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This year the San Francisco Symphony celebrates 20 seasons with Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas, And what a collaboration it's been...

SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 MTT takes the stage to conduct his first concert as Music Director.

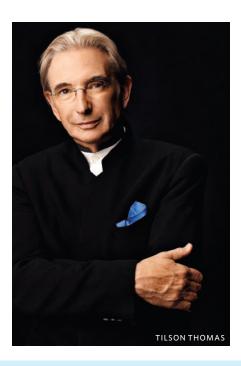
MTT closes his first season with the ground-breaking American Festival, spanning two centuries of American composers, performed by American artists.

# Beethoven Festival



On a chilly December evening in 1808, the Viennese public huddled into the Theater an der Wien to hear new works by Beethoven. Four hours later, they had experienced the first public performances of the Fourth Piano Concerto, the Choral Fantasy, and the Fifth and Sixth Symphonies. On June 20, MTT recreates this historic concert, a grand excursion into the genius of Beethoven.

And that's only the beginning. For three weeks in June, Beethoven takes center stage. From a semi-staged production of the epic Missa solemnis to concert performances of Beethoven's only opera, Fidelio, starring an internationally renowned cast hand-selected by MTT, this festival is a true celebration of a genius who changed music forever.





MISSASOLEMNIS JUN 10-13

THE PASTORALSYMPHONY JUN 17, 19

THE FIFTH SYMPHONY JUN 18, 27

BEETHOVEN MARATHON JUN 20

FIDELIOJUN 25-26, 28

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MTT and the SFS complete  $their {\it first tour of Asia},$ with 10 performances in Hong Kong and Japan.

In celebration of Gershwin's 100th  $birth day, MTT \, and \, the \, SFS$ perform season-opening Gershwin concerts at Carnegie Hall.

MTT and the SFS record Charles Ives: An American Journey





with baritone Thomas Hampson.





# The American Sound

MTT and guest conductors bring a bit of American swagger to many concerts throughout the 2014–15 Season. From beloved Bernstein to the edgy Cage, John Adams, and Mason Bates, you'll find one amazing American (or adopted American) composer after another. This season, listen to how Americans continue to reshape and enrich symphonic repertory.

#### **Mason Bates** ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SEP 10-13

#### Ives

THREE PLACES IN NEW ENGLAND SEP 25-26, 28

#### Copland

APPALACHIAN SPRING OCT 22-25

#### Samuel Carl Adams DRIFT AND PROVIDENCE

#### John Adams GRAND PIANOLA MUSIC JAN 16-18 CHAMBER SYMPHONY APR 9-12

#### John Luther Adams THE LIGHT THAT FILLS THE WORLDFEB 26-MAR 1

Esa-Pekka Salonen NYXAPR 30-MAY 3

#### Bernstein

SYMPHONY NO. 2, THE AGE OF ANXIETY MAY 7-10

Cage THE SEASONS MAY 14-16 RENGAMAY 16

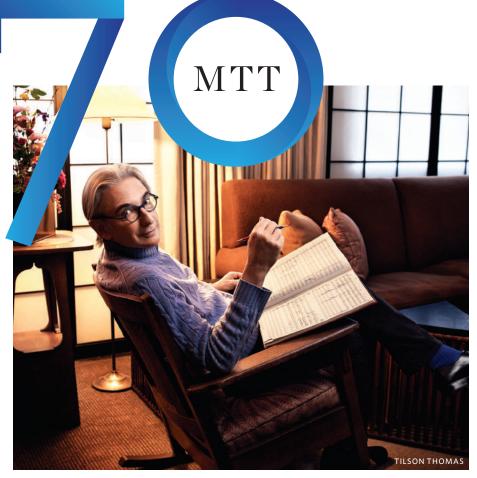
The American Mavericks Festival debuts; Stravinsky Rite of Spring album wins three Grammys.



The SFS hosts its first Chinese New Year concert.

The SFS launches its free online music education website SFSKids.com.















San Francisco's own Michael Tilson Thomas celebrates a milestone birthday this season, and he's sharing it with the audience he loves. One of the world's leading figures in music, whose first love was the piano, MTT brings some of the musical world's best to you.

On January 15, 2015, join MTT and a dazzling array of guest stars for a spectacular concert, and surprises yet to be revealed. And maybe wear a touch of blue? It's the guest of honor's favorite color, after all.

# MTT 70th Birthday Gala

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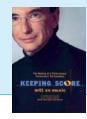
A birthday party to remember, featuring superstar pianists performing on stage together.

EMANUEL AX
JEREMY DENK
MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN
JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET
YUJA WANG

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Mahler 6, the first recording on the Orchestra's new in-house label, SFS Media, wins Grammy.





Keeping Score premieres on PBS with Tchaikovsky 4: The Making of a Performance.



MTT is named Gramophone Artist of the Year for his work on the SFS Mahler recording project.



# **Brilliant Violins**



Violin lovers, this is your season. Some of the world's most renowned violinists take the stage with the Orchestra to perform some of the world's most beloved violin concertos. These towering and expressive works will inspire, thrill, and astound audiences throughout the season. Experience them all!

Isabelle Faust VIOLIN CONCERTO OCT 15-18

Gil Shaham MOZART & PROKOFIEV VIOLIN CONCERTOS NOV 6-9

Anne-Sophie Mutter BRAHMS VIOLIN CONCERTO FEB 26-MAR 1

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Three-year residency begins at the Lucerne Festival.

The MTT Files radio series launches on American Public Media and wins a 2007 Peabody award.

The SFS celebrates the 20th anniversary of its music education program, Adventures in Music.









A wizard. A gangster. A dancer. A fighter. Iconic characters of the silver screen are brought to life through larger-than-life accompaniment. Watch the beloved classic *Wizard of Oz* in its 75th anniversary year, witness the US premiere of *The Godfather* with live orchestra, and relive the greatest dance sequences of the silver screen. And don't miss selections from Tan Dun's Oscar- and Grammy-winning score to *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, alongside many others, in the final concert of this series.

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**JAN 10** The Godfather US PREMIERE

MAR 28 "Gotta Dance!" Great Moments

of Dance in Film

APR 25 Tan Dun's Martial Arts Trilogy

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The Mahler recording project is completed with Mahler 8, which later wins three Grammys.

MTT is awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama.



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"

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# Packages

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WED C	Wednesday C Package SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM	WED D	Wednesday D Package SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM
OCT 15	Ravishing Rachmaninoff Barber's Adagio for Strings   Britten's Violin Concerto   Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances	SEP 10	Beethoven/Bates: Piano Concerto No. 1 & Alternative Energy Beethoven's The Consecration of the House Overture   Mason Bates's Alternative
OCT 29	MTT conducts Mahler 7 Mahler's Symphony No. 7		Energy   Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1
JAN 21	<b>Bronfman plays Brahms</b> Berg's Three Pieces for Orchestra   Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 2	OCT 22	Copland's Appalachian Spring Copland's Appalachian Spring   Mozart's Piano Concerto
MAR 18	Koopman conducts Haydn Handel's Water Music Suite No. 1   Haydn's Trumpet Concerto   Haydn's		No. 20   Feldman's Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety   Haydn's Symphony No. 93
	Symphony No. 98	MAR 11	Handel & Haydn Handel's Royal Fireworks Music
MAY 27	<b>Dutoit conducts Pictures at an Exhibition</b> Stravinsky's Jeu de cartes   Elgar's Cello Concerto		Haydn's Sinfonia concertante   Haydn's Symphony No. 103, Drumroll
	Mussorgsky-Ravel's Pictures at an Exhibition	MAR 25	Bychkov conducts Bruckner Bruckner's Symphony
JUN 17	Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony Beethoven's		No. 8
	Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus   Piano Concerto No. 4   Ah! perfido   Symphony No. 6, Pastoral	MAY 20 JUN 10	Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra Samuel Carl Adams's New work   Mozart's Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola   Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra Beethoven's Missa solemnis

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	aeterna   R. Strauss's Also sprach Zarathustra
OCT 30	MTT conducts Mahler 7 Mahler's Symphony No. 7
FEB 19	Brahms's A German Requiem Brahms's Selections
	from Chorale Preludes   "Why is Light Given"
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FEB 26	MTT & Anne-Sophie Mutter J.L. Adams's The Ligh
	that Fills the World   Brahms's Violin Concerto
	Schumann's Symphony No. 1, Spring
JUN 4	Spanish Seductions Ravel's Alborada del
	gracioso   Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain
	Ravel's L'Heure espagnole

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony & Jonathan Biss

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 | Sanctus from Mass in C major | Piano Fantasy | Choral Fantasy

Thursday B Package SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM

OCT 23	Barantschik plays Vivaldi & Bach Vivaldi's Summer from The Four Seasons   J.S. Bach's
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	Two Violins   Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence
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Pictures at an Exhibition

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- JAN 29 Mozart & More with the SFS J.S. Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3 | Mozart's Rondo, "Al desio, di chi t'adora," from The Marriage of Figaro | Mozart's "Ruhe sanft, mein holdes Leben" from Zaide | J.S. Bach's Wedding Cantata | Mozart's Symphony No. 31, Paris
- APR 9 Joshua Bell & the SFS John Adams's Chamber Symphony | Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony No. 1 | Beethoven's Violin Concerto
- Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto Barber's Overture to The School for Scandal | Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 | APR 23 Shostakovich's Symphony No. 12, The Year 1917
- MAY 14 MTT conducts: Janine Jansen plays Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto Cage's The Seasons | Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto | Stravinsky's Pulcinella

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SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM

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JUN 19 Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony Beethoven's Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus | Piano Concerto No. 4 | Ah! perfido | Symphony No. 6, Pastoral

# Friday D Package

SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM

MTT conducts Ravel & Stravinsky Tchaikovsky's SEP 5 Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture | Ravel's Piano Concerto in G major | Stravinsky's Circus Polka | Excerpts from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet

NOV 7 Gil Shaham & the SFS Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No. 1 Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish | Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé

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SIX CONCERTS AT 8PM

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Beethoven's Missa solemnis JUN 12

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SAT B	Saturday B Package		C major   Piano Concerto No. 4   Symphony No. 5   Sanctus from Mass in C major   Piano Fantasy
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FEB 28	Peacock   Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 3   Brahms's Symphony No. 2 MTT & Anne-Sophie Mutter J.L. Adams's The Light	NOV 8	Mandarin   Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3  MTT & Gil Shaham Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No. 1    Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish   Ravel's
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TILSON THOMAS FRI **SEP 5** 8PM SAT SEP 6 8PM

#### OPENING WEEK MTT conducts Ravel & Stravinsky

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Benjamin Grosvenor piano San Francisco Symphony

Tchaikovsky Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture Ravel Piano Concerto in G major Stravinsky Circus Polka

**Prokofiev** Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet



MTT and the SFS's recording of the Prokofiev wins the Grammy for Best Orchestral Performance—their first win together.

Celebrate the start of the new season as 21-year-old English piano sensation Benjamin Grosvenor performs Ravel's jazz-inspired Piano Concerto in G major. "Grosvenor's performance [is] so alluring, so alive to the music's poetry, so colorfully detailed," says London's Daily Telegraph. Plus, hear settings of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by Tchaikovsky, as well as by Prokofiev.

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ANDSNES WED **SEP 10** 8PM THU **SEP 11** 2PM FRI SEP 12 8PM SAT **SEP 13** 8PM

#### BEETHOVEN AND BATES Piano Concerto No. 1 & Alternative Energy

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Leif Ove Andsnes piano Mason Bates electronica San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven The Consecration of the House Overture Mason Bates Alternative Energy Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1

**66** This is new music as you always hoped it would be—exciting, beautiful, surprising and full of a vivid sense of discovery. ?? -san francisco chronicle

The critically-acclaimed Beethoven/Bates Festival continues. Rich Scheinin of the San Jose Mercury News raves about the 13-14 Season concerts, "This is how it should be in the concert world, with a great orchestra showing (and enjoying) its command of repertory old and new." This season, the Beethoven is the Piano Concerto No. 1, with Leif Ove Andsnes, whom Gramophone credits with having "a palpable sense of discovery, of living the music." And Mason Bates returns to perform his undeniably original Alternative Energy, a treat for symphonic audiences everywhere.

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CARPENTER THU **SEP 18** 2PM FRI **SEP 19** 8PM SAT **SEP 20** 8PM SUN SEP 21 2PM

#### MTT conducts Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Cameron Carpenter organ San Francisco Symphony

Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 3

Brant Ice Field

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5



Ice Field, which premiered with the SFS in 2001, is awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Music.

"It will never please the public," said Tchaikovsky of his Fifth Symphony. Yet its beautiful melodies have captivated audiences for more than a century. Michael Tilson Thomas leads the San Francisco Symphony in Tchaikovsky's passionate Fifth. And the 8,264 pipes of the Ruffatti concert organ boom under the wizardry of Cameron Carpenter. "Everything he touches turns fantastical," declares The New York Times.

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**TILSON THOMAS** THU SEP 25 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

THU SEP 25 8PM FRI **SEP 26** 6:30PM

SUN SEP 28 2PM

#### MTT conducts Also sprach Zarathustra

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Ragnar Bohlin conductor San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

Foss Then the Rocks on the Mountain Began to Shout

Ives Three Places in New England

J. Strauss, Jr. By the Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz

Ligeti Lux aeterna

R. Strauss Also sprach Zarathustra

R. Strauss's Also sprach Zarathustra must be experienced live to feel its astonishing force. Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of R. Strauss with this awe-inspiring work, a symphonic spectacular made famous in the film 2001: A Space Odyssey. Other works featured in 2001 as well as American masterpieces by Foss and Ives complete the program.

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OHLSSON FRI **OCT 10** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

FRI OCT 10 8PM SAT **OCT 11** 8PM SUN OCT 12 2PM

#### Garrick Ohlsson plays Rachmaninoff

Juraj Valčuha conductor Garrick Ohlsson piano San Francisco Symphony

Steven Stucky Jeu de timbres Bartók The Miraculous Mandarin Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3

"It was beauty that emerged from the piano," says the Pittsburgh Tribune, "thanks, of course, to Garrick Ohlsson's integrity and sterling technique." Ohlsson returns for Rachmaninoff's blazing Third Piano Concerto. And guest conductor Juraj Valčuha leads music of Pulitzer Prize-winner Steven Stucky, and Bartók's The Miraculous Mandarin.

The Oct 12 concert benefits the Orchestra's pension fund.

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WED **OCT 15** 8PM THU **OCT 16** 8PM GREEN MUSIC CENTER

FRI **OCT 17** 8PM

SAT **OCT 18** 8PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS Ravishing Rachmaninoff

Stéphane Denève conductor Isabelle Faust violin San Francisco Symphony

Barber Adagio for Strings Britten Violin Concerto Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances

The music of Rachmaninoff has touched hearts for generations. Stéphane Denève conducts the Russian master's late, luxuriant Symphonic Dances. Barber's Adagio for Strings is one of the most popular compositions of the 20th century, for good reason. Its pathos and tension is at once tender and irresistible. And the captivating Isabelle Faust plays Britten's blistering Violin Concerto. "Her sound has passion, grit, and electricity," says The New York Times.

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ZACHARIAS WED **OCT 22** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

WED **OCT 22** 8PM THU **OCT 23** 2PM FRI **OCT 24** 6:30PM

#### Copland's Appalachian Spring

Christian Zacharias conductor and pianist San Francisco Symphony

Copland Appalachian Spring Mozart Piano Concerto No. 20 Feldman Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety Haydn Symphony No. 93

Beethoven admired Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 for its elegance, beauty, and tenderness. One of music's foremost Mozart performers, Christian Zacharias, leads the San Francisco Symphony from the keyboard in this masterwork. From the podium, Zacharias conducts Haydn's sparkling Symphony No. 93, and Copland's joyous Appalachian Spring.

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BARANTSCHIK THU **OCT 23** 8PM SAT **OCT 25** 8PM

# Barantschik plays Vivaldi & Bach

Alexander Barantschik leader and violin Dan Carlson violin Robin Sutherland piano San Francisco Symphony

Alexander Barantschik begins his first season as Concertmaster of the SFS.

Vivaldi Summer from The Four Seasons J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 3 J.S. Bach Concerto for Two Violins Tchaikovsky Souvenir de Florence

**66** One of those performances that remind you how superbly the Symphony's musicians can play in a chamber setting. >> -san francisco chronicle

Concertmaster Alexander Barantschik and the strings of the San Francisco Symphony perform spirited Vivaldi, with Summer from his The Four Seasons. Plus, J.S. Bach's Concerto for Two Violins and Third Keyboard Concerto, and Tchaikovsky's romantic Souvenir de Florence showcase the musicians' trademark virtuosity.

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**TILSON THOMAS** WED **OCT 29** 8PM THU **OCT 30** 8PM SAT NOV 1 8PM

#### MTT conducts Mahler 7

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor San Francisco Symphony

Mahler Symphony No. 7



The SFS's recording of Mahler's 7th, with MTT conducting, wins two Grammys.

Mahler's Seventh is his "return to life," a grand masterpiece that sings to the stars, and glows with the moon. Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony perform Mahler's luminous symphony. Experience their Grammy-winning Mahler live, in concert. "[It is] the most exciting Mahler combination anywhere," raves the Los Angeles Times.

Please note there is no intermission.

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THU **NOV 6** 8PM FRI **NOV 7** 8PM SUN **NOV 9** 2PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS Gil Shaham & the SFS

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Gil Shaham violin San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

Liszt Mephisto Waltz No. 1

Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish

Ravel Daphnis et Chloé

Gil Shaham joins MTT and the San Francisco Symphony as soloist in Mozart's delightful Turkish Violin Concerto. And MTT conducts Ravel's sensuous Daphnis et Chloé and Liszt's demonic Mephisto Waltz No. 1.

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SHAHAM SAT **NOV 8** 8PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS MTT & Gil Shaham

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Gil Shaham violin San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

Samuel Carl Adams Drift and Providence Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2 Ravel Daphnis et Chloé

"Resplendent," raves the Los Angeles Times of violinist Gil Shaham. "The performance of a lifetime." Gil Shaham joins Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony for Prokofiev's violin concerto. And MTT conducts Ravel's sensuous Daphnis et Chloé.

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MÄLKKI SAT **NOV 29** 8PM SUN **NOV 30** 2PM

#### THANKSGIVING WEEK Brahms's Second Symphony

Susanna Mälkki conductor Jeremy Denk piano San Francisco Symphony

Griffes The White Peacock Bartók Piano Concerto No. 3 Brahms Symphony No. 2

Thanksgiving weekend is always special at Davies Symphony Hall, even more so with Jeremy Denk at the keyboard. "Denk [plays] with tremendous verve and contagious brilliance," reports the Los Angeles Times. Hear him in Bartók's delicate Third Piano Concerto. Then, Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki leads Brahms's Second Symphony.

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GLOVER FRI **DEC 19** 8PM

#### Handel's *Messiah*

Jane Glover conductor Yulia van Doren soprano Leah Wool mezzo-soprano Nicholas Phan tenor Troy Cook baritone **San Francisco Symphony Chorus** San Francisco Symphony

Handel Messiah

Celebrate the holidays with one of classical music's most beloved traditions, as acclaimed Baroque specialist Jane Glover returns to conduct Handel's Messiah. This splendid oratorio features some of the most popular refrains in Western music, including the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. A wonderful musical evening—not to be missed!

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TILSON THOMAS FRI **JAN 16** 6:30PM SAT **JAN 17** 8PM SUN **JAN 18** 2PM

#### MTT conducts The Soldier's Tale

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor San Francisco Symphony

John Adams Grand Pianola Music Stravinsky The Soldier's Tale



Grand Pianola Music is premiered by the SFS and features SFS keyboardist Robin Sutherland.

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Dec 18, 20

Plan ahead for this holiday

tradition, sure to sell out.

This is the story of a soldier, deceived by the devil, with music by Stravinsky. The captivating tale is brought to life by a special guest narrator.

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BRONFMAN WED **JAN 21** 8PM THU **JAN 22** 2PM FRI JAN 23 8PM

#### Bronfman plays Brahms

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Yefim Bronfman piano San Francisco Symphony

Berg Three Pieces for Orchestra Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2

"Yefim Bronfman is a virtuoso with chops that defy comparison," says The New York Times. Bronfman plays Brahms's lyrical Second Piano Concerto. And MTT leads Berg's Three Pieces for Orchestra, which was dedicated "in immeasurable gratitude and love" to Berg's teacher and friend Arnold Schoenberg.

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THU **JAN 29** 2PM FRI **JAN 30** 8PM SAT **JAN 31** 8PM

#### Mozart & More with the SFS

Bernard Labadie conductor Lydia Teuscher soprano San Francisco Symphony

J.S. Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3

Mozart Rondo, "Al desio, di chi t'adora," from The Marriage of Figaro

Mozart "Ruhe sanft, mein holdes Leben" from Zaide

J.S. Bach Wedding Cantata, BWV 202 Mozart Symphony No. 31, Paris

Mozart master Bernard Labadie and the San Francisco Symphony explore Mozart's lively Paris Symphony along with music of J.S. Bach, including a moving cantata showcasing a single voice. Plus, J.S. Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, featuring the tender Air on the G String.

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SERKIN THU **FEB 12** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

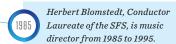
THU **FEB 12** 8PM GREEN MUSIC CENTER

FRI **FEB 13** 8PM SAT **FEB 14** 8PM

#### Peter Serkin plays Mozart

Herbert Blomstedt conductor Peter Serkin piano San Francisco Symphony

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 19 Sibelius Symphony No. 2



Peter Serkin plays "as if channeling the music from another realm," says The New York Times. Serkin joins Herbert Blomstedt for Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19. These concerts also feature Sibelius's exhilarating Second Symphony, a Blomstedt specialty.

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ZIESAK THU **FEB 19** 8PM FRI FEB 20 8PM SAT FEB 21 8PM

#### Brahms's A German Requiem

Herbert Blomstedt conductor Ragnar Bohlin conductor Ruth Ziesak soprano Christian Gerhaher baritone Jonathan Dimmock organ San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

**Brahms** Selections from Chorale Preludes Brahms Motet, "Why is Light Given" Brahms A German Requiem

It was a work Brahms labored over for a dozen years. Consoled by the psalms, the gospels, and the prophets, he set their words to his music—music that would be his grandest, perhaps even his greatest. Herbert Blomstedt leads Brahms's poetic biblical settings, A German Requiem. The concert begins with selections from Brahms's late Chorale Preludes performed on the Ruffatti organ.

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MUTTER THU **FEB 26** 8PM FRI **FEB 27** 8PM SAT FEB 28 8PM SUN MAR 1 2PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS MTT & Anne-Sophie Mutter

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Anne-Sophie Mutter violin San Francisco Symphony



Anne-Sophie Mutter is soloist on MTT's first tour with the SFS.

J.L. Adams The Light that Fills the World **Brahms** Violin Concerto Schumann Symphony No. 1, Spring

 $\hbox{``The undisputed queen of violin playing,'' says \it The \it Times of London of Anne-Sophie Mutter, who}$ plays Brahms's impassioned Violin Concerto. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Schumann's First Symphony and J.L. Adams's celestial The Light that Fills the World.

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ADÈS THU MAR58PMFRI **MAR 6** 6:30PM SAT MAR 7 8PM

# Adès & Upshaw

Thomas Adès conductor Dawn Upshaw soprano Kirill Gerstein piano Tal Rosner video artist San Francisco Symphony

Ives The Unanswered Question Milhaud La Création du monde

Sibelius Luonnotar

Thomas Adès In Seven Days (with video)

Dawn Upshaw "sings with beguiling beauty," says The New York Times. "New music should take you to new places, via soundscapes of feeling you hadn't thought could exist. That's something Thomas Adès does in every piece," proclaims The Guardian of London. Be there for the fusion of two of music's most creative forces.

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KOOPMAN WED **MAR 11** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

WED MAR 11 8PM THU **MAR 12** 2PM FRI MAR 13 8PM SAT **MAR 14** 8PM

# Handel & Haydn

Ton Koopman conductor Nadya Tichman violin Amos Yang cello Stephen Paulson bassoon San Francisco Symphony

Handel Royal Fireworks Music Haydn Sinfonia concertante Haydn Symphony No. 103, Drumroll

The thrilling Royal Fireworks Music sets off this two-week celebration of Handel and Haydn. Members of the San Francisco Symphony take center stage for Haydn's exquisite Sinfonia concertante. Then, Ton Koopman conducts Haydn's Drumroll Symphony.

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INOUYE WED MAR 18 8PM FRI MAR 20 8PM SAT MAR 21 8PM

#### Koopman conducts Haydn

Ton Koopman conductor Mark Inouye trumpet San Francisco Symphony

Handel Water Music Suite No. 1 Haydn Trumpet Concerto Haydn Symphony No. 98

Beethoven struggled to complete just nine. Brahms could manage only four. But it was Haydn, before them, who produced an astonishing 104 symphonies, defining the form as we know it in the process. Ton Koopman conducts Haydn's Symphony No. 98 plus Suite No. 1 from Handel's graceful Water Music.

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WED **MAR 25** 8PM THU MAR 26 2PM FRI **MAR 27** 8PM

#### Bychkov conducts Bruckner

Semyon Bychkov conductor San Francisco Symphony

Bruckner Symphony No. 8

Epic in its scope. Unrivaled in its majesty. Semyon Bychkov leads Bruckner's colossal Eighth Symphony, among the most profound ever written, and hailed in its time by composer Hugo Wolf as "the absolute victory of light over darkness."

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BELL THU APR 9 2PM FRI APR 10 6:30PM SAT APR 11 8PM SUN APR 12 2PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS Joshua Bell & the SFS

Pablo Heras-Casado conductor Joshua Bell violin San Francisco Symphony

John Adams Chamber Symphony Schoenberg Chamber Symphony No. 1 Beethoven Violin Concerto

The Boston Herald declares his playing as "direct, honest, and a joy to hear." Audiences around the globe have cheered the phenomenal Joshua Bell. Now see him in concert with the San Francisco Symphony, performing Beethoven's towering Violin Concerto.

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**HERAS-CASADO** THU **APR 16** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

THU APR 16 8PM GREEN MUSIC CENTER

SAT APR 18 8PM SUN APR 19 2PM

# Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn

Pablo Heras-Casado conductor Igor Levit piano San Francisco Symphony

Haydn Symphony No. 44, Trauer Mozart Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements

Pablo Heras-Casado continues his exploration of revolutionary moments in music, from the early days of the symphony and concerto with Haydn's expressive No. 44 and Mozart's exquisite Jeunehomme to the exhilarating neo-classicism of a Stravinsky landmark. Titanic Russian-German keyboard talent Igor Levit, described by The Guardian as "an exciting prospect: an artist who has something to say, and the technical means with which to say it," makes his San Francisco debut in the Mozart.

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CHEN THU **APR 23** 2PM FRI APR 24 8PM

#### Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto

Vasily Petrenko conductor Sa Chen piano San Francisco Symphony

Barber Overture to The School for Scandal Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 Shostakovich Symphony No. 12, The Year 1917

He was plagued by self-doubt, and had abandoned his music. But when inspired to compose again, Sergei Rachmaninoff wrote the music that would make him immortal. Internationally renowned Chinese pianist Sa Chen performs Rachmaninoff's ardent Second Piano Concerto. And Vasily Petrenko conducts Shostakovich's vibrant, technicolor Twelfth Symphony, depicting the events of the 1917 Russian Revolution.

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SALONEN THU **APR 30** 2PM FRI **MAY 1**8PM SAT MAY 2 8PM SUN MAY 3 2PM

#### Salonen conducts The Firebird

Esa-Pekka Salonen conductor San Francisco Symphony

Ravel Mother Goose Suite Esa-Pekka Salonen Nyx **Stravinsky** The Firebird

Concert footage of Stravinsky's The Firebird is featured on MTT and the SFS's Keeping Score: Stravinsky DVD.

An enchanted tale that has enraptured generations, the first masterpiece of a musical genius. Experience Stravinsky's The Firebird under the vibrant baton of Esa-Pekka Salonen, who also leads the San Francisco Symphony in his own acclaimed music.

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THIBAUDET THU **MAY 7** 8PM FRI **MAY 8** 8PM SAT MAY 9 8PM SUN **MAY 10** 2PM

#### Mahler & Bernstein

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Susanna Phillips soprano Jean-Yves Thibaudet piano San Francisco Symphony

Bernstein Symphony No. 2, The Age of Anxiety Mahler Symphony No. 4

"The symphony must be like the world. It must contain everything," said Gustav Mahler. In his heartfelt Symphony No. 4, he reveals his world through the innocence of a child. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Mahler's heart-rending Fourth Symphony. Jean-Yves Thibaudet returns for Bernstein's Second Symphony, capturing the anxiety of its time in music that veers between symphony and concerto.

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THU **MAY 14** 2PM FRI **MAY 15** 8PM

#### BRILLIANT VIOLINS Janine Jansen plays Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Janine Jansen violin Peabody Southwell mezzo-soprano Matthew Newlin tenor Luca Pisaroni bass-baritone San Francisco Symphony

Cage The Seasons Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Stravinsky Pulcinella

"Janine Jansen is a player that you follow wherever she leads," states The Times of London. "Simple, unaffected magic. The audience sat spellbound." The incredible Jansen joins MTT for Mendelssohn's beloved Violin Concerto. These concerts also feature Stravinsky's Pulcinella, his homage to early composer Pergolesi.

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TILSON THOMAS SAT MAY 16 8PM

#### American Maverick: John Cage

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor San Francisco Symphony

Cage The Seasons

Cage Renga (with video)

In his first season as Music Director, MTT leads the SFS and members of the Grateful Dead in Cage's Renga.

For the American Bicentennial, John Cage delivered an ambitious commemoration. Renga spills over a vast symphonic canvas, its scale and length determined not by the composer but by the performers themselves. Renga is more than a piece. It is hypnotic, ecstatic. It is an experience that comes around all too rarely, more vital now than its boundary-shattering series of premieres in 1976.

Video production by the New World Symphony, America's Orchestral Academy, developed in collaboration with the John Cage Trust.

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VINOCOUR WED **MAY 20** 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

WED **MAY 20** 8PM THU **MAY 21** 8PM GREEN MUSIC CENTER

FRI **MAY 22** 6:30PM SAT **MAY 23** 8PM



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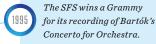
#### Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Alexander Barantschik violin Jonathan Vinocour viola San Francisco Symphony

Samuel Carl Adams New work

Mozart Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola

Bartók Concerto for Orchestra



SFS principal musicians Alexander Barantschik and Jonathan Vinocour are soloists in Mozart's magnificent Sinfonia concertante, a virtuosic double concerto for violin and viola. Then MTT conducts a concerto showcasing the entire San Francisco Symphony: Bartók's masterpiece, the Concerto for Orchestra.

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#### Dutoit conducts *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Charles Dutoit conductor Gautier Capuçon cello San Francisco Symphony

Stravinsky Jeu de cartes Elgar Cello Concerto

Mussorgsky-Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition

Few works match it for orchestral color, sonic impact, or sheer excitement. And no work displays the virtuosity of the San Francisco Symphony like Pictures at an Exhibition. Experience it live along with Elgar's haunting Cello Concerto.

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DUTOIT THU JUN 4 10AM KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

THU JUN 4 8PM FRI **JUN 5** 8PM SAT JUN 6 8PM

#### Spanish Seductions

Charles Dutoit conductor

Isabel Leonard mezzo-soprano (Concepción)

Jean-Paul Fouchécourt tenor (Torquemada)

Benjamin Hulett tenor (Gonzalve)

Jean-Luc Ballestra baritone (Ramiro)

David Wilson-Johnson baritone (Don Iñigo Gomez)

Javier Pieranes piano San Francisco Symphony

Ravel Alborada del gracioso

Falla Nights in the Gardens of Spain

Ravel L'Heure espagnole

Concepción is married to a dull clockmaker, and hides her lovers in an array of grandfather clocks. Such is the premise of Ravel's delightful L'Heure espagnole. Dutoit conducts music inspired by the intoxicating rhythms of Spain.

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COOKE WED **JUN 10** 8PM THU **JUN 11** 8PM FRI JUN 12 8PM SAT JUN 13 8PM

#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven's Missa solemnis

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Joélle Harvey soprano

Sasha Cooke mezzo-soprano (6/10, 6/11, 6/13)

Tamara Mumford mezzo-soprano (6/12)

Brandon Jovanovich tenor Shenyang bass-baritone

Michael Levine director and designer

Finn Ross video designer

San Francisco Symphony Chorus

San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Missa solemnis

It is one of Beethoven's last works, and one of his greatest. He labored over it for five years, then wrote on the completed score, "From the heart; may it go to the heart!" Michael Tilson Thomas reimagines Beethoven's epic Missa solemnis in semi-staged performances, a new telling of perhaps the composer's most personal and profound statement.

These performances are a co-production with the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

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MATTILA WED **JUN 17** 8PM FRI **JUN 19** 8PM

#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Karita Mattila soprano

Jonathan Biss piano

San Francisco Symphony Chorus

San Francisco Symphony

**Beethoven** Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4

Beethoven Ah! perfido

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, Pastoral

This is Beethoven at peace, inspired by the music of nature. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the Pastoral alongside other works that Beethoven premiered with this symphony, including the flawless Piano Concerto No. 4, with Jonathan Biss.

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THU **JUN 18** 8PM

#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven's Fifth Symphony & Jonathan Biss

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Jonathan Biss piano

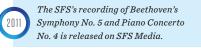
San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Symphony No. 5

Beethoven Sanctus from Mass in C major

Beethoven Piano Fantasy in G minor

**Beethoven** Choral Fantasy



No other musical statement can match its raw power and bracing energy. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Beethoven's Fifth alongside other works that premiered with this symphony, including the stirring Choral Fantasy. Also on the program, the G minor Piano Fantasy with Jonathan Biss.

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**TILSON THOMAS** SAT **JUN 20** 7PM

#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven Marathon

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Karita Mattila soprano Jonathan Biss piano San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

First Half (7pm)

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, Pastoral

Beethoven Ah! perfido

Beethoven Kyrie and Gloria from

Mass in C major

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4

ADD ON

#### **Beethoven Marathon**

Single tickets will be premium priced. Subscribe to lock in lower prices.

Second Half (9:30pm)

Beethoven Symphony No. 5

Beethoven Sanctus from Mass in C major Beethoven Piano Fantasy in G minor

Beethoven Choral Fantasy

On a chilly December evening in 1808, Viennese huddled into the Theater an der Wien to hear new works of Beethoven. Four hours later, they had experienced the world premieres of the Fourth Piano Concerto, the Choral Fantasy, and the Fifth and Sixth Symphonies. MTT recreates this historic concert, an epic excursion into the genius of Beethoven.

Please note there are two intermissions.

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STEMME THU **JUN 25** 8PM FRI **JUN 26** 8PM

#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Fidelio

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Nina Stemme soprano (Leonore) Brandon Jovanovich tenor (Florestan) Joélle Harvey soprano (Marzelline) San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Fidelio

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"Of all my spiritual children, this is the one that cost me the worst birth pangs," said Beethoven of his only opera Fidelio. "For that reason, it is the one most dear to me." The story of one woman's heroic struggle to rescue her husband from unjust imprisonment, Fidelio occupied Beethoven for nearly a decade. He rewrote it twice to fashion a powerful, inspiring allegory of love and courage. Michael Tilson Thomas has assembled an internationally renowned cast—headed by Nina Stemme—to perform this concert version of Beethoven's Fidelio.

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#### BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven's Fifth Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor San Francisco Symphony

Program to include:

Beethoven Symphony No. 5

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	Chopin's Four Scherzi
JAN 25	All Brahms with Iván Fischer & the Budapest Festival Orchestra Brahms's Symphony No. 1
	Brahms's Symphony No. 3
FEB 15	András Schiff in Recital Haydn's Piano Sonata No. 60   Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 30
	Mozart's Piano Sonata in C major κ.545   Schubert's Piano Sonata in C minor
MAR 16	Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields Stravinsky's Concerto in D major for String Orchestra
	J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto No. 1   J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto No. 5   Stravinsky's Apollon musagète
MAR 22	MTT and the London Symphony Orchestra Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes

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Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 1 | Sibelius's Symphony No. 2

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OCT 12	Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra Dvořák's The Noonday Witch   Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3
	Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, Pathétique
FEB 16	Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra Ravel's Piano Concerto in G major
	Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5
FEB 22	András Schiff plays Beethoven Mozart's Piano Sonata in B-flat major   Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 31
	Haydn's Piano Sonata No. 61   Schubert's Piano Sonata in A major
MAR 23	Michael Tilson Thomas & the London Symphony Orchestra Colin Matthews's Hidden Variables
	Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F   Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5
APR 19	Myung Whun-Chung & the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor
	Brahms's Symphony No. 4
APR 27	John Eliot Gardiner & the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique Monteverdi's L'Orfeo, favola in musica

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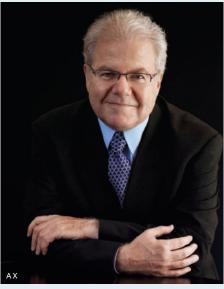
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# Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra



Vladimir Jurowski conductor Jean-Efflam Bavouzet piano **London Philharmonic Orchestra** 

Dvořák The Noonday Witch Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3 Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6, Pathétique

Following last year's "thrilling" appearance with the San Francisco Symphony, Vladimir Jurowski, a regular guest conductor with some of the world's best orchestras, visits San Francisco this time with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, performing music from his homeland of Russia. "As one now expects from Jurowski, there was a whiteknuckle tension in Tchaikovsky, and a real sense of a wild and tragic story recounted with enthralling detail, vivid color, and pace," declares The Times of London.

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# Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra



Vladimir Jurowski conductor Jean-Efflam Bavouzet piano London Philharmonic Orchestra

Magnus Lindberg Chorale Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Shostakovich Symphony No. 8

Together the LPO and Jurowski are receiving international acclaim. "The climaxes Jurowski built raged with a meticulous fury," says The Boston Globe. "The sound balanced just right between fullness and bite, in the way that Shostakovich's music demands."

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#### Emanuel Ax in Recital

SUN **JAN 11** 7PM

Emanuel Ax piano

**Debussy** Estampes Rameau Pièces de clavecin Debussy Images, Series 1 Chopin Four Scherzi

The Washington Post describes his artistry as

"thoughtful, lyrical, lustrous." And the Los Angeles Times reports, "time felt as though it stood still. The experience was exceptional."

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# All Brahms with Iván Fischer & the Budapest Festival Orchestra

SHIN JAN 25 7PM

Iván Fischer conductor **Budapest Festival** Orchestra

Brahms Symphony No. 1 Brahms Symphony No. 3

"For sheer blinding energy, nothing has come

anywhere near the Budapest Festival Orchestra," reports The Telegraph of London. "Excitement turned into exaltation." Iván Fischer and the Budapest Festival Orchestra have become one of music's most potent partnerships, winning praise around the globe. Hear them in concert in Brahms's powerful First and Third Symphonies.

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András Schiff's survey of Beethoven sonatas at Davies Symphony Hall left audiences standing and cheering. Now he returns with Beethoven's last two piano sonatas.

#### András Schiff in Recital

SUN FEB 15 2PM

András Schiff piano

Haydn Piano Sonata No. 60 Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 30 Mozart Piano Sonata in C major, K.545 Schubert Piano Sonata in C minor

For his first of two late Beethoven recitals, Schiff plays the poetic Sonata No. 30, surrounded by sonatas of Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert.

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# András Schiff plays Beethoven

SUN FEB 22 7PM

András Schiff piano

Mozart Piano Sonata in B-flat major Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 31 Haydn Piano Sonata No. 61 Schubert Piano Sonata in A major

For his second late Beethoven program, Schiff performs the penultimate sonata, No. 31. Sonatas by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert complete the concert.

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András Schiff's performances are co-presented by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Performances.

# Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

MON FEB 16 8PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conductor Hélène Grimaud piano **Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra** 

Ravel Piano Concerto in G major Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

"Sizzling!" raves The Independent of Yannick Nézet-Séguin and the

Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra's performance at The Proms. "Ferociously impressive!" Hélène Grimaud is the soloist in Ravel's jazzy Piano Concerto, one of her specialties. The program concludes with Prokofiev's blockbuster Fifth Symphony.

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Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields



Stravinsky Concerto in D major for String Orchestra

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 1 J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 5 Stravinsky Apollon musagète (Apollo)

His Bach performances are "a revealing journey into the soul," states The

Washington Post. Jeremy Denk's survey of Bach's concertos with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields concludes with the First and Fifth Concertos, complemented by masterpieces of Stravinsky.

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Yuja Wang piano **London Symphony Orchestra** 

Colin Matthews Hidden Variables Gershwin Piano Concerto in F major Shostakovich Symphony No. 5

The LSO will roar in Shostakovich's triumphant Fifth Symphony. Plus experience the music of Gershwin, his Piano Concerto in F major, with Yuja Wang.

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## Myung Whun-Chung & the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra

SUN APR 19 7PM

Myung Whun-Chung conductor Sunwook Kim piano Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor

Brahms Symphony No. 4

Founded in 1948, the Seoul Philharmonic has transformed the musical culture of South Korea while winning international acclaim for its breathtaking virtuosity. Artistic Director Myung Whun-Chung has had a very close relationship with this orchestra since his first appearance at age 7. For this Davies Symphony Hall concert, the ensemble completes the Brahms symphonic cycle with the great and noble Fourth Symphony. Korean keyboard master Sunwook Kim plays Beethoven's regal Emperor Concerto.

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# John Eliot Gardiner & Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique

MON APR 27 8PM

four centuries.

John Eliot Gardiner conductor Monteverdi Choir **Orchestre Revolutionnaire** et Romantique

Monteverdi L'Orfeo, favola in musica Reaching into the past, John Eliot

Gardiner points to the future. Together with his Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique, Gardiner provides many of music's most provocative perspectives. This concert recalls opera's first stirrings with Monteverdi's L'Orfeo, which continues to move audiences after more than

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WED OCT 22	Copland's Appalachian Spring Copland's Appalachian Spring   Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20   Feldman's Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety   Haydn's Symphony No. 93
THU FEB 12	Peter Serkin plays Mozart Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19   Sibelius's Symphony No. 2
WED MAR 11	Handel & Haydn Handel's Royal Fireworks Music   Haydn's Sinfonia concertante   Haydn's Symphony No. 103, Drumroll
THU APR 16	Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn Haydn's Symphony No. 44, Trauer   Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme   Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements
WED <b>MAY 20</b>	Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra Samuel Carl Adams's New work   Mozart's Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola   Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra
THU JUN 4	<b>Spanish Seductions</b> <i>Ravel's</i> Alborada del gracioso   <i>Falla's</i> Nights in the Gardens of Spain   <i>Ravel's</i> L'Heure espagnole

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OCT 16 Ravishing Rachmaninoff Barber's Adagio for Strings | Britten's Violin Concerto | Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances

FEB 12 **Peter Serkin plays Mozart** Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19 | Sibelius's Symphony No. 2

APR 16 Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn Haydn's Symphony
No. 44, Trauer | Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme |
Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements

MAY 21 Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra Samuel Carl Adams's New work | Mozart's Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola | Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra

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Powerful music on an intimate scale. Hear Symphony musicians push the boundaries of music making and watch as their collaborative energy surges to the level of virtuosity.

#### Chamber Music Package SIX SUNDAY CONCERTS AT 2PM

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FRI OCT 31 8PM HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Todd Wilson organ

Spend a spine-tingling Halloween at Davies Symphony Hall (if you dare!), as the Ruffatti organ accompanies this restored version of the 1920 silent classic Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Starring legendary leading man John Barrymore in the notorious title roles, this eerie screen adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale is a perfectly ghoulish way to spend the spookiest night of the year.

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# Youth Orchestra Series

The Youth Orchestra Series offers a chance to enjoy performances by more than 100 of the Bay Area's most talented young musicians under the baton of Donato Cabrera. Don't miss these exciting performances! The season finale—a special Bon Voyage concert on the eve of the Youth Orchestra's 10th international tour—showcases music the Youth Orchestra will perform in some of Europe's prestigious concert halls.

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#### Music for Families Package FOUR SATURDAY CONCERTS AT 2PM

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Half-price for 17 and under. Recommended for ages 7 and older.









# Special Family Events

Enjoy these family-friendly events that celebrate the traditions and diversity of the Bay Area.

# Día de los Muertos Community Concert

SAT NOV 1 2PM FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 1PM

Donato Cabrera conductor San Francisco Symphony

Bring the entire family as the San Francisco Symphony marks the Day of the Dead with the seventh annual concert celebrating Latino music and culture. Arrive at 1pm for pre-concert festivities in the Davies Symphony Hall lobbies, including refreshments, children's activities, and colorful displays celebrating Día de los Muertos.

Half-price for ages 17 and under. Recommended for ages 7 and older. Group discount not available.

### Deck the Hall

SUN **DEC 7** 11AM & 3PM

Randall Craig Fleischer conductor Members of the San Francisco Symphony

A festive start to the holiday season, this concert and party has become an annual tradition. Deck the Hall features holiday favorites performed by members of the San Francisco Symphony along with special guests presenting music and dance selections tailored especially for children. Tickets include a post-concert party with entertainment, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

To make the experience even more memorable, order a VIP Package that includes premium concert seating plus an exclusive fun-filled pre-concert reception with gourmet treats, holiday crafts, games, and a photo with Santa! Call the Volunteer Council for details at (415) 503-5500.

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#### Peter and the Wolf

SUN **DEC 14** 1PM & 4PM

Donato Cabrera conductor San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Prokofiev Peter and the Wolf

Delight your children with our annual presentation of Peter and the Wolf. The San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra is joined by a special guest narrator, who shares Prokofiev's charming tale.

Half-price for ages 17 and under.

## Chinese New Year Concert and Imperial Dinner

SAT FEB 21 4PM RECEPTION AT 3PM

Mei-Ann Chen conductor San Francisco Symphony

Celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Sheep. This family event draws on both ancient and contemporary Chinese traditions to create a musical East-meets-West fusion. Arrive early at 3pm for a festival reception with Asian instruments, dancers, Chinese calligraphers, tea bars,

Upgrade your experience and join us for the post-concert Imperial Dinner in City Hall. For more details, call the Volunteer Council at (415) 503-5500. Proceeds support the Symphony's education and community programs.

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### Opening Night Gala

WED SEP 3 8PM Michael Tilson Thomas conductor Bonnie Raitt guest vocalist Yuja Wang piano San Francisco Symphony Program to include:
Tchaikovsky Romeo and Juliet
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Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue
Prokofiev Excerpts from
Romeo and Juliet

A very special season is upon us. Kick it off with a bang—and a glamorous one at that. Celebrate at the Opening Night Gala, a black-tie event complete with a pre-concert sparkling wine hour and a star-studded concert featuring Bonnie Raitt and Yuja Wang performing alongside the San Francisco Symphony led by Michael Tilson Thomas. With the night in full swing, the revelry continues at the after-party. Wrap up the night in the glamorous, custom-designed tented pavilion with entertainment, dancing, cocktails, and treats from San Francisco's finest restaurants.

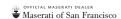
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# Pinchas Zukerman, Iván Fischer, & the Budapest Festival Orchestra

MON **JAN 26** 8PM Iván Fischer conductor Pinchas Zukerman violin Budapest Festival Orchestra

**Mendelssohn** Violin Concerto in E minor

**Mendelssohn** Excerpts from A Midsummer Night's Dream

In concert with Iván Fischer and the Budapest Festival Orchestra, Pinchas Zukerman plays Mendelssohn's beloved Violin Concerto. And Iván Fischer leads the magical music for A Midsummer Night's Dream in this all-Mendelssohn concert.



# Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

SUN FEB 15 7PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conductor Hélène Grimaud piano Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

"Sizzling and ferociously impressive!" raves The Independent of Yannick

Nézet-Séguin and the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra at The Proms. With pianist Hélène Grimaud, they ignite Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1.

### Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields



Jeremy Denk pianist and leader Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Suk Serenade in E-flat major for Strings

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 2 J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 4

Dvořák Serenade in E major for Strings

His Bach performances are "a revealing journey into the soul," states The Washington Post. Jeremy Denk continues his exploration of Bach in concerts with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Conducting from the keyboard, Denk presents Bach's Second and Fourth concertos, and conducts serenades by Dvořák and the composer's greatest pupil (and son-in-law), Josef Suk.

# New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

WED DEC 31 9PM

DOORS OPEN AT 8PM

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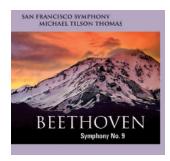
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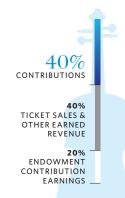


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