

SIGHT & SOUND

Haydn, Brahms & The Manufactured Classical Ideal

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LEON BOTSTEIN conductor

with brief remarks by Seán Hemingway, John A. and Carole O. Moran Curator in Charge, Greek and Roman Art

CONCERT TIMELINE

2 hours

Discussion & Excerpts	Intermission	No. 38	a Theme	Q&A
-	20 min	18 min	18 min	-



Franz Joseph Haydn

Born 3/31/1732 in Rohrau, Lower Austria Died 5/31/1809 at age 77 in Vienna

Variations on

Symphony No. 38

Allegro di molto (very fast) 5 min Andante molto (very moderately slow) 5 min Menuet: Allegro (fast)—Trio 3 min Allegro di molto (very fast) 5 min

Written 1765-69, in Haydn's mid 30s



Johannes Brahms

Born 5/7/1833 in Hamburg, Germany Died 4/3/1897 at age 63 in Vienna

Variations on a Theme of Haydn

Theme: Chorale St. Antoni: Andante (moderately slow) *2 min*

Variation I: Poco più animato (a little more animated) *1 min*

Variation II: Più vivace (more lively) 1 min Variation III: Con moto (with motion) 2 min Variation IV: Andante con moto (moderately slow, with motion) 2 min

Variation V: Vivace (lively) 1 min
Variation VI: Vivace (lively) 1 min
Variation VII: Grazioso (graceful) 3 min
Variation VIII: Presto non troppo (not too

quickly) 1 min

Finale: Andante (moderately slow) 4 min

Written 1873, at age 40
Premiered 11/2/1873 in Vienna; Vienna
Philharmonic: Brahms conductor

The Artists

LEON BOTSTEIN conductor



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Leon Botstein is founder and music director of The Orchestra Now (TŌN), music director and principal conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra (ASO), artistic codirector of Bard SummerScape and the Bard Music Festival, and conductor laureate and principal guest conductor of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (JSO), where he served as music director from 2003 to 2011. He has been guest conductor with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Aspen Music Festival, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Mariinsky Theatre, Russian National Orchestra in Moscow. Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden, Taipei Symphony, Simón Bolivar Symphony Orchestra, and Sinfónica Juvenil de Caracas in Venezuela, among others. In 2018, he assumed artistic directorship of Campus Grafenegg and Grafenegg Academy in Austria.

Recordings include acclaimed recordings of Othmar Schoeck's Lebendig begraben with TON. Hindemith's The Long Christmas Dinner with the ASO, a Grammv-nominated recording of Popov's First Symphony with the London Symphony Orchestra, and other various recordings with TON, ASO, the London Philharmonic, NDR Orchestra Hamburg, and JSO, among others. He is editor of The Musical Quarterly and author of numerous articles and books, including The Compleat Brahms (Norton), Jefferson's Children (Doubleday), Judentum und Modernität (Bölau), and Von Beethoven zu Berg (Zsolnay). Honors include Harvard University's prestigious Centennial Award; the American Academy of Arts and Letters award: and Cross of Honor, First Class. from the government of Austria, for his contributions to music. Other distinctions include the Bruckner Society's Julio Kilenyi Medal of Honor for his interpretations of that composer's music, the Leonard Bernstein Award for the Elevation of Music in Society, and Carnegie Foundation's Academic Leadership Award. In 2011, he was inducted into the American Philosophical Society.

THE ORCHESTRA NOW



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The Orchestra Now (TŌN) is a group of vibrant young musicians from across the globe who are making orchestral music relevant to 21st-century audiences by sharing their unique personal insights in a welcoming environment. Hand-picked from the world's leading conservatories-including the Yale School of Music, Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Royal Academy of Music, and the New England Conservatory of Music-the members of TŌN are enlightening curious minds by giving on-stage introductions and demonstrations, writing concert notes from the musicians' perspective, and having one-on-one discussions with patrons during intermissions.

Conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, whom The New York Times said "draws rich, expressive playing from the orchestra," founded TŌN in 2015 as a graduate program at Bard College, where he is also president. TŌN offers both a threeyear master's degree in Curatorial, Critical, and Performance Studies and a two-year advanced certificate in Orchestra Studies. The orchestra's home base is the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center at Bard, where it performs multiple concerts each season and takes part in the annual Bard Music Festival. It also performs regularly at the finest venues in New York, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and others across NYC and beyond. HuffPost, who has called TŌN's performances "dramatic

and intense," praises these concerts as "an opportunity to see talented musicians early in their careers."

The orchestra has performed with many distinguished guest conductors and soloists, including Leonard Slatkin, Neeme Järvi, Gil Shaham, Fabio Luisi, Vadim Repin, Hans Graf, Peter Serkin, Gerard Schwarz, Tan Dun, and JoAnn Falletta. Recordings featuring The Orchestra Now include two albums of piano concertos with Piers Lane on Hyperion Records, and a Sorel Classics concert recording of pianist Anna Shelest performing works by Anton Rubinstein with TON and conductor Neeme Järvi. Buried Alive with baritone Michael Nagy, released on Bridge Records in August 2020, includes the first recording in almost 60 years—and only the second recording ever of Othmar Schoeck's song-cycle Lebendia begraben. Recent releases include Classics of American Romanticism—featuring the firstever complete recording of Bristow's Arcadian Symphony—and an album of piano concertos with Orion Weiss, both on Bridge Records, and the soundtrack to the motion picture Forte. Recordings of TŌN's live concerts from the Fisher Center can be heard on Classical WMHT-FM and WWFMThe Classical Network. and are featured regularly on Performance Today, broadcast nationwide.

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What is your earliest memory of classical music? My father habitually watched old western movies on the weekends and I was always fascinated by the sounds I would hear. When did you realize you wanted to pursue music as a career? In high school. I enjoyed watching communities come together to watch or participate in the arts, and I wanted to further explore that with a career in music.

Favorite memory from your time in TŌN: Playing Julia Perry, Florence Price, and Rachmaninoff under the leadership of Maestro Joseph Young was incredibly inspiring because I was able to play a program of composers who shared my gender and racial/ethnic identity while maintaining the integrity of their musicianship with Young's vision of the works.

What do you think orchestra concerts should look like in the 21st Century? I believe that orchestra concerts should be accessible to as many people as possible in the 21 st Century. That comes with physically bringing concerts to the community instead of all of them being in a concert hall, lower admission costs, and representation of the communities' backgrounds in the works that are performed and the people performing them. We should also expand our use of technology to reach more people globally.

Favorite non-classical musician: Erykah Badu

If you could play another instrument, what would it be? Cello or voice

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