

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2022-23 SEASON ANDRIS NELSONS MUSIC DIRECTOR



WELCOME

Welcome to the Boston Symphony Orchestra's 2022–23 season! Whether you're a longtime audience member or new to the BSO, we invite you to join us at Symphony Hall.

Along with music from Beethoven, Bernstein, Brahms, Mozart, and Wagner, the 2022–23 season continues the BSO's Shostakovich cycle, including three symphonies, both piano concertos with Yuja Wang, and Violin Concerto No. 2 with Baiba Skride. We bring you captivating new works by South Korea's Unsuk Chin, Iranian Canadian composer Iman Habibi, and Americans Elizabeth Ogonek and Carlos Simon, to name a few. We welcome artists making their BSO debuts, among them Nicola Benedetti, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Eric Lu, Awadagin Pratt, and Golda Schultz. Returning collaborators include conductors Karina Canellakis, Giancarlo Guerrero, and Thomas Wilkins, violinists Midori and Anne-Sophie Mutter, pianists Lang Lang and Mitsuko Uchida, and many more.

Our *Voices of Loss, Reckoning, and Hope* festival will explore stories of perseverance and justice in society with powerful works by American composers: Julia Wolfe's *Her Story*, which speaks to the struggle for women's rights; Anthony Davis' haunting clarinet concerto *You Have the Right to Remain Silent*, the composer's response to the emotional consequences of experiences with law enforcement; and Uri Caine's *The Passion of Octavius Catto*, which reflects on the life of the Philadelphia civil rights activist.

Perspectives on the tragedies of war and conflict include Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, *Babi Yar*, Osvaldo Golijov's *Falling Out of Time*, Ella Milch-Sheriff's *The Eternal Stranger*, and Górecki's *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*.

We invite you to join us for powerful musical experiences and look forward together to incredible performances in the year to come. We are deeply grateful for you and your support, and hope you'll join us for the 2022–23 season and the bright future that lies ahead.



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Thursday, September 22, 7:30pm Friday, September 23, 1:30pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Awadagin Pratt, piano* Lorelei Ensemble Beth Willer, artistic director John WILLIAMS A Toast! J.S. BACH Piano Concerto in A, BWV 1055 Jessie MONTGOMERY Rounds, for piano and string orchestra HOLST The Planets

Andris Nelsons opens the new BSO season with A Toast!, which John Williams wrote in 2014 to welcome Nelsons to the BSO. American pianist Awadagin Pratt, making his BSO debut, performs a work written for him, American composer Jessie Montgomery's *Rounds*, and J.S. Bach's Concerto in A. English composer Gustav Holst's orchestral showpiece *The Planets* ranges from Venus' sweet lyricism to Mars' propulsive energy.

Saturday, September 24, 6pm Symphony Gala

Andris Nelsons, conductor Lang Lang, piano Program to include SAINT-SAËNS Piano Concerto No. 2

The Symphony Gala, a standalone fundraising event to benefit the BSO, will be set inside majestic Symphony Hall. The evening will feature charismatic pianist Lang Lang performing works including Camille Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No. 2 with Andris Nelsons and the BSO. For more information, contact Katie Gassert at kgassert@bso.org.

* Boston Symphony Orchestra debut

^ Symphony Hall debut

Thursday, September 29, 7:30pm Friday, September 30, 1:30pm Saturday, October 1, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Yuja Wang, piano Thomas Rolfs, trumpet Iman HABIBI *New work* (world premiere; BSO commission) SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Concerto No. 1 SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Concerto No. 2 HAYDN Symphony No. 100, *Military*

Dynamic Chinese pianist Yuja Wang plays not one but *both* of Dmitri Shostakovich's piano concertos, written 24 years apart, part of the BSO and Andris Nelsons' multi-season exploration of the composer's major works with orchestra. A BSO-commissioned work by the young Iranian Canadian composer Iman Habibi opens the program. The concert closes with Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 100, whose nickname comes from the surprising appearance of percussion in the slow movement. Thursday, October 6, 7:30pm Friday, October 7, 1:30pm Saturday, October 8, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Janine Jansen, violin Tanglewood Festival Chorus James Burton, conductor Elizabeth OGONEK New work BERNSTEIN Serenade (after Plato's Symposium), for violin and orchestra BERNSTEIN Chichester Psalms SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 3, The First of May

Andris Nelsons leads two works new to the BSO repertoire: a BSO-commissioned piece by American composer Elizabeth Ogonek and Dmitri Shostakovich's 1930 Symphony No. 3 for chorus and orchestra, part of Nelsons' and the BSO's multi-season survey of the composer's complete symphonies. The Tanglewood Festival Chorus also joins the BSO for Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, sung in Hebrew, and Dutch violinist Janine Jansen is soloist in Bernstein's Serenade.

Thursday, October 13, 7:30pm Friday, October 14, 8pm (Casual Friday) Saturday, October 15, 8pm Andrés Orozco-Estrada, conductor*

Emanuel Ax, piano TCHAIKOVSKY *Romeo and Juliet*, Overture-Fantasy after Shakespeare (October 13 & 15 only) MOZART Piano Concerto No. 18 in B-flat, K.456 BARTÓK Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin* ENESCU Romanian Rhapsody No. 1

Colombian conductor Andrés Orozco-Estrada in his BSO debut is joined by American pianist Emanuel Ax for Wolfgang Mozart's highspirited Piano Concerto No. 18. The familiar, yearning *Romeo and Juliet* Overture is one of several works Pyotr Tchaikovsky based on Shakespeare plays. Hungarian composer Béla Bartók's lurid *Miraculous Mandarin* Suite and the Romanian French composer George Enescu's folk music-inspired Romanian Rhapsody both make exciting and colorful demands on the orchestra. Thursday, October 20, 7:30pm Friday, October 21, 1:30pm Saturday, October 22, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor MAHLER Symphony No. 6

Gustav Mahler's intensely emotional Symphony No. 6, written in 1903–04, is arguably his most heartfelt symphonic statement — his wife Alma called it "the most completely personal of his works." The Sixth features three powerful and ominous hammer blows in its finale, which evidently represented for Mahler "three blows of fate."

Thursday, October 27, 7:30pm Friday, October 28, 1:30pm Saturday, October 29, 8pm Sunday, October 30, 2pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Mitsuko Uchida, piano BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5, *Emperor* SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5

Japanese pianist Mitsuko Uchida joins Andris Nelsons and the BSO for the first concert of a multi-year collaboration in Ludwig van Beethoven's five piano concertos, beginning with his monumental *Emperor*. Criticism in the Soviet press of Dmitri Shostakovich's opera *Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District* put him in a precarious position with Soviet authorities. His response was the powerful and outwardly triumphant Fifth Symphony.



Thursday, November 3, 7:30pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Caroline SHAW Punctum MOZART Symphony No. 40 STRAUSS An Alpine Symphony

Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer Caroline Shaw wrote her Bach-inspired *Punctum* originally for string quartet; the BSOcommissioned orchestral version was premiered in summer 2022. The second of his final trilogy of symphonies, composed in 1788, Wolfgang Mozart's riveting No. 40 in G minor is for many his most familiar symphony. Richard Strauss' amazingly vivid *Alpine Symphony* depicts the picturesque ascent and (much faster!) descent of a Bavarian mountain.

Friday, November 25, 1:30pm Saturday, November 26, 8pm Anna Rakitina, conductor Inon Barnatan, piano Elena LANGER Suite from *Figaro Gets a Divorce*

RACHMANINOFF Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini MUSSORGSKY (orch. Ravel) *Pictures at an*

Exhibition BSO Assistant Conductor Anna Rakitina leads pianist Inon Barnatan in Sergei Rachmaninoff's last piano-and-orchestra work, featuring

both astonishing virtuoso passages and Rachmaninoff's best-known melody. The orchestral suite from composer Elena Langer's witty and touching opera *Figaro Gets a Divorce* is by turns mysterious, songful, and jazzy. Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, orchestrated brilliantly by Maurice Ravel, is a magical response to marvelous paintings. Thursday, January 5, 7:30pm Friday, January 6, 1:30pm Saturday, January 7, 8pm Omer Meir Wellber, conductor* Midori, violin TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto Ella MILCH-SHERIFF The Eternal Stranger, for narrator and orchestra (American premiere) BEETHOVEN Marcia fruebre from Symphony No. 3, Eroica BEETHOVEN Leonore Overture No. 3

Performing with the BSO at Symphony Hall for the first time since 2003, renowned violinist Midori joins Israeli conductor Omer Meir Wellber in his BSO debut for Pyotr Tchaikovsky's beloved Violin Concerto. Israeli composer Ella Milch-Sheriff's *The Eternal Stranger* for narrator and orchestra relates Ludwig van Beethoven's difficulty in society due to his personality and deafness to the hostility and rejection experienced by refugees and other "strangers." The funeral march from the *Eroica* Symphony and the overture from Beethoven's opera about a political imprisonment remind us of the composer's abiding universal humanity.

Thursday, January 12, 7:30pm Friday, January 13, 1:30pm Saturday, January 14, 8pm Alan Gilbert, conductor Garrick Ohlsson, piano BOULANGER D'un Matin de printemps STENHAMMAR Serenade Justin DELLO JOIO Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, Oceans Apart (world premiere; BSO commission) DVORĂK Carnival Overture

American conductor Alan Gilbert and frequent BSO guest Garrick Ohlsson premiere Justin Dello Joio's piano concerto *Oceans Apart*, written for Ohlsson. Swedish composer Wilhelm Stenhammar's wide-ranging 1911 Serenade has a satisfyingly symphonic scope. French composer Lili Boulanger's impressionistic 1918 depiction of a spring morning and Czech composer Antonín Dvořák's celebratory *Carnival* Overture, from 1891, complete the program. Thursday, January 19, 7:30pm Friday, January 20, 1:30pm Saturday, January 21, 8pm Karina Canellakis, conductor^ Nicola Benedetti, violin* DVOŘÁK *Wood Dove* SZYMANOWSKI Violin Concerto No. 2 LUTOSŁAWSKI Concerto for Orchestra

Making her BSO debut, violinist Nicola Benedetti joins conductor Karina Canellakis in her Symphony Hall debut for Karol Szymanowski's scintillating Violin Concerto No. 2 from 1933, his last major work. His compatriot Witold Lutosławski's folk music-influenced Concerto for Orchestra (1954) helped establish his international reputation. Antonín Dvořák's nature-inspired tone poem *Wood Dove* has not been played by the BSO since 1905.

Thursday, January 26, 7:30pm Friday, January 27, 8pm (Casual Friday) Saturday, January 28, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Baiba Skride, violin Steven MACKEY Concerto for Orchestra

Steven MACKEY Concerto for Orchestra (world premiere; BSO co-commission) (January 26 & 28 only) SHOSTAKOVICH Violin Concerto No. 2 BRAHMS Symphony No. 4

Music Director Andris Nelsons leads the world premiere of a BSO-commissioned Concerto for Orchestra by Grammy-winning American composer/guitarist Steven Mackey, whose vibrant music embraces a range of influences, from Ludwig van Beethoven to modern rock. Latvian violinist Baiba Skride returns to Symphony Hall for Dmitri Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 2, written for the great Ukrainian violinist David Oistrakh in 1967. Johannes Brahms' profound and majestic Fourth Symphony closes the program.





KARINA CANELLAKIS JANUARY 19-21









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Thursday, February 2, 7:30pm Saturday, February 4, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Cast to include Amber Wagner, soprano (Elisabeth)^ Klaus Florian Vogt, tenor (Tannhäuser)^ Christian Gerhaher, baritone (Wolfram) Tanglewood Festival Chorus Children's Choir James Burton, conductor ALL-WAGNER program Overture and Venusberg Music from Tannhäuser Tannhäuser Act III

Andris Nelsons and the BSO's continuing tradition of performing opera in concert brings us excerpts from Richard Wagner's early opera *Tannhäuser*, which had its premiere in Dresden in 1845. A German minstrel-knight, Tannhäuser (tenor Klaus Florian Vogt), struggles to reject the world's sensual pleasures, represented by the "Venusberg Music" of the opera's Act I. He is redeemed by the pure love of Elisabeth, sung by Amber Wagner, and with the help of the wise minstrel Wolfram, sung by Christian Gerhaher.

Sung in German with English supertitles

Thursday, February 9, 7:30pm Friday, February 10, 1:30pm Saturday, February 11, 8pm Sunday, February 12, 2pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason, cello* Carlos SIMON *New work* (world premiere; BSO commission) BLOCH *Schelomo: Rhapsody Hébraïque*, for cello and orchestra BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7

Exciting young English cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason makes his BSO debut in Ernest Bloch's 1916 *Schelomo* ("King Solomon"), in which the expansively melodic cello role represents the voice of the king. Opening the concert is the premiere of a BSO-commissioned work by the talented Washington, D.C.-based composer Carlos Simon. Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 builds in excitement from its atmospheric introduction through its thrilling finale.

Thursday, February 16, 7:30pm Friday, February 17, 1:30pm Saturday, February 18, 8pm Lahav Shani, conductor^ Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 1, Classical KHACHATURIAN Piano Concerto RACHMANINOFF Symphonic Dances

Israeli conductor Lahav Shani, making his Symphony Hall debut, and elegant French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet perform 20thcentury Soviet Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian's soulful and dazzling 1936 Piano Concerto, not heard in a Symphony Hall BSO concert since 1971. Sergei Prokofiev's delightful First Symphony was conceived as a 20thcentury successor to works by Wolfgang Mozart and Joseph Haydn. Sergei Rachmaninoff's ingeniously constructed, brilliantly colorful *Symphonic Dances* was his last finished work. Thursday, March 23, 7:30pm Friday, March 24, 1:30pm Saturday, March 25, 8pm Thomas Adès, conductor Edgaras Montvidas, tenor Danielle de Niese, narrator* Tanglewood Festival Chorus Children's Choir James Burton, conductor STRAVINSKY Perséphone Thomas ADÈS Inferno Suite Thomas ADÈS Paradiso

English composer Thomas Adès returns to lead two works from *The Dante Project*, a three-part ballet score from 2021 based on Dante Alighieri's 14th-century Italian epic poem *Commedia*. The piece was written to mark the 700th anniversary of the poet's death. Igor Stravinsky's mythology-based *Perséphone* for narrator, tenor, chorus, and orchestra is a magically surreal neoclassical retelling of the goddess Persephone's abduction by Hades, god of the underworld.

Sung in French with English supertitles

Thursday, April 6, 7:30pm Friday, April 7, 1:30pm Saturday, April 8, 8pm Earl Lee, conductor^ Eric Lu, piano* Unsuk CHIN *subito con forza* MOZART Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor, K.466

MOZART Plano Concerto No. 20 in D minor, K.466 SCHUMANN Symphony No. 2

BSO Assistant Conductor Earl Lee, making his full-program Symphony Hall debut, is joined by acclaimed young Chinese American pianist Eric Lu for Wolfgang Mozart's passionate, stormy D minor piano concerto. The title of South Koreanborn composer Unsuk Chin's brief, exciting concert opener translates as "suddenly, with power." Composed during one of his periods of chronic depression, Robert Schumann's Second Symphony is nevertheless wonderfully affirmative and optimistic in character.

FESTIVAL: VOICES OF LOSS, RECKONING, AND HOPE

Join the BSO and a lineup of remarkable guest conductors and performers for a series exploring some of the most complex issues of our time. Through three orchestral programs and additional performances and events, the festival will inspire thought and conversation around music as cultural witness.

Friday, March 3, 8pm (Casual Friday) Saturday, March 4, 8pm Sunday, March 5, 2pm André Raphel, conductor* **Uri Caine Trio*** Uri Caine, piano **Mike Boone**, bass **Clarence Penn, drums** Barbara Walker, vocalist* **Catto Chorus** COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Petite Suite de Concert (March 3 & 5 only) STILL Symphony No. 1, Afro-American Uri CAINE The Passion of Octavius Catto

American conductor André Raphel leads this first program in a series exploring complex social issues. The centerpiece of these concerts is Philadelphia jazz pianist and composer Uri Caine's gospel and popular music-based The Passion of Octavius Catto, which tells of the 19th-century civil rights leader's fight for justice. English composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's charming potpourri Petite Suite de Concert dates from about 1911. In four movements, "Longing," "Sorrow," "Humor," and "Aspiration," William Grant Still's 1930 Afro-American Symphony, his best-known work, is a bluestinged panorama of the composer's heritage.

SPECIAL FESTIVAL CONCERT Tuesday, March 7, 7:30pm

Boston Symphony Chamber Players

The BSO's principal players present a program of chamber works exploring themes of cultural and musical identity. The concert will include spoken introductions by composers, as well as a postperformance discussion.

This is a free, ticketed event; more information will be shared at a later date.

Thursday, March 9, 7:30pm Friday, March 10, 1:30pm Saturday, March 11, 8pm **Thomas Wilkins, conductor** Anthony McGill, clarinet* **BONDS Selection from Montgomery Variations**

Anthony DAVIS You Have the Right to Remain *Silent*, for clarinet and orchestra DAWSON Negro Folk Symphony

In the second program of a series of concerts exploring complex social issues, conductor Thomas Wilkins leads clarinetist Anthony McGill in Anthony Davis' concerto You Have the Right to Remain Silent, a musical response to a tense encounter with law enforcement in a case of mistaken identity. Margaret Bonds' spiritual-based Montaomery Variations is a 1963 tribute to Montgomery, Alabama, and to Martin Luther King, William Dawson's Negro Folk *Symphony* was a huge success upon its premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall in 1934 with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Leopold Stokowski. The symphony's themes are taken from the melodies of spirituals.

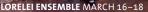
Thursday, March 16, 7:30pm Friday, March 17, 1:30pm Saturday, March 18, 8pm Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor Aleksandra Kurzak, soprano* Lorelei Ensemble Beth Willer, artistic director Anne Kauffman, stage director* Jeff Sugg, scenic, lighting, and production designer* Márion Talán, costume designer* GÓRECKI Symphony No. 3, Symphony of Sorrowful Songs Julia WOLFE Her Story, for vocal ensemble and orchestra (BSO co-commission)

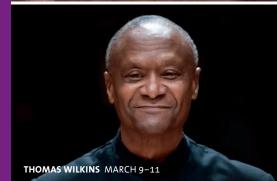
Both works performed with English supertitles

In this third concert in a series exploring complex social issues, frequent guest Giancarlo Guerrero leads American composer Julia Wolfe's BSO co-commissioned Her Story, featuring the Lorelei Ensemble women's vocal group. Originally commissioned to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage in the U.S., the piece broadly speaks of the continuing struggle for women's rights using a range of texts from the history of that struggle. The three movements of Polish composer Henryk Górecki's Symphony of Sorrowful *Songs* movingly contemplates the pain of the separation of a mother from her child.















COLDA SCHUTZ APRIL 20-22



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Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm Friday, April 14, 1:30pm Saturday, April 15, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Gautier Capuçon, cello RAVEL Alborada del gracioso Thierry ESCAICH Cello Concerto (American premiere; BSO co-commission) RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2

Music Director Andris Nelsons leads the American premiere of a new work for cello and orchestra by French organist-composer Thierry Escaich, written for soloist Gautier Capuçon. Maurice Ravel's exuberantly orchestrated *Alborada del gracioso* is tinged with Flamenco rhythms and Spanish flavors. Sergei Rachmaninoff's by turns lush and exuberant Symphony No. 2 closes the program.

Thursday, April 20, 7:30pm Friday, April 21, 1:30pm Saturday, April 22, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin Golda Schultz, soprano* SIBELIUS *Luonnotar* Thomas ADÈS *Air*, for violin and orchestra (American premiere; BSO co-commission) SIBELIUS Symphony No. 5

Andris Nelsons leads superstar violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter in the American premiere of English composer Thomas Adès' new Sibeliusinspired *Air* for violin and orchestra, a BSO co-commission written for Mutter. In her BSO debut, the young South African soprano Golda Schultz sings Jean Sibelius' early *Luonnotar*, a dramatic tone poem with voice based on Finnish creation myth. Though his Fifth Symphony was an enormous success at its 1915 premiere, Sibelius extensively revised the original four-movement work, completing the final three-movement version in 1919.

Friday, April 28, 8pm (Casual Friday) Saturday, April 29, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Seong-Jin Cho, piano Caroline SHAW Punctum (April 29 only) RAVEL Piano Concerto in G STRAVINSKY Petrushka (1947 version)

Acclaimed South Korean pianist Seong-Jin Cho returns to Symphony Hall for Maurice Ravel's Concerto in G, one of the composer's final works, which ranges from jazzy energy to poignant lyricism. Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer Caroline Shaw's *Punctum* is a meditation on a moment from J.S. Bach. Igor Stravinsky's 1911 ballet *Petrushka*, the second of his great trilogy for the Ballets Russes company, depicts the hapless living puppet title character in gloriously scored scenes from a carnival fair.

Sunday, April 30, 2pm

Osvaldo GOLIJOV Falling Out of Time (A Tone Poem in Voices, from the novel by David Grossman. Translation from Hebrew by Jessica Cohen.) Biella da Costa, Woman Nora Fischer, Centaur Ensemble: Dan Brantigan, trumpet and flugelhorn; Shawn Conley, acoustic and electric bass; Jeremy Flower, electric guitar and synthesizer; Johnny Gandelsman, violin; Mario Gotoh, viola; Kayhan Kalhor, kamancheh and shah kaman; Karen Ouzounian, cello; Shane Shanahan, percussion; Mazz Swift, violin; Wu Man, pipa

This special concert presents Argentina-born American composer Osvaldo Golijov's *Falling Out of Time*, composed for a multicultural, multistylistic instrumental ensemble. Drawing powerfully on popular and folk music styles, based on David Grossman's experimental novel about parents' grief at the loss of a child, Golijov's urgently impactful piece is here presented in a semi-staged performance.

Semi-staged production, presented in association with Celebrity Series of Boston

Thursday, May 4, 7:30pm Friday, May 5, 1:30pm Saturday, May 6, 8pm Andris Nelsons, conductor Augustin Hadelich, violin Ildar Abdrazakov, bass* Tanglewood Festival Chorus James Burton, conductor BRITTEN Violin Concerto SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 13, Babi Yar

The BSO and Andris Nelsons complete their multi-season survey of Dmitri Shostakovich's symphonies with No. 13, *Babi Yar*, based on poems by Yevgeny Yevtushenko. Russian bass Ildar Abdrazakov makes his BSO debut in these performances. The title poem condemns Soviet revisionist history and antisemitism surrounding a Nazi massacre of Ukrainian Jews. Opening the program, frequent BSO guest Augustin Hadelich plays Benjamin Britten's early, lyrical Violin Concerto, the composer's reaction to the tragedy of the Spanish Civil War.

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Perfect Partnerships: Experience works by the artists they were written for and see collaborations that define the future of orchestral music

| September 22–23 | Nelsons: Williams/Bach/Montgomery/Holst (Pratt plays Montgomery) |
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| January 12–14 | Gilbert: Boulanger/Stenhammar/Dello Joio/Dvořák (Ohlsson plays Dello Joio) |
| March 3–5 | Raphel: Coleridge-Taylor/Still/Caine (The Uri Caine Trio plays Uri Caine) |
| March 16–18 | Guerrero: Górecki/Wolfe (Lorelei Ensemble sings Wolfe) |
| April 13–15 | Nelsons: Stravinsky/Escaich/Ravel (Capuçon plays Escaich |
| April 20–22 | Nelsons: Sibelius/Adès (Mutter plays Adès) |

Choruses in Bloom: The Tanglewood Festival Chorus, Lorelei Ensemble, and others join the BSO for several vocal programs this season

October 6-8Nelsons: Habibi/Bernstein/ShostakovichFebruary 2-4Nelsons: Wagner's TannhäuserMarch 3-5Wilkins: Coleridge-Taylor/Still/CaineMarch 16-18Guerrero: Górecki/WolfeMarch 23-25Adès: Stravinsky/AdèsMay 4-6Nelsons: Britten/Shostakovich

THURSDAY

THURSDAY-A (7 CONCERTS) \$1007, \$804, \$644, \$440, \$358, \$313, \$257

September 22, 7:30pm Nelsons, Pratt, Lorelei Ensemble John WILLIAMS, J.S. BACH, Jessie MONTGOMERY, HOLST

October 6, 7:30pm **Nelsons, Jansen, Tanglewood Festival Chorus** Elizabeth OGONEK, BERNSTEIN, SHOSTAKOVICH

October 27, 7:30pm **Nelsons, Uchida** BEETHOVEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

January 5, 7:30pm **Meir Wellber, Midori** TCHAIKOVSKY, Ella MILCH-SHERIFF, BEETHOVEN

March 9, 7:30pm Wilkins, McGill BONDS, Anthony DAVIS, DAWSON

April 13, 7:30pm **Nelsons, Capuçon** RAVEL, Thierry ESCAICH, RACHMANINOFF

May 4, 7:30pm Nelsons, Hadelich, Abdrazakov, Tanglewood Festival Chorus BRITTEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

THURSDAY-B (3 CONCERTS) \$391, \$315, \$250, \$168, \$133, \$116, \$98

November 3, 7:30pm Nelsons Caroline SHAW, MOZART, STRAUSS

January 12, 7:30pm Gilbert, Ohlsson BOULANGER, STENHAMMAR, Justin DELLO JOIO, DVOŘÁK

April 6, 7:30pm **Lee, Lu** Unsuk CHIN, MOZART, SCHUMANN **THURSDAY-C** (7 CONCERTS) \$1007, \$804, \$644, \$440, \$358, \$313, \$257

September 29, 7:30pm Nelsons, Wang, Rolfs Iman HABIBI, SHOSTAKOVICH, HAYDN

October 20, 7:30pm **Nelsons** MAHLER

January 19, 7:30pm Canellakis, Benedetti DVOŘÁK, SZYMANOWSKI, LUTOSŁAWSKI

February 9, 7:30pm **Nelsons, Kanneh-Mason** Carlos SIMON, BLOCH, BEETHOVEN

February 16, 7:30pm Shani, Thibaudet PROKOFIEV, KHACHATURIAN, RACHMANINOFF

March 16, 7:30pm Guerrero, Kurzak, Lorelei Ensemble GÓRECKI, Julia WOLFE

April 20, 7:30pm **Nelsons, Mutter, Schultz** SIBELIUS, Thomas ADÈS

THURSDAY-D (4 CONCERTS) \$597, \$472, \$377, \$258, \$236, \$212, \$149

October 13, 7:30pm **Orozco-Estrada, Ax** TCHAIKOVSKY, MOZART, BARTÓK, ENESCU

January 26, 7:30pm Nelsons, Skride Steven MACKEY, SHOSTAKOVICH, BRAHMS

February 2, 7:30pm Nelsons, Wagner, Vogt, Gerhaher, Tanglewood Festival Chorus ALL-WAGNER

March 23, 7:30pm Adès, Montvidas, de Niese, Tanglewood Festival Chorus STRAVINSKY, Thomas ADÈS

FRIDAY

FRIDAY FALL-A (5 CONCERTS) \$704, \$552, \$439, \$314, \$262, \$234, \$186

September 23, 1:30pm Nelsons, Pratt, Lorelei Ensemble John WILLIAMS, J.S. BACH, Jessie MONTGOMERY, HOLST

October 7, 1:30pm Nelsons, Jansen, Tanglewood Festival Chorus Elizabeth OGONEK, BERNSTEIN, SHOSTAKOVICH

October 28, 1:30pm **Nelsons, Uchida** BEETHOVEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

January 13, 1:30pm Gilbert, Ohlsson BOULANGER, STENHAMMAR, Justin DELLO JOIO, DVOŘÁK

February 10, 1:30pm **Nelsons, Kanneh-Mason** Carlos SIMON, BLOCH, BEETHOVEN

FRIDAY FALL-B (5 CONCERTS) \$705, \$564, \$454, \$319, \$263, \$232, \$193

September 30, 1:30pm Nelsons, Wang, Rolfs Iman HABIBI, SHOSTAKOVICH, HAYDN

October 21, 1:30pm **Nelsons** MAHLER

November 25, 1:30pm **Rakitina, Barnatan** Elena LANGER, RACHMANINOFF, MUSSORGSKY

January 6, 1:30pm Wellber, Midori TCHAIKOVSKY, Ella MILCH-SHERIFF, BEETHOVEN

January 20, 1:30pm Canellakis, Benedetti DVOŘÁK, SZYMANOWSKI, LUTOSŁAWSKI **FRIDAY SPRING-A** (4 CONCERTS) \$514, \$418, \$336, \$234, \$189, \$166, \$145

February 17, 1:30pm Shani, Thibaudet PROKOFIEV, KHACHATURIAN, RACHMANINOFF

March 17, 1:30pm Guerrero, Kurzak, Lorelei Ensemble, GÓRECKI, Julia WOLFE

April 7, 1:30pm **Lee, Lu** Unsuk CHIN, MOZART, SCHUMANN

April 21, 1:30pm **Nelsons, Mutter, Schultz** SIBELIUS, Thomas ADÈS

FRIDAY SPRING-B (4 CONCERTS) \$456, \$376, \$300, \$208, \$164, \$144, \$132

March 10, 1:30pm Wilkins, McGill BONDS, Anthony DAVIS, DAWSON

March 24, 1:30pm Adès, Montvidas, de Niese, Tanglewood Festival Chorus STRAVINSKY, Thomas ADÈS

April 14, 1:30pm **Nelsons, Capuçon** RAVEL, Thierry ESCAICH, RACHMANINOFF

May 5, 1:30pm Nelsons, Hadelich, Abdrazakov, Tanglewood Festival Chorus BRITTEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

FRIDAY-18 (ALL FRIDAY CONCERTS) \$2379, \$1910, \$1529, \$1075, \$878, \$776, \$656

FRIDAY-A (9 CONCERTS, COMBINES FRIDAY-FALL A AND SPRING A) \$1218, \$970, \$775, \$548, \$451, \$400, \$331

FRIDAY-B (9 CONCERTS, COMBINES FRIDAY FALL B AND SPRING B) \$1161, \$940, \$754, \$527, \$427, \$376, \$325

SATURDAY

SATURDAY- C (6 CONCERTS) \$906, \$730, \$593, \$413, \$350, \$304, \$236

October 1, 8pm Nelsons, Wang, Rolfs Iman HABIBI, SHOSTAKOVICH, HAYDN

October 29, 8pm **Nelsons, Uchida** BEETHOVEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

January 21, 8pm **Canellakis, Benedetti** DVOŘÁK, SZYMANOWSKI, LUTOSŁAWSKI

February 4, 8pm Nelsons, Wagner, Vogt, Gerhaher, Tanglewood Festival Chorus ALL-WAGNER program

April 8, 8pm **Lee, Lu** Unsuk CHIN, MOZART, SCHUMANN

May 6, 8pm Nelsons, Hadelich, Abdrazakov, Tanglewood Festival Chorus BRITTEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

SATURDAY-D (5 CONCERTS) \$760, \$608, \$493, \$340, \$286, \$246, \$190

October 8, 8pm Nelsons, Jansen, Tanglewood Festival Chorus Elizabeth OGONEK, BERNSTEIN, SHOSTAKOVICH

January 14, 8pm Gilbert, Ohlsson BOULANGER, STENHAMMAR, Justin DELLO JOIO, DVOŘÁK

March 4, 8pm Raphel, Uri Caine Trio, Walker, Catto Chorus COLERIDGE-TAYLOR, STILL, Uri CAINE

March 25, 8pm Adès, Montvidas, de Niese, Tanglewood Festival Chorus STRAVINSKY, Thomas ADÈS

April 22, 8pm Nelsons, Mutter, Schultz SIBELIUS, Thomas ADÈS **SATURDAY-E (6 CONCERTS)** \$920, \$733, \$594, \$408, \$342, \$293, \$226

October 15, 8pm **Orozco-Estrada, Ax** TCHAIKOVSKY, MOZART, BARTÓK, ENESCU

November 26, 8pm **Rakitina, Barnatan** Elena LANGER, RACHMANINOFF, MUSSORGSKY

January 28, 8pm Nelsons, Skride Steven MACKEY, SHOSTAKOVICH, BRAHMS

February 11, 8pm Nelsons, Kanneh-Mason Carlos SIMON, BLOCH, BEETHOVEN

March 18, 8pm Guerrero, Kurzak, Lorelei Ensemble GÓRECKI, Julia WOLFE

April 29, 8pm **Nelsons, Cho** Caroline SHAW, RAVEL, STRAVINSKY

SATURDAY-F (5 CONCERTS) \$734, \$594, \$482, \$335, \$284, \$246, \$190

October 22, 8pm **Nelsons** MAHLER

January 7, 8pm Wellber, Midori TCHAIKOVSKY, Ella MILCH-SHERIFF, BEETHOVEN

February 18, 8pm **Shani, Thibaudet** PROKOFIEV, KHACHATURIAN, RACHMANINOFF

March 11, 8pm Wilkins, McGill BONDS, Anthony DAVIS, DAWSON

April 15, 8pm **Nelsons, Capuçon** RAVEL, Thierry ESCAICH, RACHMANINOFF **SATURDAY-22** (ALL SATURDAY CONCERTS EXCEPT SEPTEMBER 24) \$3320, \$2665, \$2162, \$1496, \$1262, \$1089, \$842

SATURDAY-A (11 CONCERTS, COMBINES SAT-C AND SAT-D) \$1666, \$1338, \$1086, \$753, \$636, \$550, \$426

SATURDAY-B (11 CONCERTS, COMBINES SAT-E AND SAT-F) \$1654, \$1327, \$1076, \$743, \$626, \$539, \$416

SUNDAY

SUNDAY (3 CONCERTS) \$444, \$353, \$283, \$194, \$159, \$139, \$113

October 30, 2pm **Nelsons, Uchida** BEETHOVEN, SHOSTAKOVICH

February 12, 2pm **Nelsons, Kanneh-Mason** Carlos SIMON, BLOCH, BEETHOVEN

March 5, 2pm **Raphel, Uri Caine Trio, Walker, Catto Chorus** COLERIDGE-TAYLOR, STILL, Uri CAINE



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Thursday, November 3

Andris Nelsons, conductor Caroline SHAW Punctum MOZART Symphony No. 40 STRAUSS An Alpine Symphony

Thursday, January 19

Karina Canellakis, conductor^ Nicola Benedetti, violin* DVOŘÁK *Wood Dove* SZYMANOWSKI Violin Concerto No. 2 LUTOSŁAWSKI Concerto for Orchestra

Thursday, February 16

Lahav Shani, conductor^A Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 1, *Classical* KHACHATURIAN Piano Concerto RACHMANINOFF *Symphonic Dances*

Thursday, April 13

Andris Nelsons, conductor Gautier Capuçon, cello RAVEL Alborada del gracioso Thierry ESCAICH Cello Concerto (American premiere; BSO co-commission) RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2

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Friday, October 14

Andrés Orozco-Estrada, conductor Emanuel Ax, piano MOZART Piano Concerto No. 18 in B-flat, K.456 BARTÓK Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin* ENESCU Romanian Rhapsody No. 1

Friday, March 3

André Raphel, conductor Uri Caine Trio Uri Caine, piano Mike Boone, bass Clarence Penn, drums Barbara Walker, vocalist Catto Chorus STILL Symphony No. 1, Afro-American Uri CAINE The Passion of Octavius Catto

Friday, January 27

Andris Nelsons, conductor Baiba Skride, violin SHOSTAKOVICH Violin Concerto No. 2 BRAHMS Symphony No. 4 Friday, April 28

Andris Nelsons, conductor Seong-Jin Cho, piano RAVEL Piano Concerto in G STRAVINSKY *Petrushka* (1947 version)

YOUTH & FAMILY CONCERTS

FAMILY CONCERTS

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Saturday, November 12, 12pm Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) Adrian Slywotzsky, conductor PROKOFIEV Peter and the Wolf

Saturday, April 1, 10am* and 12pm Boston Symphony Orchestra Thomas Wilkins, Artistic Advisor for Education and Community Engagement/ Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor

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Saturday, April 15, 12pm Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) Marta Żurad, conductor Matt Roberts, magician



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN REHEARSALS

These programs invite students in grades 8-12 to observe first-hand how a professional orchestra prepares for a concert. Optional pre-rehearsal talks with a BSO musician begin at 9:30am.

Thursday, October 6, 10:30am Andris Nelsons, conductor Janine Jansen, violin Tanglewood Festival Chorus James Burton, conductor Elizabeth OGONEK *New work* BERNSTEIN Serenade (after Plato's *Symposium*), for violin and orchestra BERNSTEIN *Chichester Psalms* SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 3, *The First of May*

Thursday, February 9, 10:30am Andris Nelsons, conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason, cello* Carlos SIMON *New work* (world premiere; BSO commission) BLOCH *Schelomo: Rhapsody Hébraïque,* for cello and orchestra BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7

Thursday, March 9, 10:30am Thomas Wilkins, conductor Anthony McGill, clarinet* BONDS Selection from *Montgomery Variations* Anthony DAVIS You Have the Right to Remain Silent, for clarinet and orchestra

DAWSON Negro Folk Symphony

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These concerts engage students and classrooms with positive life messages through a musical lens, designed specifically for them. These performances will feature the same music being played in the April 1 Family Concert.

March 29-31 (performance times will be listed on **bso.org**)

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Sunday, October 23

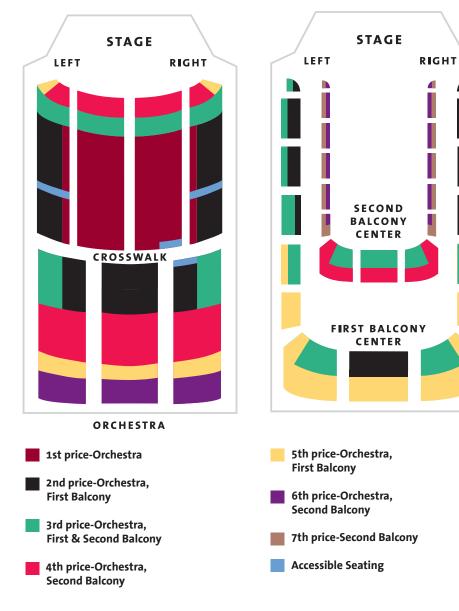
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