 90 years ago to great acclaim. This music is experiencing a resurgence with a new score edited by local scholar, Dr. Gwynne Kuhner Brown. Brown is a musicologist at the University of Puget Sound whose recent research and writing is focused on the life and work of William L. Dawson. She has also published on George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. Brown will give an in-person talk about the music at 1:30 PM before the concert.

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