



# NKU Philharmonic Concerto Competition

## Opus 7, 2023–2024

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*NKU Concerto Competition Founder and Artistic Director*

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 // 6 p.m.  
Greaves Concert Hall

### 2023 CONCERTO COMPETITION JUDGES

**Rose Brown**, *Violinist, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra*  
**Dr. Brianna Matzke**, *Associate Professor of Music, Wilmington College*

### COMPETITION ORDER

*The order for each division was determined by random drawing. Please note that this is an open competition, not a concert. Audience members are welcome to come in and out, but please enter and exit between competitors.*

#### 6:00 p.m.

Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622 ..... Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)  
I. Allegro

Peyton Wallace, *clarinet*  
Senior Music Education Major  
Bob Conda, *piano*

#### 6:15 p.m.

Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16..... Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)  
I. Allegro molto moderato

Maria Huff, *piano*  
Senior Music Performance Major  
Christina Seal, *piano*

#### 6:30 p.m.

Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64 ..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)  
I. Allegro molto appassionato

Gracie Niehaus, *violin*  
Sophomore Music Performance Major  
Bob Conda, *piano*

#### 6:45 p.m.

Violin Concerto No. 2..... Henri Wieniawski (1835–1880)  
I. Allegro moderato

Eva Vandegrift, *violin*  
Sophomore Music Education Major  
Bob Conda, *piano*

**7:00 p.m.**

Concerto No. 4 in F Minor, RV 297, Op. 8 “Winter” .....Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Maia Loiacono, *violin*  
Sophomore Music Performance Major  
Bob Conda, *piano*

**7:15 p.m.**

Eclogue, Op. 10 .....Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

Norma Dieterlen, *piano*  
Senior Music Performance Major  
Richard Van Dyke, *piano*

## **ABOUT THE NKU PHILHARMONIC CONCERTO COMPETITION**

The NKU Philharmonic Concerto Competition began in 2017. Each year, external judges are brought in to judge talented NKU competitors. Competitors must perform their pieces from memory, making the competition a particularly challenging feat. Winners of the competition perform as soloists with the NKU Philharmonic Orchestra in their annual “On the Rise” concert in February. The judges reserve the right to have no winners of the competition in a given year.

## **HISTORY OF NKU PHILHARMONIC CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS**

### **Op. 6 Concerto Competition Winners (2022–2023 season)**

Anna Stephens, *cello*  
James Tober, III, *clarinet*  
Kyle Walker, *marimba*

### **Op. 5 Concerto Competition Winners (2021–2022 season)**

Gracie Niehaus, *violin*  
Russell Zimmer, *viola*

### **Op. 4 Concerto Competition Winners (2020–2021 season)**

Maddie Pittman, *violin*  
Jimmy Tober, *clarinet*

### **Op. 3 Concerto Competition Winners (2019–2020 season)**

Victor Cabezas, *horn*  
Kyle Ledbetter, *cello*  
John Niehaus, *viola*  
Nicole Ortiz, *clarinet*

### **Opus 2 Concerto Competition Winners (2018–2019 Season)**

Jon McIntrye, *saxophone*  
Gita Srinivasan, *cello*  
Corey Watzek, *double bass*

### **Opus 1 Concerto Winners (2017–2018 Season)**

Christopher Gratsch, *marimba*  
Nao Kamiya, *piano*  
William Lommel, *trombone*

## **THANK YOU**

A special thanks to our 2023–2024 Concerto Competition judges, Rose Brown and Dr. Brianna Matzke. Congratulations and thank you to all our competitors. Thank you to the NKU Philharmonic members who volunteered their time to help with set-up and logistics for this competition. Thank you to the NKU SOTA administration for their support of this endeavor.

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