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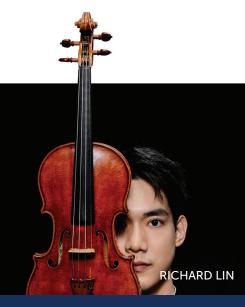
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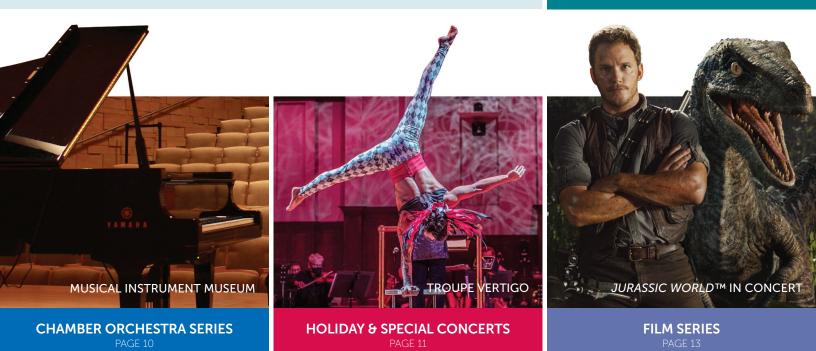
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### **CLASSICS SERIES**



SANTIAGO CAÑÓN-VALENCIA

### The Planets

#### SYMPHONY HALL

THE PLANETS

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, October 5, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, October 6, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Lina Gonzalez-Granados, *conductor* The Percussion Collective Women of The Phoenix Symphony Chorus

**CONCERT REPERTOIRE Christopher Theofanidis:** Drum Circles **Holst:** The Planets Mystery Piece

The Phoenix Symphony's 2024/25 season opens with a bang and a blastoff as Colombian-American conductor Lina Gonzalez-Granados leads Gustav Holst's most famous work, *The Planets*. Stunning visual images projected above the Symphony will enhance the performance. Grammy Award-winning composer Christopher Theofanidis' *Drum Circles* features the visually captivating Percussion Collective. Its four guest soloists will rattle the rafters with more than 30 instruments including amplified typewriter, wooden slats and spring coils in this exhilarating performance.

### Stravinsky's Firebird

#### SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, October 18, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, October 20, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Paolo Bortolameolli, *conductor* Time for Three

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Kevin Puts: Contact Debussy: Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite (1919) Mystery Piece

Chilean-Italian conductor Paolo Bortolameolli leads the orchestra in two unforgettable works that changed the direction of music history, Debussy's sensuous symphonic poem *Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun* and Stravinsky's inventive and intense suite from *The Firebird*. Time for Three, a genre-busting, ground-breaking string trio, joins the orchestra for Pulitzer Prize winning composer Kevin Puts' *Contact*.

### Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

#### SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, November 8, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 9, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, November 10, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Julian Rachlin, *conductor* Santiago Cañón-Valencia, *cello* 

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Weinberg: Sinfonietta No. 1 Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 "Eroica" Mystery Piece

Guest conductor Julian Rachlin leads the Orchestra in Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony, one of the greatest orchestral works ever written. Rachlin also conducts the folk music-flavored Sinfonietta No. 1 of Mieczysław Weinberg, a Polish, Soviet, and Russian composer who flourished in post-war Soviet Union. Colombian cellist Santiago Cañón-Valencia, winner of the Silver Medal at the 2019 International Tchaikovsky Competition, joins the orchestra for Tchaikovsky's graceful and charming *Variations on a Rococo Theme*, a tasteful and refined work inspired by the music of Mozart.

### **MYSTERY PIECE**

Prepare to be surprised! Each Classics performance will have a short *Mystery Piece* added by the guest conductor that will be sure to delight! These pieces will thematically complement the program and will be announced from the stage.



### **CLASSICS SERIES**



### Rhapsody In Blue A 100th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, November 22, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 23, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, November 24, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Christian Reif, *conductor* Conor Hanick, *piano* 

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Honegger: Pacific 231 Sibelius: Symphony No. 7 Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue Respighi: Pines of Rome Mystery Piece

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* as well as other works that all premiered in 1924. German conductor Christian Reif leads the orchestra in Sibelius' beguiling Symphony No. 7, and Respighi's evocative tone poem *The Pines of Rome*. American pianist Conor Hanick is featured in the perennially popular *Rhapsody in Blue*, George Gershwin's thrilling showpiece for piano and orchestra that is one of the greatest treasures in the American symphonic repertoire.

## Brahms' Symphony No. 1

Friday, January 10, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, January 11, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, January 12, 2025 | 2:00 pm

William Eddins, *conductor* Bella Hristova, *violin* 

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Ayanna Witter-Johnson: Blush Wynton Marsalis: Violin Concerto Brahms: Symphony No. 1 Mystery Piece

After Brahms successfully debuted his Symphony No. 1 in 1876, the famed conductor Hans von Bülow declared it to be "Beethoven's Tenth." William Eddins leads the orchestra in this popular symphony, which progresses from tragic struggle to triumphant victory. The program also includes two remarkable works influenced by jazz and blues: *Blush* by Ayanna Witter-Johnson and Wynton Marsalis' Grammy winning Violin Concerto.

### Daphnis and Chloe

SYMPHONY HALL Friday, January 31, 2025 I 7:30 pm Saturday, February 1, 2025 I 7:30 pm Sunday, February 2, 2025 I 2:00 pm

Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor Richard Lin, violin

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Clarice Assad: Bonecos de Olinda Lalo: Symphonie Espagnole Ravel: La Valse Ravel: Daphnis et Chloé Suite No. 2 Mystery Piece

Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya leads the orchestra in Ravel's evocative *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No. 2 and the composer's glittering *La Valse*, two musical triumphs by one of the most accomplished orchestrators of all time. Violinist Richard Lin is soloist in Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*, a fabulous showpiece by a French composer, sprinkled with Spanish flavor. Brazilian composer Clarice Assad's *Bonecos de Olinda*, inspired by the massive papier-mâché puppets used during annual Carnival parades, completes the program.

## Symphonie Fantastique

Friday, February 21, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, February 23, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Robert Treviño, *conductor* Denis Kozhukhin, *piano* 

#### CONCERT REPERTOIRE

Gabriela Ortiz: Téenek Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique Mystery Piece

Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*, an epic work for large orchestral forces, tells the tale of an artist, suffering from unrequited love, who imagines he takes opium and goes on a fantastic, hallucinatory trip. Mexican-American conductor Robert Treviño leads the orchestra in this audience favorite, and in Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz' *Téenek*, named for the indigenous Huastec people. Russian pianist Denis Kozhukhin joins the orchestra for Ravel's Piano Concerto in G, a work influenced by Basque folk music and American jazz that begins with the crack of a whip and ends with a rush to the finish line.

### CLASSICS SERIES



### Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1

#### SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Katharina Wincor, *conductor* Michelle Cann, *piano* 

#### CONCERT REPERTOIRE

Mozart: Symphony No. 39 Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 1 R. Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier Suite Mystery Piece

Grammy Award-winning American pianist Michelle Cann is soloist in Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1, an innovative, large-scale work that integrates virtuoso piano and orchestra from start to finish. Austrian conductor Katharina Wincor also leads the orchestra in Mozart's majestic Symphony No. 39 and in Richard Strauss' elegant and romantic suite from his comic opera *Der Rosenkavalier*, which is set in the Vienna of Mozart's era.

### Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

**SYMPHONY HALL** Friday, March 28, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, March 30, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Ilyich Rivas, *conductor* Simon Trpčeski, *piano* 

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1 Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 Mystery Piece

Of the vast repertoire of works for solo piano and orchestra, Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto is one that many listeners would pick to hear first. Macedonian pianist Simon Trpčeski is soloist for the well-loved concerto that was debuted in 1875 in Boston for an American audience. The all-Russian program continues with Venezuelan conductor Ilyich Rivas leading the orchestra in Rachmaninoff's passionate Symphony No. 2, which features one of the most ravishing melodies Rachmaninoff ever composed.

### **Beethoven's Ninth Symphony**

SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, April 25, 2025 I 7:30 pm Saturday, April 26, 2025 I 7:30 pm Sunday, April 27, 2025 I 2:00 pm

Tito Muñoz, *conductor* The Phoenix Symphony Chorus

**CONCERT REPERTOIRE Beethoven:** Symphony No. 9

Beethoven's ninth and final symphony, premiered years after illness left the composer completely deaf, revolutionized the symphonic form with vocal soloists and a chorus joining the orchestra to sing his setting of Friedrich Schiller's poem "Ode to Joy," celebrating the brotherhood of all humanity. Premiered 200 years ago with Beethoven seated beside the conductor facing the orchestra, at its conclusion, one of the soloists turned the composer around to see the thunderous applause he no longer could hear. Tito Muñoz leads four vocal soloists, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and orchestra in this orchestral masterpiece.

### Grand Canyon Suite

**SYMPHONY HALL** Friday, May 16, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Thomas Wilkins, *conductor* Francisco Fullana, *violin* 

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Copland: El Salón México Márquez: Fandango Violin Concerto Grofe: Grand Canyon Suite Mystery Piece

The magnificence of the Southwest landscape is portrayed in the Phoenix Symphony's final classical concerts of the season. Conductor Thomas Wilkins leads the orchestra in Grofe's cinematic *Grand Canyon Suite*, which offers five musical scenes of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Wilkins also conducts Aaron Copland's popular *El Salón México*, and Spanish violinist Francisco Fullana joins the orchestra for *Fandango* Violin Concerto, a mariachi-flavored work by contemporary Mexican composer Arturo Márquez.

### PHOENIX POPS



### COFFEE, CONVERSATION & CLASSICS

Join Alex Amsel, Phoenix Symphony Associate Conductor, as he hosts and moderates these Phoenix Symphony working, open rehearsals for "Coffee, Conversation & Classics." Experience your Phoenix Symphony as they rehearse and prepare for an upcoming concert. Participate in a Q&A after the rehearsal with the guest conductor and musicians. Some pieces of music listed may not be rehearsed on that particular date. The seating is general admission. Enjoy a casual and intimate experience with the Phoenix Symphony.

### Stravinsky's Firebird

SYMPHONY HALL Thursday, October 17, 2024 | 10:00 am

### *Rhapsody In Blue* A 100th Anniversary Celebration

**SYMPHONY HALL** Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 10:00 am

### Brahms' Symphony No. 1

SYMPHONY HALL Thursday, January 9, 2025 I 10:00 am

### Daphnis and Chloe

SYMPHONY HALL Thursday, January 30, 2025 | 10:00 am

### Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1

**SYMPHONY HALL** Thursday, March 13, 2025 I 10:00 am

## Grand Canyon Suite

Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 10:00 am

# DEFYING GRAVITY

THE MUSIC OF STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

## Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz and Friends

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, October 13, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Mélisse Brunet, *conductor* Stephen Schwartz, *special guest* 

"Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz and Friends" has enthralled audiences around the world for over two decades — and received a standing ovation at every stop along the way. The beloved songs of the Grammy and Oscar-winning songwriter are given breathtaking performances by world-class vocalists. This uplifting, soulstirring concert features hits from classic shows like *Godspell, Pippin*, and *Wicked* including "Magic to Do," "Colors of the Wind," "Corner of the Sky," "Day by Day," "When You Believe," "Defying Gravity" and more. It's an unforgettable evening of magical musical theatre.

### Pretty Woman to Hunger Games: The Film Music of James Newton Howard

Friday, November 15, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, November 17, 2024 | 2:00 pm

James Newton Howard, *conductor* The Phoenix Symphony Chorus

This concert will showcase James Newton Howard's Greatest Hits, featuring iconic compositions from his illustrious career. Conducted by James Newton Howard himself, enjoy your favorite hits from *The Hunger Games, Fantastic Beasts, Snow White, Peter Pan, Maleficent, The Dark Knight* and more. Experience the magic of cinema through James Newton Howard's captivating melodies. Don't miss this musical journey through some of the most beloved film scores ever created.





## Holiday Pops

Friday, November 29, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 2:00 pm Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, December 1, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Daniel Meyer, *conductor* The Phoenix Symphony Chorus

Jump joyfully into the season with our annual Holiday Pops! This sparkling performance will put you in a festive mood. Featuring carols and hymns from a variety of traditions, you'll feel merry and bright at the most wonderful time of the year. Guest conductor Daniel Meyer leads the Symphony joined by The Phoenix Symphony Chorus.

### The Trailblazing Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King & Carly Simon

Friday, January 24, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, January 25, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Ted Sperling, conductor

Few singer-songwriters have enjoyed the success and influence of Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Carly Simon. Fifty years ago, these talented musicians channeled the changing role of women into pop music classics that have endured across generations. Join us as we celebrate these incredible artists and their indelible catalog of music in exciting new arrangements for symphony orchestra. Ted Sperling brings his unique touch to curating the program including "Both Sides Now,""You've Got a Friend,""You're So Vain," and many other favorites.

### Simply the Best: The Music of Tina Turner

Friday, February 7, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, February 8, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, February 9, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Stuart Chafetz, *conductor* Tamika Lawrence, *vocalist* 

All hail the Queen of Rock'n Roll! Tina Turner is a music icon and a legendary survivor. Her songs provided the soundtrack of a generation and her story inspired hearts and minds around the world. Come celebrate her legacy with an evening of her biggest hits including "What's Love Got to Do With It," "Proud Mary," and more.

### The Music of Selena

ORPHEUM THEATRE Saturday, April 5, 2025 l 7:30 pm Sunday, April 6, 2025 l 2:00 pm

Stuart Chafetz, conductor

Join the Phoenix Symphony for a tribute to the music of beloved singer Selena. Hear iconic hits like "Dreaming of You," "Como la Flor," "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," "No Me Queda Más" and "I Could Fall in Love" in this unforgettable and emotional tribute to "The Queen of Tejano Music."

## Ann Hampton Callaway: The Linda Ronstadt Songbook

Friday, May 9, 2025 | 7:30 pm Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 7:30 pm Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Andrés Franco, *conductor* Ann Hampton Callaway, *vocalist* 

Tony Award nominee Ann Hampton Callaway brings a joyous night of songs and stories to the stage in celebration of one of Arizona's most beloved artists, Linda Ronstadt. This concert features Ronstadt's iconic songs from her early days like "Different Drum" and "Long Long Time" to pop and folk rock hits like "You're No Good" and "Desperado" to unforgettable classics like "What's New" and "Am I Blue."



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#### **FAMILY SERIES**



The Phoenix Symphony Family Concert Series invites children and families to explore the intersection of music and ideas through engaging, high-quality concert programs. Kids have the chance to try their hand at the flute, violin, and more at our Instrument Petting Zoo held in the lobby before the performance. Also, don't forget to pick up an activity guide made especially for each musical adventure.

#### Viajando por Las Americas/ Traveling Through the Americas MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Márquez: Conga del Fuego Nuevo Copland: "Hoe-Down" from Rodeo

Aaron Copland, dubbed the "dean of American composers," composed much music inspired by the landscape and people of the American West. "Hoe-Down" is the well-known final scene from his ballet *Rodeo* in which the Cowgirl and the Roper finally kiss in this love story of the Southwest. Arturo Márquez, one of Mexico's eminent contemporary composers, captures the flavor of the comparsas that parade through the streets in joyful, sometimes riotous, celebrations during Carnivàle just before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

### Día de los Muertos

**MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Saturday, November 2, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Ortiz: La Calaca Ortiz: Día de los Muertos Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre

"Día de los Muertos," or "The Day of the Dead," is a two-day holiday celebrated on Nov. 1-2 in Mexico in which families remember departed loved ones and create offerings to honor them. The Phoenix Symphony marks the occasion with Camille Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*, a symphonic poem telling the story of how Death appears at midnight on Halloween. Two works by Mexican composer Gabriela Ortiz complete the program. *La Calaca*, depicts the figurine of a human skeleton in colorful clothing that appears during Day of the Dead celebrations. *Día de los Muertos*, the title of the second piece, speaks for itself.

### A Fiddler's Tale

MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS Saturday, February 8, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

**CONCERT REPERTOIRE Marsalis:** A Fiddler's Tale

Igor Stravinsky's *L'histoire du soldat* or *A Soldier's Story*, a morality play for narrator, dancers and orchestra, is one of the most famous works by one of the 20th century's greatest composers. Trumpeter, bandleader and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Wynton Marsalis pays homage to it with *A Fiddler's Tale*, in which a talented jazz fiddler is seduced by the Devil, disguised as a record producer, into forsaking his art to play lucrative but meaningless commercial music. Unhappy over abandoning his true talents, the fiddler breaks the Devil's hold and rediscovers music of genuine beauty.

### Let's Dance!

MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

#### CONCERT REPERTOIRE

Bernstein: Three Dance Episode from On The Town Kodály: Dances of Galánta Benzecry: Obertura Tanguera

Dance is nothing without music, and many great composers have written music for dance or inspired by dance that become some of their most popular works. Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály drew upon the folk music of his hometown to compose *Dances of Galánta*, while *Obertura Tanguera* by Argentinian composer Esteban Benzecry is rooted in the melodic and rhythmic turns of modern tango. Leonard Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from *On the Town* uses three scenes from his original ballet about three sailors on 24-hour shore leave in New York City.

### CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SERIES



Antonio Vivaldi's beloved concertos known as *The Four Seasons* were notable in the use of a musical technique that has instruments imitate the sounds of nature and the world to tell a story. Among the hundreds of tangos that Argentinian composer Ástor Piazzolla composed, four set moods loosely related to the seasons. These were arranged by Russian composer Leonid Desyatnikov into *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*, a suite for violin soloist and orchestra. These two works are brought together in our new Chamber Music Series with the Phoenix Symphony's Associate Conductor Alex Amsel at the helm.

#### Autumn

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | 11:00 am

Alex Amsel, conductor

**CONCERT REPERTOIRE Vivaldi:** Autumn from The Four Seasons **Piazzolla:** Otoño from Estaciones Porteñas **M. Schachter:** Five – Six – Seven – Eight

Vivaldi's *Autumn* concerto depicts a merry harvest dance and the sleepy countryside. Piazzolla's *Otoño* sets a melancholy mood of fall. Michael Schacter's *Five–Six–Seven–Eight* takes its title from the count-in familiar to musicians on a bandstand or dancers in rehearsal. Each of the four miniatures is inspired by folk and classical dance styles from around the world.

### Winter

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM Thursday, February 27, 2025 | 11:00 am

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Alex Amsel, conductor

#### CONCERT REPERTOIRE

Vivaldi: Winter from The Four Seasons Piazzolla: Invierno From Estaciones Porteñas Schubert/Zender: Selections from Winterreise

The chill of winter will shiver through this concerto by Vivaldi. It is paired with Piazzolla's *Invierno*, portraying the moods of winter in Buenos Aires. Franz Schubert set 24 poems of Wilhelm Müller to music to create the song cycle *Winterreise*. Hans Zender's "composed interpretation" of it stretches the music, interrupts it, and subjects it to cinematic slights of hand, creating a conversation between the past and the present.

#### Spring

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM Thursday, April 10, 2025 l 11:00 am

Alex Amsel, conductor

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Vivaldi: Spring from The Four Seasons Piazzolla: Primavera from Estaciones Porteñas Schumann: Symphony No. 1 "Spring"

Birds, barking dogs and rainstorms are featured in Vivaldi's *Spring* concerto. Piazzolla's *Primavera* is a bouncy tango, dancing it's way into spring. When Robert Schumann composed his Symphony No. 1, he gave each movement titles such as "The Beginning of Spring" and "Spring in Full Bloom." As you listen to it, you'll gain insight into how music sets the scene for a time and place.

#### Summer

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 11:00 am

Alex Amsel, conductor

CONCERT REPERTOIRE Vivaldi: Summer from The Four Seasons Piazzolla: Verano from Estaciones Porteñas Honegger Pastorale d'été

Lazy summer heat and a furious summer storm are portrayed in *Summer* from *The Four Seasons. Verano* by Piazzolla suggests the energetic bustle of summer in the South American city. Swiss composer Arthur Honegger, while on vacation near Bern in 1920, was inspired by his surroundings to compose the short symphonic poem *Pastorale d'été* depicting a peaceful early morning in the Swiss Alps.

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### HOLIDAY CONCERTS



## Holiday Pops

Friday, November 29, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 2:00 pm Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, December 1, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Jump joyfully into the season with our annual Holiday Pops! Read more on page 8.

#### Holiday Brass & Organ ST. MARY'S BASILICA

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 | 7:30 pm

**GLENDALE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 | 7:30 pm

DESERT GARDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH Wednesday, December 11, 2024 | 7:30 pm

LA CASA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 7:30 pm

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 I 7:30 pm

Witness the bold and brilliant sounds of the Phoenix Symphony Brass section as they ring in the holidays with a blast! With music from around the world and across the ages filled with wit and virtuosity, the evening will feature traditional holiday favorites, ballads, carols, and much more!

### **Cirque Holiday**

#### ORPHEUM THEATRE

Friday, December 6, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 2:00 pm Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, *conductor* Troupe Vertigo

Troupe Vertigo takes audiences on a spellbinding journey through the world of artistic movement accompanied by live music through fusion of cirque acrobatics, classical dance and contemporary theater. Led by Aloysia Gavre, formerly of the internationally renowned Cirque du Soleil, and by technical director Rex Camphuis, who comes from the fabled Pickle Family Circus, Troupe Vertigo joins The Phoenix Symphony to celebrate the holiday season!

### Handel's Messiah

#### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Thursday, December 12, 2024 I 7:30 pm I Camelback Bible Church Friday, December 13, 2024 I 7:30 pm I Mesa Arts Center Saturday, December 14, 2024 I 7:30 pm I Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 15, 2024 I 3:00 pm I Pinnacle Presbyterian Church

Patrick Dupré Quigley, conductor Kathryn Mueller, soprano Stephanie Sanchez, mezzo soprano Joshua Blue, tenor Joshua Conyers, baritone The Phoenix Symphony Chorus

George Frederich Handel's *Messiah* is the most famous oratorio ever written. Join us this December for the beloved Holiday tradition that thrills and inspires concertgoers year after year. Enjoy the full oratorio with solo arias such as "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound" and popular choruses such as "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" and the "Hallelujah" chorus. Guest conductor Patrick Dupré Quigley leads soloists, the Phoenix Symphony and the Phoenix Symphony Chorus in the timeless classic.

### **Christmas with Brass & Chorus**

MESA ARTS CENTER

Friday, December 20, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, December 21, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Thomas Bookhout, conductor

Celebrate the "Gloria" of the season with a spectacular concert featuring the Phoenix Symphony Brass Section and Phoenix Symphony Chorus. Experience well-loved favorites like John Rutter's magnificent *Gloria* and Benjamin Britten's dramatic *Ceremony of Carols* accompanied by solo harp. Anthems and Carols from the Christmas choral tradition will put you in the holiday spirit!

## New Year's Eve: Disco Inferno

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 | 7:30 pm

Stuart Chafetz, conductor

Put on your sequined bell-bottoms and ring in the New Year with your Phoenix Symphony. Join us for Disco Inferno led by the beloved Phoenix Favorite Stuart Chafetz.

### THE MUSIC OF INKAFLOYD A ROCK SYMPHONY REALF AND A ROCK SYMPHONY

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### The Music of Pink Floyd: A Rock Symphony ARIZONA FINANCIAL THEATRE

Saturday, March 8, 2025 | 7:30 pm

Brent Havens, conductor

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of *The Dark Side of the Moon* with the Phoenix Symphony's electrifying performance of The Music of Pink Floyd: A Rock Symphony. Experience Pink Floyd's psychedelic sounds intertwined with lush orchestral arrangements, featuring classics from "The Dark Side of the Moon" to "The Wall," as well as selections from *A Momentary Lapse of Reason* and *Wish You Were Here*. The Phoenix Symphony is joined by a full rock ensemble--don't miss this mind-blowing sonic journey.

NOTE: Not available with subscriptions. All ticket sales must go through the Arizona Financial Theatre.

### **REVERB: Contemporary Music Concert**

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 7:30 pm

Tito Muñoz, conductor

REVERB: Contemporary Music Festival is an exploration and celebration of works from the current musical landscape. This 4th Annual Festival includes intimate concerts, panel discussions and behind-the-scenes events to explore the repertoire and learn more about the living composers.

### Mesa Arts Center Chamber Concerts

MESA ARTS CENTER, PIPER REPERTORY THEATER Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 7:30 pm Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 7:30 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

Curated by our musicians themselves, each concert will feature small ensembles performing rarely heard musical gems spanning the last 400 years of music history and works that look to the future. The Virginia G. Piper Theater in Mesa is the epicenter of intimate and exhilarating classical concerts performed by members of The Phoenix Symphony.



# GALA: A Wicked Night at the Symphony

SYMPHONY HALL Special Guest Stephen Schwartz Saturday, October 12, 2024

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**



Dinner, Disco & Dancing on New Year's Eve SYMPHONY HALL Tuesday, December 31, 2024



Savor the Symphony Luncheon SYMPHONY HALL Featuring "The Music of Tina Turner" Thursday, February 6, 2025

### **FILM CONCERTS**



#### The Nightmare Before Christmas<sup>TM</sup> SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, November 1, 2024 | 7:30 pm Saturday, November 2, 2024 | 7:30 pm Sunday, November 3, 2024 | 2:00 pm

Alex Amsel, conductor

Watch Jack Skellington plot to take over Christmas in Tim Burton's fantastical tale *The Nightmare Before Christmas*<sup>™</sup>. This beloved stop motion, cult hit comes to life like never before as the Phoenix Symphony performs Danny Elfman's delightfully quirky score live with the film on the big screen.

### **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony**

ORPHEUM THEATRE

Friday, February 28, 2025 I 7:30 pm Saturday, March 1, 2025 I 7:30 pm Sunday, March 2, 2025 I 2:00 pm

George Daugherty, conductor

Watch the Looney Tunes gang in hilarious and unforgettable scenes on the big screen as the Phoenix Symphony performs the reimagined classics of Rossini, Wagner, and more conducted by Emmy Awardwinning conductor George Daugherty. Favorites include *What's Opera*, *Doc?, The Rabbit of Seville, Coyote Falls, Long-Haired Hare, Baton Bunny*, and *Corny Concerto*, plus 5 brand new animated shorts.

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Friday, March 21, 2025 I 7:30 pm Saturday, March 22, 2025 I 7:30 pm Sunday, March 23, 2025 I 2:00 pm

Jason Seber, *conductor* 

Featuring composer Michael Giacchino's thrilling musical score, the action-packed adventure of Jurassic World is set 22 years after the events of Jurassic Park and allows guests to experience the thrill of witnessing actual dinosaurs. But, when one creature escapes, chaos erupts across the island. Experience it now, projected in HD with a full symphony orchestra performing the score live to picture.

### Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back™ in Concert

#### SYMPHONY HALL

Friday, May 23, 2025 I 7:30 pm Saturday, May 24, 2025 I 2:00 pm Saturday, May 24, 2025 I 7:30 pm Sunday, May 25, 2025 I 2:00 pm

Jacob Joyce, conductor

Join us for this epic chapter in Luke Skywalker's journey to understand who he really is as the Phoenix Symphony presents *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*<sup>m</sup> in Concert and performs the exciting John Williams score live with the movie!

### **EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



We are excited to announce a new lineup of music education, field trips, and musician visits planned for the 2024/25 season. Throughout the season, we will be offering a variety of engaging programs tailored for the students of Arizona. Stay tuned for more details on these exciting events, including dates, registration information, and program highlights.



### **CLASSICS** SERIES

**Experience YOUR Phoenix** Symphony on the same day and time, in the same venue and seats each week!

#### **CLASSICS FRIDAY**

SYMPHONY HALL Includes all 11 concerts:

October 4, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

October 18, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird

November 8, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

November 22, 2024 Rhapsody in Blue

January 10, 2025 Brahms' Symphony No. 1

#### **CLASSICS SATURDAY**

SYMPHONY HALL Includes all 11 concerts:

October 5, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

October 19, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird

November 9, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

November 23, 2024 Rhapsody in Blue

January 11, 2025 Brahms' Symphony No. 1

#### **CLASSICS SUNDAY**

SYMPHONY HALL Includes all 11 concerts:

October 6, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

October 20, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird

November 10, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

November 24, 2024 Rhapsody in Blue

January 12, 2025 Brahms' Symphony No. 1 Cost Per Package for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday:

Price 1	\$825.00
Price 2	\$660.00
Price 3	\$528.00
Price 4	\$396.00
Price 5	\$308.00
Price 6	\$220.00

#### CLASSICS HALF SERIES A SYMPHONY HALL

Enjoy this shortened season with the same day and time in the same seats for each performance.

#### **CLASSICS FRIDAY - A**

October 4, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

November 8, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

January 10, 2025 Brahms' Symphony No. 1

#### **CLASSICS SATURDAY - A**

October 5, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

November 9, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony January 11, 2025

Brahms' Symphony No. 1

#### **CLASSICS SUNDAY - A**

October 6, 2024 **Opening Weekend!** The Planets

November 10, 2024 Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony

January 12, 2025 Brahms' Symphony No. 1

#### CLASSICS HALF SERIES B SYMPHONY HALL

Enjoy this shortened season with the same day and time in the same seats for each performance.

#### **CLASSICS FRIDAY - B**

October 18, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird

November 22, 2024 Rhapsodv in Blue

Daphnis and Chloe March 14, 2025 Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1

January 31, 2025

#### **CLASSICS SATURDAY - B**

October 19, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird

November 23, 2024 Rhapsody in Blue

Daphnis and Chloe March 15, 2025 Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1

February 1, 2025

#### **CLASSICS SUNDAY - B**

October 20, 2024 Stravinsky's Firebird February 2, 2025 Daphnis and Chloe

March 16, 2025 Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1

Cost Per Package for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday:

Price 1	\$450.00
Price 2	\$360.00
Price 3	\$288.00
Price 4	\$216.00
Price 5	\$168.00
Price 6	\$120.00

#### Includes all 6 concerts:

February 21, 2025 Symphonie Fantastique

March 28, 2025 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

May 16, 2025 Grand Canyon Suite

#### Includes all 6 concerts:

February 22, 2025 Symphonie Fantastique

March 29, 2025 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

May 17, 2025 Grand Canyon Suite

#### Includes all 6 concerts:

February 23, 2025 Symphonie Fantastique

March 30, 2025 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

May 18, 2025 Grand Canyon Suite

> Cost Per Package for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday:

Price 1	\$375.00
Price 2	\$300.00
Price 3	\$240.00
Price 4	\$180.00
Price 5	\$140.00
Price 6	\$100.00

#### Includes all 5 concerts:

April 25, 2025 Beethoven's Ninth

Symphony

#### Includes all 5 concerts:

April 26, 2025 Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

#### Includes all 5 concerts:

April 27, 2025 Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

November 24, 2024 Rhapsody in Blue

Daphnis and Chloe February 22, 2025

February 1, 2025

January 31, 2025

Daphnis and Chloe

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Symphonie Fantastique March 15, 2025

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Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

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February 23, 2025 Symphonie Fantastique

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March 30, 2025 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

April 27, 2025 Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

May 18, 2025 Grand Canyon Suite

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#### **PHOENIX POPS FRIDAY**

#### Cost Per Package for Friday:

Price 1	\$450.00
Price 2	\$360.00
Price 3	\$288.00
Price 4	\$216.00

#### Includes all 6 concerts:

#### October 11, 2024 SYMPHONY HALL Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz and Friends

November 15, 2024 ORPHEUM THEATRE Pretty Woman to Hunger Games: The Film Music of James Newton Howard

November 29, 2024 SYMPHONY HALL Holiday Pops

#### January 24, 2025 ORPHEUM THEATRE The Trailblazing Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King & Carly Simon

February 7, 2025 SYMPHONY HALL Simply the Best: The Music of Tina Turner

May 9, 2025 SYMPHONY HALL Ann Hampton Callaway:

Ann Hampton Callaway: The Linda Ronstadt Songbook

#### **PHOENIX POPS SATURDAY**

#### Cost Per Package for Saturday:

Price 1	\$525.00
Price 2	\$420.00
Price 3	\$336.00
Price 4	\$252.00

#### Includes all 7 concerts:

October 12, 2024 SYMPHONY HALL Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz and Friends

November 16, 2024 ORPHEUM THEATRE

*Pretty Woman* to *Hunger Games*: The Film Music of James Newton Howard

November 30, 2024 SYMPHONY HALL | 7:30 PM Holiday Pops

January 25, 2025 ORPHEUM THEATRE The Trailblazing Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King & Carly Simon

February 8, 2025 SYMPHONY HALL Simply the Best: The Music of Tina Turner

April 5, 2025 ORPHEUM THEATRE The Music of Selena

#### May 10, 2025

SYMPHONY HALL Ann Hampton Callaway: The Linda Ronstadt Songbook

#### **PHOENIX POPS SUNDAY**

Cost Per Package for Sunday:

Price 1	\$525.00
Price 2	\$420.00
Price 3	\$336.00
Price 4	\$252.00

#### Includes all 7 concerts:

October 13, 2024 SYMPHONY HALL Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz and Friends

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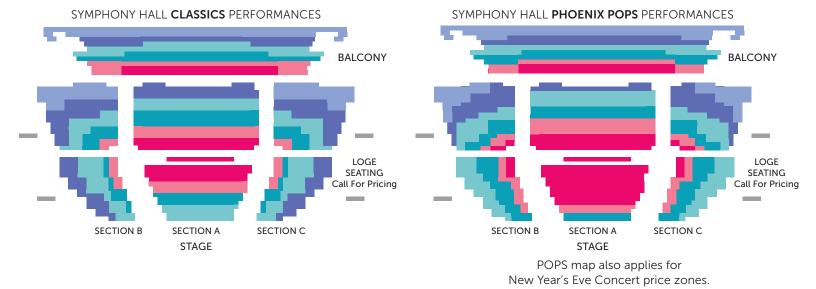
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FAMILY	
SERIES	

MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS Includes all 4 concerts: October 12, 2024

Viajando por Las Americas/ Traveling Through the Americas

November 2, 2024 Día de los Muertos

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Price 1	\$80.00
Price 2	\$60.00
Price 3	\$48.00

**February 8, 2025** A Fiddler's Tale

Cost Per Package:

May 10, 2025 Let's Dance!

### CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SERIES

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM Includes all 4 concerts: January 22, 2025 Autumn

February 27, 2025 Winter Cost Per Package:

Price 1	\$240.00
Price 2	\$192.00
Price 3	\$144.00

April 10, 2025 Spring

**May 28, 2025** Summer

### SUBSCRIPTION ADD-ONS

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## COFFEE, CONVERSATION & CLASSICS

- Stravinsky's Firebird SYMPHONY HALL
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- Rhapsody In Blue
  SYMPHONY HALL
  November 21, 2024
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- Daphnis and Chloe SYMPHONY HALL January 30, 2025
- Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 SYMPHONY HALL March 13, 2025
- Grand Canyon Suite SYMPHONY HALL May 15, 2025

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- Let's Dance! MADISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS May 10, 2025

#### **CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SERIES**

- Autumn MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM January 22, 2025
- Winter MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM February 27, 2025
- Spring MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM April 10, 2025
- Summer MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM May 28, 2025

#### **FILM**

- Nightmare Before Christmas™ SYMPHONY HALL November 1-3, 2024
- Bugs Bunny at the Symphony ORPHEUM THEATRE February 28 - March 2, 2025
- Jurassic World™
  SYMPHONY HALL
  March 21-23, 2025
- Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back™ in Concert SYMPHONY HALL May 23-25, 2025

#### **HOLIDAY & SPECIAL CONCERTS**

- Holiday Brass & Organ MULTIPLE LOCATIONS December 3, 4, 11, 17 & 18, 2024
- Cirque Holiday
  ORPHEUM THEATRE
  December 6, 7 & 8, 2024
- Handel's Messiah MULTIPLE LOCATIONS December 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2024
- Christmas with Brass & Chorus MESA ARTS CENTER
   December 20-22, 2024
- New Year's Eve: Disco Inferno SYMPHONY HALL
   December 31, 2024
- REVERB: Contemporary Music Concert CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH April 12, 2025
- Mesa Arts Center Chamber Concerts MESA ARTS CENTER, PIPER HALL March 19 & May 21, 2025

#### **EVENTS**

- GALA: A Wicked Night at the Symphony SYMPHONY HALL
   October 12, 2024
- Dinner, Disco & Dancing on New Year's Eve SYMPHONY HALL December 31, 2024
- Savor the Symphony Luncheon SYMPHONY HALL February 6, 2025

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