



For Immediate Release:

Fear No Music Offers Access with **2020/21 Season *TOMORROW IS MY TURN*** A Celebration of Black America

*"FNM [is] the best kind of Portland hybrid: a classical ensemble with unimpeachable performance credentials, a love for local and contemporary composers, and a **mature sense of social justice and responsibility.**"* - Oregon ArtsWatch

September 25, 2020; Portland, OR: With their ongoing devotion to equity and inclusion, the members of Fear No Music stand up to systemic racism with *Tomorrow Is My Turn*, a donation-based virtual season entirely dedicated to the work of Black composers. With a title borrowed from Nina Simone's yearning ballad, the series offers a small glimpse into the breadth and depth of phenomenal music being created by Black artists across the nation.

This season, thoughtfully curated specifically for an optimal online listening experience, offers four mini-concerts of 20-30 minutes and a headliner, all of which showcase the tremendous talent of the Fear No Music musicians in rarely heard solo performances.

Tomorrow Is My Turn

WHEN: Premiere broadcast at 7:30pm PT on the following Monday evenings
Concerts are available for 48 hours following the initial broadcast

Mini-concerts (20-30 minutes)

November 2nd - Kenji Bunch, viola & Monica Ohuchi, piano

February 1st - James Shields, clarinet

March 1st - Amelia Lukas, flute

April 5th - Jeff Payne, piano

Headliner concert- April 26th

Inés Voglar Belgique, violin; Nancy Ives, cello; & Michael Roberts, percussion

In partnership with Don't Shoot Portland
and the BRAVO Youth Orchestras

WHERE: All performances available to stream on Youtube

COST: Mini-concerts are FREE; Headliner concert: \$25 General Admission; \$10 student and seniors
Visit fearnomusic.org to RSVP, donate, and receive concert links

“With this season, Tomorrow Is My Turn, we focus exclusively on the music of Black American composers. In doing so, we humbly seek to counter the neglect this music and these composers have historically faced in our field; we offer a precedent to share with our colleagues in the new music community; and we once again attempt to shoulder the responsibility inherent in the name ‘Fear No Music.’” - Kenji Bunch Artistic Director

Composers celebrated in the *Tomorrow Is My Turn* season include:

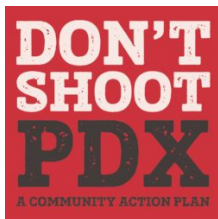
Marcos Balter
Daniel Bernard
Roumain
Ed Bland
Courtney Bryan
Derek Douglas
Carter

Valerie Coleman
Talib-Rasul Hakim
Regina Harris
Baiocchi
Adolphus Hailstork
James Lee III
Allison Loggins-Hull

Joshua Mallard
Nicole Mitchell
Jessie Montgomery
Nokutula
Ngwenyama
Mason Quinn
Carlos Simon

Additionally, Fear No Music has commissioned a new work from the BRAVO! Composition Collective in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, which will premiere during the headliner concert.

With the opening of its 2020-21 season, Fear No Music also announces the launch of a new website which includes comprehensive information about concerts, musicians, YCP and the Authentic Voice Program, and the ability to stream live recordings from past performances. Visit fearnomusic.org.



Promotional partner: Don't Shoot Portland

Don't Shoot Portland is a Black-led human rights nonprofit that advocates for accountability. Since 2014, the organization has implemented art, education and civic participation within its programming to create social change.

Tomorrow is My Turn is made possible with support from the Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Cultural Trust, Regional Arts and Culture Council, Ronni Lacroute, the Templeton Foundation and Autzen Foundation.



Fear No Music promotes music education through the high quality public performance of modern and contemporary classical music, and by offering groundbreaking youth mentorship in composition. Comprised of highly talented musicians, this flexible chamber music ensemble champions living composers and exposes audiences to new music being made both locally and globally through a uniquely relevant annual concert series. The group educates and trains the next generation of young composers in our community through its Young Composers Project. As a public advocate for global peace and equity, Fear No Music leverages its platforms for healing, activism and social justice. Fear No Music is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. fearnomusic.org.

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