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**What:** *Opening Night: Orchestral Blockbusters*  
**When:** Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 7:30pm  
**Where:** Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center  
**Repertoire:** GLINKA – *Overture to "Russlan & Ludmilla"*  
PROKOFIEV – *Piano Concerto No. 3*  
ELGAR – *Enigma Variations*

## The power of symphonic music continues as the Midland-Odesa Symphony & Chorale opens its incredible 54th Season!



(Midland/Odesa, Texas) The highly anticipated Midland-Odesa Symphony & Chorale's 54th Season opening performance kicks off with ***"Opening Night: Orchestral Blockbusters."*** Under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Gary Lewis, this concert features internationally renowned pianist, Ko-Eun Yi performing Prokofiev's ***Piano Concerto No. 3***. This Masterworks concert is performed on Saturday, September 10th at 7:30pm at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Ko-Eun Yi has enjoyed playing piano from the age of three. Garnering great success in her young career, Yi is the winner of the 2013 Concert Artists Guild International Competition. She has gained recognition in other events such as the 2010 World Piano Competition, and the 2011 Wideman International Competition among others. Ko-Eun Yi has earned a Master's of Music degree from the prestigious Julliard School, and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Stony Brook University. During her recent debut performance The Washington Post applauded her as: ***"a masterful technician ... Her finger-work was immaculate, inner voices were keenly drawn out, and there was no lack of power when needed."***

In addition to the Prokofiev piece, the Midland-Odesa Symphony orchestra will delight patrons with ***Overture to "Russlan and Ludmilla"*** by Glinka, and ***Enigma Variations*** by Elgar. The evening is sure to be incredible, and not to be missed!

MOSC patrons are also invited to experience **Symphony SoundBites**, a pre-concert supper held before the performance in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at the WNPAC. By purchasing a ticket to this tasty event patrons will enjoy dining with friends as Maestro Gary Lewis and Ko-Eun Yi provide an insider's view of the evening's program. This is a great way to make new friends while learning about the evening's music and enhance the symphony experience! Seating is limited and based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Patrons who have already purchased a ticket for "Opening Night: Orchestral Blockbusters" or are Season Subscribers can **purchase Symphony SoundBites tickets for \$25 each by calling the WNPAC at 432-552-4439.**

***"Opening Night: Orchestral Blockbusters"*** is generously sponsored by Drs. Richard & Roberta Case, and Paul & Martha Crump. For more information on MOSC events, please visit [MOSC.ORG](http://MOSC.ORG).