



Dan Brown's Wild Symphony

March 1, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Methodist Church

Serena Reuten, conductor | Nancy Novotny, narrator

This performance will run approximately 1 hour. *La actuación tendrá una duración aproximada de 1 hora.*

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1. Maestro Mouse
2. Woodbird Welcome
3. Bouncing Kangaroo
4. Clumsy Kittens
5. The Ray
6. Happy Hippo
7. Frogs In a Bog
8. Anxious Ostrich
9. The Armadillo Shell
10. Dancing Boar
11. Impatient Ponies
12. Wondrous Whale
13. Cheetah Chase
14. Eager Elephant
15. Rat Attack
16. Busy Beetles
17. Spiders On a Web
18. Brilliant Bat
19. Swan In the Mist
20. Cricket Lullaby
21. Maestro Mouse Reprise

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Featured Artists



Serena Reuten is a German-Canadian conductor currently serving as the Assistant Conductor of the Omaha Symphony. Between 2024-2026 she will also join the third cohort of the Orchestre Métropolitain's Orchestral Conducting Academy mentorship program under the guidance of Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Recent activities include participating in the 2024 Järvi Conducting Academy in Pärnu, Estonia under the mentorship of Paavo Järvi, Neeme Järvi, and Leonid Grin. She has served as guest assistant conductor for the Toronto Symphony and National Arts Centre Orchestra, as well as guest conductor with the Winnipeg Symphony during their annual Winnipeg New Music Festival. In 2023, she was the inaugural recipient of the Bernhard Gueller Conducting Fellowship with Symphony Nova Scotia as well as one of CBC's 30 under 30 Classical Musicians. Over the past few summers she has also attended several international conducting masterclasses, studying under such conductors as Alexander Shelley and Cristian Măcelaru.

Serena recently completed her graduate studies in orchestral conducting at the Eastman School of Music with Neil Varon. Also active in Rochester's broader musical community, she served as the director of the New Horizons String Ensemble at the Eastman Community Music School and worked with ensembles such as OSSIA, the Eastman Chamber Orchestra, and the Eastman Graduate Composers Sinfonietta. Serena holds degrees in flute performance from the University of Ottawa and University of Montreal, and in her spare time enjoys learning languages and dancing.



As the Program Manager of the Omaha Public Library, **Nancy Novotny** oversees all library programming for all ages.

In her early years at OPL, Nancy used her charm and natural good looks to win over toddlers and their caregivers at various story times in the Millard and North Omaha communities. Previously, Nancy was a school librarian in a K-6 school in Papillion, Nebraska, as well as a K-8 school in a suburb of Phoenix, Arizona.

Nancy has been reading since the age of 4, crediting Sesame Street and The Electric Company for her early education. Her favorite books as a child were the Nancy Drew series and the Trixie Belden series. She attended Bellevue East High School and earned a BA in English from Creighton University.

This printed program is a condensed version.

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