

**Cleveland Chamber Symphony Presents:
NEOSonicFall - A Sonic Tribute to Northeast Ohio's Musical Giants**

Date & Time: Sunday, September 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Gamble Auditorium, Baldwin Wallace University, 96 Front Street, Berea, OH

Admission: Free (donations graciously accepted)

Live-streaming: <https://tinyurl.com/5e56hnws>

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Honoring Legends, Celebrating Legacy: A Night of Musical Brilliance

CLEVELAND, OH - Mark your calendars for an unforgettable evening of musical artistry as the Cleveland Chamber Symphony proudly presents "NEOSonicFall - Celebrating Northeast Ohio Composers." This extraordinary concert, set for Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., will transform Baldwin Wallace University's Gamble Auditorium into a sanctuary of sound, paying homage to three recently departed musical luminaries of Northeast Ohio.

Event Highlights

Under the masterful baton of Music Director Steven Smith, the symphony will perform a poignant tribute to the late H. Leslie Adams, Loris Chobanian, and Donald Erb, three titans of composition whose legacies continue to resonate through the musical landscape.

A Symphony of Remembrance

H. Leslie Adams' "Cityscape Lights - Experience the world premiere of Adams' newly revised masterpiece for piano and orchestra. Soloist Mark George, former CCS pianist and current Executive Director of the Music Institute of Chicago, returns to Cleveland for this special performance.

Loris Chobanian's "Legends for String Orchestra"- Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing soundscape of Chobanian's celebrated composition.

Donald Erb's "Spatial Fanfare for Brass Ensemble and Percussion" is a spirited piece featuring brass players scattered throughout Gamble Auditorium.

Honoring Musical Titans

H. Leslie Adams (1932-2024) - A Cleveland native and recipient of the 2015 Cleveland Arts Prize Lifetime Achievement Award, Adams' compositions have graced stages worldwide. From his renowned Twenty-Six Etudes for Solo Piano to his soul-stirring art songs, Adams' musical

legacy continues to inspire and move audiences globally.

Loris Ohannes Chobanian (1933-2023) - A prolific composer with over 300 scores to his name, Chobanian's impact on the musical world spans decades. His works have been commissioned by prestigious organizations including the Cleveland Ballet and the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra.

We open our program with a tribute to one of Northeast Ohio's most well-known and internationally recognized composers, Donald Erb (1927-2008). Longtime Distinguished Professor of Composition at the Cleveland Institute of Music, he taught and influenced several generations of composers and performers, both in Cleveland and around the world. His "Spatial Fanfare for Brass Ensemble and Percussion" was written in 1974 and bears the dedication "To my friend Louis Lane who made this moment of fun possible."

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience the enduring power of Northeast Ohio's musical heritage. Join us for an evening that promises to be as inspiring as it is unforgettable. For more information including a free live-streaming concert link, visit clevelandchambersymphony.org

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