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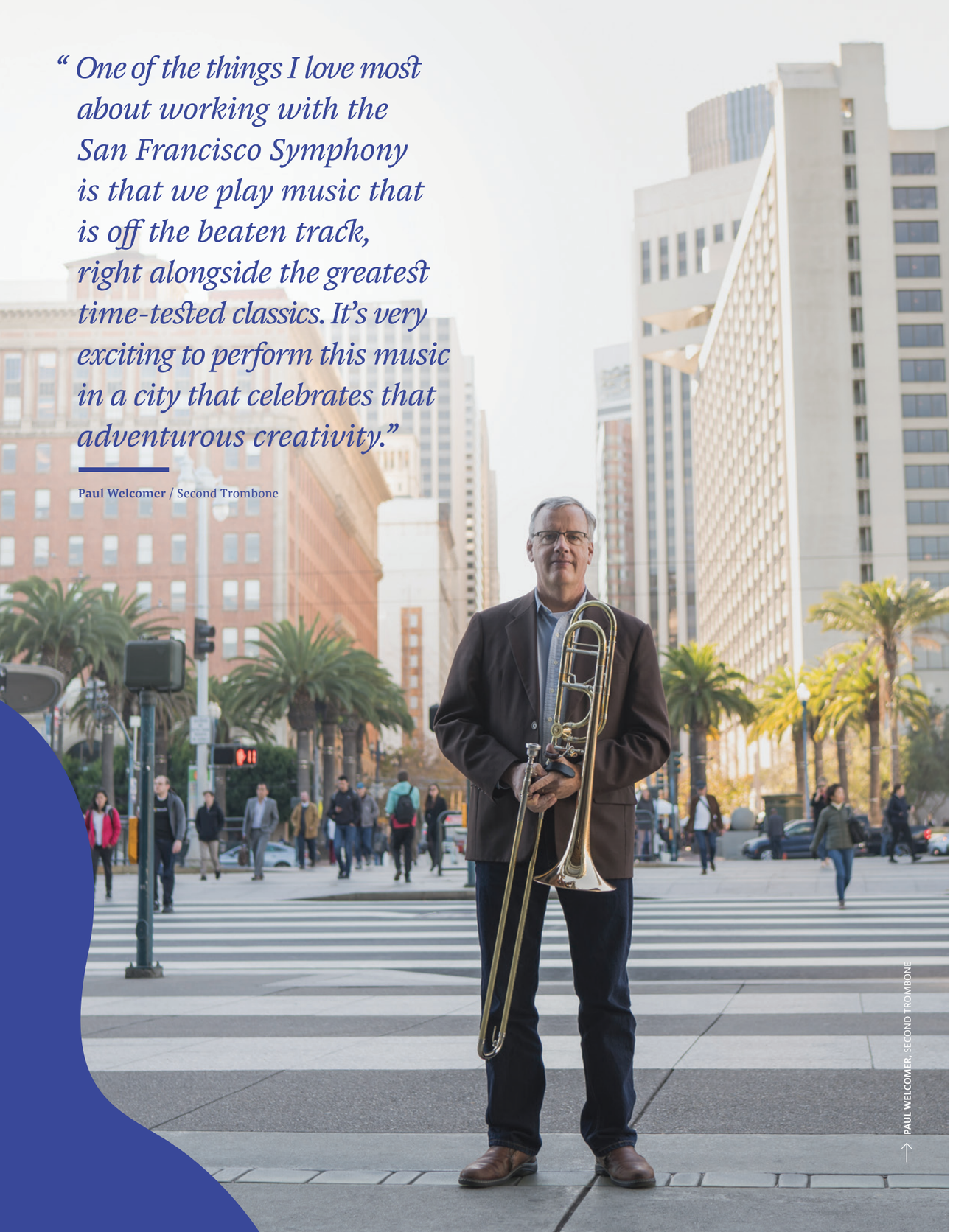
NADYA TICHMAN, ASSOCIATE CONCERTMASTER

“One of the things I love most about working with the San Francisco Symphony is that we play music that is off the beaten track, right alongside the greatest time-tested classics. It’s very exciting to perform this music in a city that celebrates that adventurous creativity.”

Paul Welcomer / Second Trombone



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Season Highlights

MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS

Celebrating MTT

Join us in celebrating Michael Tilson Thomas' groundbreaking legacy as Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony with a signature showcase of eclectic programs and collaborations with leading artists, from Beethoven's Ninth and Mahler's Ninth, to Gil Shaham and Yefim Bronfman.

MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS WITH CONCERTMASTER ALEXANDER BARANTSCHIK

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IGOR STRAVINSKY

Ferocious Beauty: the Music of Stravinsky

Igor Stravinsky was among the most transformative composers of the 20th century. Shocking, enchanting, and fiercely individual, his voice exploded music into the modern age. Join the San Francisco Symphony for a two-week festival celebrating his three most iconic ballet scores and more.

SEP 21–23
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SEP 27–30
MTT Conducts Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and *The Rite of Spring* - *p. 6*

Composers Who Paint with Music

Step inside the Impressionistic sound worlds of composers who paint with music. Panoramic scenes of kinetic colors, shimmering light and shadows are evoked through an ephemeral atmosphere of rich orchestral texture and exotic soundscapes by Impressionist icons Debussy, Ravel, and more.

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Ravel Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand

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Debussy *Prelude à L'Après-midi d'un faune*
Debussy *Nocturnes*
Debussy *La Mer*

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Ravel *L'Enfant et les sortilèges*

Film Series

Experience the magic of the movies like never before at Davies Symphony Hall. Watch cinema favorites projected on the big screen and hear the thrilling power of the score performed live by the SF Symphony.

Turn to page 19 for package summaries.

Jurassic Park

25th anniversary

THU **NOV 1** 8PM | FRI **NOV 2** 8PM

Dinosaurs once again roam the earth in director Steven Spielberg's ultimate thrill ride, *Jurassic Park*. Boasting Academy Award®-winning visual effects that deliver stunningly real prehistoric predators even 25 years after its release, this massive blockbuster hit roars to life on the big screen with John Williams' majestic score performed live by the SF Symphony.

Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

25th anniversary

FRI **NOV 30** 8PM | SAT **DEC 1** 8PM

Watch Jack Skellington plot to take over Christmas in Tim Burton's fantastical tale *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. This "instant classic for both kids and grownups" (*WOR Radio*) comes to life like never before as the SF Symphony performs Danny Elfman's delightfully quirky score live with the film on the big screen.

Mary Poppins

SAT **JAN 5** 8PM | SUN **JAN 6** 2PM

Boasting exuberant favorites like "A Spoonful of Sugar" and "Chim Chim Cher-ee," this magical Disney classic gave audiences some of the most celebrated songs of all time. Winner of five Academy Awards® (including Best Original Music Score) and starring the incomparable Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, don't miss the music of this beloved film performed live to picture by the SF Symphony.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind

FRI **MAR 1** 8PM | SAT **MAR 2** 8PM

Steven Spielberg's spectacular sci-fi masterpiece features John Williams' iconic, two-time Grammy Award-winning score (Best Original Film Score, Best Instrumental Composition) and Academy Award®-winning visual effects that have dazzled audiences since 1977. Experience the exhilarating magic of this film on the big screen as the SF Symphony performs the score live.

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Concerts

Beautiful Davies Symphony Hall, home of the San Francisco Symphony, hosts more than 200 concerts throughout the season and offers in-house food and drinks, unique shopping, and more.

Since its founding in 1911, the San Francisco Symphony has been a champion of innovative, adventurous programming, offering music lovers across the Bay Area and around the world a kaleidoscopic spectrum of dazzling classics and exciting new works.

Turn to page 15 for subscription package summaries.

THU C
SEP 13
8PM

FRI C
SEP 14
8PM

SAT A
SEP 15
8PM

SUN A
SEP 16
2PM

Composers Who Paint with Music

MTT Conducts Pianist Yuja Wang and *Appalachian Spring*

Hear Yuja Wang, "quite simply the most dazzling, uncannily gifted pianist in the concert world today" (*San Francisco Chronicle*), play Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand—a piece flavored by Harlem jazz. Then experience a different thread in the American tapestry when MTT leads the San Francisco Symphony in Copland's complete ballet *Appalachian Spring*, an iconic score that captures the pioneering spirit of American optimism.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Yuja Wang Piano
Luke Kritzeck Lighting design
Clyde Scott Video design

Castiglioni *Inverno in-ver* [with video]
Ravel Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand
Copland *Appalachian Spring*

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Stravinsky Festival with the San Francisco Symphony

MTT Conducts Stravinsky's *The Firebird*

FRI D
SEP 21
8PM

SAT C
SEP 22
8PM

SUN B
SEP 23
2PM

On June 25, 1910, a slight, bespectacled, and unknown composer entered a Paris theater; he left that theater a celebrity. That night, Igor Stravinsky launched his career with his sumptuous score to *The Firebird*. He followed it with *Petrushka* (1911), and the watershed masterpiece *The Rite of Spring* (1913)—three landmark ballets that dominated a hundred years of music. Join MTT for the "big three" in a two-week Stravinsky Festival featuring these works and more.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
TBD Narrator
Nicholas Phan Tenor
San Francisco Girls Chorus
Pacific Boychoir
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director

Stravinsky *Perséphone*
Stravinsky *The Firebird*

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LEONIDAS KAVAKOS

Stravinsky Festival with the San Francisco Symphony

MTT Conducts Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and *The Rite of Spring*

THU B
SEP 27
8PM

FRI E
SEP 28
8PM

SAT B
SEP 29
8PM

SUN A
SEP 30
2PM

Igor Stravinsky hit music like a thunderclap. With *Petrushka* (1911) and *The Rite of Spring* (1913), he sent shockwaves that continue to ripple through music today. Driven, frenetic, and strikingly original, each score is as unique in character as it is wondrous. Hear these seminal works conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, and Stravinsky's Violin Concerto played by the "rapturously lyrical" (*The Guardian*) Leonidas Kavakos.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Leonidas Kavakos Violin

Stravinsky *Petrushka* (1947 revision)
Stravinsky Violin Concerto
Stravinsky *The Rite of Spring*

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THU M
OCT 11
2PM

FRI F
OCT 12
8PM

SAT D
OCT 13
8PM

SF Symphony Plays Dvořák and Prokofiev

"A model of farsighted musical intelligence and no-nonsense command" (*Chicago Tribune*), Austrian conductor Manfred Honeck returns to the San Francisco Symphony after his triumphant 2017 debut. The acclaimed conductor leads the Orchestra in Dvořák's rousing, Bohemian-flavored Eighth Symphony and Prokofiev's cello showpiece, Sinfonia concertante, with the fiery virtuoso Truls Mørk.

Manfred Honeck Conductor
Truls Mørk Cello

Prokofiev Sinfonia concertante
Dvořák Symphony No. 8

EVGENY KISSIN

GPS A
SUN
OCT 14
7:30PM

Great Performers Series

Kissin Plays Beethoven and Rachmaninoff in Recital

In a convergence of monster piano players, Evgeny Kissin, "the world's most acclaimed pianist" (*The Economist*) tackles fistfuls of notes by two titanic composer-pianists: Ludwig van Beethoven and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Hear the "rare and miraculous piano legend" (*The Telegraph*) play Beethoven's massive testimony to the instrument, the *Hammerklavier* Sonata, followed by Rachmaninoff's luxurious Préludes.

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THU OPEN
OCT 18
10AM

THU A
OCT 18
8PM

FRI G
OCT 19
8PM

SAT C
OCT 20
8PM

Composers Who Paint with Music

Pablo Heras-Casado Conducts *Boléro*

Captivated by the sounds of flamenco, composers from around the world have written music in the Spanish style. Pablo Heras-Casado returns to the San Francisco Symphony to conduct "Spanish" works by Frenchmen, including Ravel's sultry slow-burn *Boléro* and Debussy's Andalusian postcard *Ibéria*. Hear that music as well as the "fearless and arresting brilliance" (*Gramophone*) of Spanish piano virtuoso Javier Perianes performing Bartók's melodious Piano Concerto No. 3.

Pablo Heras-Casado Conductor
Javier Perianes Piano

Ravel *Alborada del gracioso*
Bartók Piano Concerto No. 3
Debussy *Ibéria* from *Images pour orchestre*
Ravel *Boléro*

GPS B
SUN
OCT 21
7:30PM

Great Performers Series

The Mariinsky Orchestra Plays Stravinsky

Under the baton of Valery Gergiev, Russia's illustrious Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra and "powerhouse Russian pianist" (*Los Angeles Times*) Denis Matsuev celebrate the astounding diversity of one of the most revolutionary composers in history. Hear a sonic panorama of some of Stravinsky's most iconic works, including his scintillating prodigy piece, *Fireworks*, his strikingly original Symphony in C, and the rapturous ballet score that launched the young composer to international fame, *The Firebird*.

Mariinsky Orchestra
Valery Gergiev Conductor
Denis Matsuev Piano

Stravinsky *Fireworks*
Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements
Stravinsky Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra
Stravinsky Symphony in C
Stravinsky *The Firebird* Suite (1919 version)

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THU B
OCT 25
8PM

FRI C
OCT 26
8PM

SAT B
OCT 27
8PM

SF Symphony Plays R. Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*

From the earliest days of 1911, Richard Strauss had a runaway hit with his opera *Der Rosenkavalier*. Filled with luxurious music and sentimental charm, its stunning orchestral textures quickly made the leap into the instrumental world where they've dazzled audiences ever since. Indulge your ears in this and Lalo's zesty violin showpiece *Symphonie espagnole* with the young firebrand Ray Chen.

Cristian Măcelaru Conductor
Ray Chen Violin

Anna Clyne *Masquerade*
Lalo *Symphonie espagnole*
Kevin Puts Suite from *Silent Night* (SFS Co-Commission & World Premiere)
R. Strauss Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*

HILARY HAHN

GPS A
SUN
NOV 4
7:30PM

Great Performers Series

Hilary Hahn in Recital

"Impetuous and authoritative, brilliant and beautiful" (*The New York Times*), multi-Grammy Award-winning violinist Hilary Hahn performs a recital of thrilling works in her spectacular return to Davies Symphony Hall.

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THU OPEN
NOV 8
10AM

THU A
NOV 8
8PM

FRI D
NOV 9
8PM

SAT A
NOV 10
8PM

Bartók's *The Miraculous Mandarin*

Beguiling and depraved, Bartók's pantomime ballet *The Miraculous Mandarin* emerged like a shriek from the moral vacuum of World War I. Textured by folk music and exoticism, Bartók's endlessly inventive score enlivens a dark urban tale of supernatural lust. Also on the program, hear a piece that was kept hidden from Joseph Stalin—Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1—delivered with "fearless virtuosity" (*The Cincinnati Enquirer*) by Karen Gomyo.

Jakub Hrůša Conductor
Karen Gomyo Violin

Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1
Borodin Symphony No. 2
Bartók Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*

GPS B
SUN
NOV 11
7:30PM

Great Performers Series

Czech Philharmonic Plays Dvořák

In 1896, Antonín Dvořák conducted his music before an ecstatic Prague audience. That night, an orchestra was born. 120 years later, the Czech Philharmonic is going strong—and Dvořák's music is second nature. Experience the Czech master as never before in a program that includes Dvořák's stormy Seventh Symphony, and the Cello Concerto played by the "superb" (*BBC Music Magazine*) Alisa Weilerstein.

Czech Philharmonic
Semyon Bychkov Conductor
Alisa Weilerstein Cello

Dvořák Cello Concerto
Dvořák Symphony No. 7

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THU M
NOV 15
2PM

FRI E
NOV 16
8PM

SAT D
NOV 17
8PM

SUN B
NOV 18
2PM

Celebrating MTT

MTT's *From the Diary of Anne Frank*

Hear Michael Tilson Thomas' spellbinding musical setting *From the Diary of Anne Frank*, a piece written for UNICEF in 1990. An early work by MTT, the "expert craftsmanship shown in this piece" (*The New York Times*) foreshadows things to come from the composer. Marking the 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, these concerts conclude with Beethoven's epic testament to liberty, the *Eroica* Symphony.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
TBD Narrator

Michael Tilson Thomas *From the Diary of Anne Frank*
Beethoven Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

Celebrating MTT

FRI F
NOV 23
8PM

SUN A
NOV 25
2PM

MTT Conducts Beethoven's Ninth

Beethoven was a prisoner to hearing loss, yet out of the silence came a limitless imagination. Fueled by principles of freedom and equality, he crafted the Ninth Symphony in an epic struggle between despair and transcendence to reach new heights with the words "all men become brothers." Join Michael Tilson Thomas and the Grammy Award-winning San Francisco Symphony Chorus for this glorious symphony performed in honor of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Susanna Phillips Soprano
Kelley O'Connor Mezzo-soprano
Nicholas Phan Tenor
Davóne Tines Bass-baritone
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director

Berg *Seven Early Songs* [*Sieben frühe Lieder*]
Beethoven Symphony No. 9, *Choral*

Great Performers Series

GPS A
SUN
DEC 2
8PM

Gautier Capuçon and Jean-Yves Thibaudet in Recital

Possessing "an exceptional technical command" and "luminous style"(*Le Monde de la Musique*), formidable and acclaimed cellist Gautier Capuçon joins forces with the masterful Jean-Yves Thibaudet, "unquestionably, one of the best pianists in the world" (*OpusColorado*), in an exhilarating showcase of the French duo's combined prowess, including breathtaking cello sonatas by Debussy and Rachmaninoff.

Gautier Capuçon Cello
Jean-Yves Thibaudet Piano

Debussy Sonata No. 1 in D minor for Cello and Piano
Brahms Sonata No. 1 in E minor for Cello and Piano
Rachmaninoff Cello Sonata in G minor

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FRI G
DEC 14
8PM

SAT A
DEC 15
8PM

Handel's *Messiah*

Experience the glorious majesty of Handel's *Messiah* performed by the Grammy Award-winning San Francisco Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists. Featuring the famous "Hallelujah" Chorus, the magnificent power of 100 voices in harmony makes this celebrated masterpiece an unmissable holiday favorite and one of the best-loved musical works of all time.

Jane Glover Conductor
Ying Fang Soprano
Elizabeth DeShong Mezzo-soprano
Nicholas Phan Tenor
Joshua Hopkins Baritone
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director

FRI C
JAN 11
8PM

SAT C
JAN 12
8PM

SUN A
JAN 13
2PM

Jaap van Zweden Conducts Mozart and Bruckner

Jaap van Zweden, the acclaimed Music Director of the New York Philharmonic, returns to the Bay Area to conduct Bruckner's monumental Fifth Symphony, a bracing, powerful drama that summons the full brawn of the San Francisco Symphony. The program opens with a sprightly Oboe Concerto by Mozart, featuring the "ravishing playing" (*The Washington Post*) of SF Symphony Principal Oboe Eugene Izotov.

Jaap van Zweden Conductor
Eugene Izotov Oboe

Mozart Oboe Concerto
Bruckner Symphony No. 5

FRI D
JAN 18
8PM

SAT D
JAN 19
8PM

SUN B
JAN 20
2PM

Gabriela Montero Plays Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto

The "brilliant, wonderfully imaginative" (*The New York Times*) pianist Gabriela Montero returns to the San Francisco Symphony to play a Tchaikovsky tour de force. Once deemed unplayable, Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto is now one of the best-loved showpieces for the virtuoso pianist. The charismatic rising star conductor Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla makes her San Francisco Symphony debut in a thrilling tone poem that conjures the epic mythology of Finland.

Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla Conductor
Gabriela Montero Piano

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1
Sibelius *Four Legends from the Kalevala*

Great Performers Series

GPS A
TUE
JAN 22
8PM

Andsnes Plays Schumann in Recital

Praised as "a pianist of magisterial elegance, power, and insight," (*The New York Times*), Norwegian virtuoso Leif Ove Andsnes has garnered worldwide acclaim for his commanding technique and nuanced interpretations. Witness his celebrated prowess in a program that explores an incredible spectrum of emotion, including the theatrical cast of characters in Schumann's swirling masked ball *Carnaval*.

Leif Ove Andsnes Piano

Schumann Three Romances, Opus 28
Janáček *On an Overgrown Path*, Volume 1
Bartók *Three Burlesques*
Schumann *Carnaval*

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THU C
JAN 24
8PM

FRI E
JAN 25
8PM

SAT B
JAN 26
8PM

The SF Symphony Plays Prokofiev's Fifth

Brooding. Volcanic. Cathartic. Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony symbolizes triumph over adversity. Written at the end of World War II, this powerful piece landed the composer on the cover of *Time* Magazine in 1945, and has been an audience favorite ever since. The concert explodes out of the gate with R. Strauss' *Don Juan*. Also on the program, the "spellbinding" cellist (*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*) Johannes Moser plays music by California composer Andrew Norman.

Christian Reif Conductor
Johannes Moser Cello

R. Strauss *Don Juan*
Andrew Norman Cello Concerto (SFS Co-Commission)
Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

Great Performers Series

GPS B
SUN
JAN 27
7:30PM

Leonidas Kavakos in Recital

"I doubt if there is more than a handful of violinists alive who can match Kavakos in the tonal variety, accuracy and speed of his harmonics"(*Gramophone*). Don't miss the brilliant Leonidas Kavakos, renowned in his native Greece and across the world for his "superbly articulate" and "rapturously lyrical" playing (*The Guardian*) in a "deeply absorbing performance" (*San Francisco Classical Voice*) at Davies Symphony Hall.

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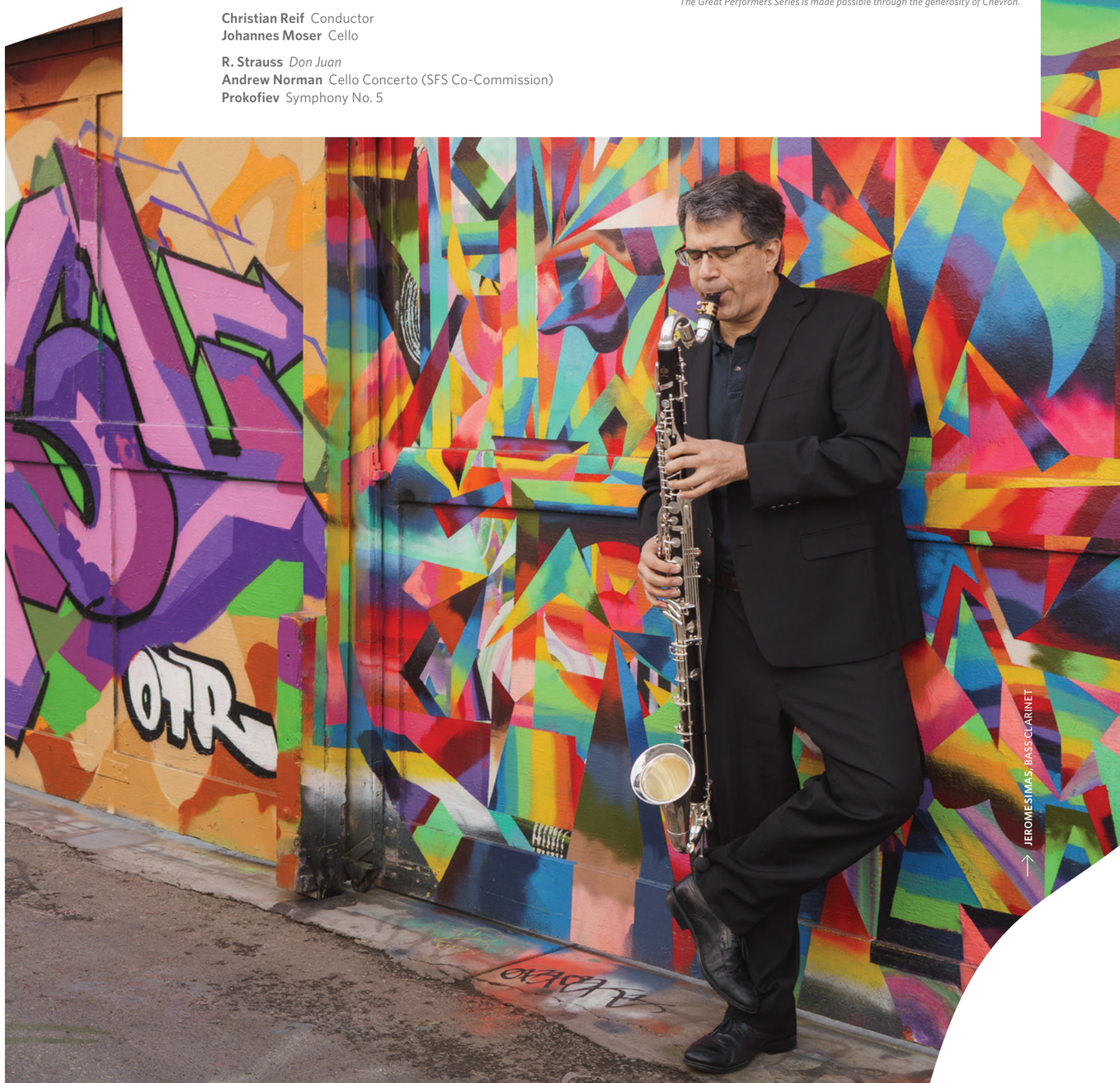

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THU OPEN
JAN 31
10AM

THU B
JAN 31
8PM

FRI F
FEB 1
8PM

SAT A
FEB 2
8PM

Blomstedt Conducts Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony

It's that miraculous transformation of spirit that comes with a long vacation: Mendelssohn found his muse standing amid the ruins of Holyrood Abbey in Edinburgh, while Beethoven found his in the Austrian countryside. Both composers poured their exhilaration into picturesque symphonies, packing them with verve and irresistible melodies. Hear these 19th-century gems when Conductor Laureate Herbert Blomstedt leads the San Francisco Symphony.

Herbert Blomstedt Conductor

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*
Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3, *Scottish*

GIL SHAHAM

Celebrating MTT

THU OPEN
FEB 7
10AM

THU A
FEB 7
8PM

FRI G
FEB 8
8PM

SAT C
FEB 9
8PM

Gil Shaham and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony

Experience the "brilliant and incisive" (*Chicago Tribune*) Gil Shaham in Sergei Prokofiev's warmly romantic Violin Concerto No. 1. Famous for his formidable technique and generosity of spirit, Shaham ranks among the greatest violinists of our time. Also on the program, MTT unleashes the forces of the Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's barnstorming Symphony.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Gil Shaham Violin

Steve Mackey New Work (World Premiere, SFS Commission)
Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

THU M
FEB 14
2PM

FRI C
FEB 15
8PM

SUN A
FEB 17
2PM

András Schiff Plays and Conducts J.S. Bach

J.S. Bach was all but forgotten when Felix Mendelssohn launched a full-scale revival of Bach's music in 1829—two geniuses from different eras whose music captivates, inspires, and reaches deep into the soul. Hear both composers in the hands of the absolutely riveting conductor and pianist András Schiff. "Schiff performed Bach… and transformed the huge and well-filled hall into a bowl of rapt silence" (*Independent*).

András Schiff Conductor and Piano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director

Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 4
Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3
Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 7
Mendelssohn *Lobgesang*

FRI D
FEB 22
8PM

SAT B
FEB 23
8PM

SUN B
FEB 24
2PM

SF Symphony Performs the Music of Schumann

Critically acclaimed conductor Daniel Harding and the San Francisco Symphony take on the intoxicating Romanticism of Schumann in an evening of orchestral bliss. Witness a spectacular showcase of the composer's dynamic prowess, from the stormy drama of the overture to his medieval opera, *Genoveva*, to his enchanting fantasia-like Piano Concerto in A minor, performed by acclaimed German pianist Lars Vogt.

Daniel Harding Conductor
Lars Vogt Piano

Schumann Overture to *Genoveva*
Schumann Piano Concerto
Schumann Symphony No. 2

Great Performers Series

GPS A
SUN
MAR 3
7:30PM

Russian National Orchestra Showcases Rachmaninoff

Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills—a far cry from the imperial Russia of his youth. Bolshevism, world war, geopolitical upheaval, and iconoclasm produced a turbulent space through which he carved his path: Romantic, melodic, and sophisticated. Hear the Russian National Orchestra under Mikhail Pletnev in Rachmaninoff's fiery Symphonic Dances, as well as the towering Second Piano Concerto with the American virtuoso George Li.

Russian National Orchestra
Mikhail Pletnev Conductor
George Li Piano

Rachmaninoff *Vocalise*
Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2
Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances

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THU OPEN
MAR 7
10AM

THU C
MAR 7
8PM

FRI E
MAR 8
8PM

SAT D
MAR 9
8PM

The SF Symphony Plays Schumann, Liszt, and Brahms

Indulge in the music of three great Romantics with French conductor François-Xavier Roth and the San Francisco Symphony. Hear Brahms' Second Symphony, a piece with an airy, bucolic atmosphere—like the lakeside resort where it was written—and the explosive energy of Liszt's First Piano Concerto performed by French pianist Cédric Tiberghien in his San Francisco Symphony debut. Also on the program, Schumann's portrait of Lord Byron's tormented youth, *Manfred*.

François-Xavier Roth Conductor
Cédric Tiberghien Piano

Schumann *Manfred* Overture
Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1
Brahms Symphony No. 2

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER

Great Performers Series

GPS A
SUN
MAR 10
7:30PM

Anne-Sophie Mutter in Recital

She was invited to perform with the Berlin Philharmonic at only 13 years old, and since then, four-time Grammy Award-winning violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter's phenomenal virtuosity has floored the world's audiences for more than 40 years. See her ignite the Symphony stage with longtime collaborator, pianist Lambert Orkis, in a radiant performance that includes violin masterworks from Mozart,Ravel, and Debussy.

Anne-Sophie Mutter Violin
Lambert Orkis Piano

Sebastian Currier *Aftersong*
Ravel Violin Sonata in G major
Debussy Sonata in G minor for Violin and Piano
Mozart Violin Sonata in B-flat major, K.454
Poulenc Violin Sonata

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THU B
MAR 14
8PM

FRI F
MAR 15
8PM

SAT A
MAR 16
8PM

SUN B
MAR 17
2PM

Christian Tetzlaff Plays Mozart with the SF Symphony

"There's something untouchable about him" (*The Telegraph*). German violinist Christian Tetzlaff brings his arresting artistry to Mozart's elegant Third Violin Concerto. On the second half of the program, MTT unleashes the thundering might of the San Francisco Symphony in Sibelius' exhilarating Second Symphony. The concert opens with Ravel's gentle and nuanced nod to the French Baroque, *Le Tombeau de Couperin.*

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Christian Tetzlaff Violin

Ravel *Le Tombeau de Couperin*
Mozart Violin Concerto No. 3
Sibelius Symphony No. 2

Great Performers Series

GPS B
SUN
MAR 31
7:30PM

Marc-André Hamelin in Recital

"Admired for his monstrously brilliant technique and his questing, deep-thinking approach" (*The New Yorker*), French-Canadian pianist Marc-André Hamelin possesses an expressive depth at the keys that has earned him the esteem of pianophiles around the globe.

Marc-André Hamelin Piano

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Great Performers Series

GPS B
SUN
APR 7
7:30PM

Midori and Jean-Yves Thibaudet in Recital

One of the most admired violinists of her generation, Grammy Award-winner Midori has enchanted listeners with her graceful precision and intimate expression for more than 30 years. Experience her "characteristic verve, fire, and tonal gleam" (*Chicago Classical Review*) in a highly anticipated return to Davies Symphony Hall with "one of the world's foremost concert pianists" (*San Francisco Classical Voice*), the masterful Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

Midori Violin
Jean-Yves Thibaudet Piano

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EMANUEL AX

THU OPEN
APR 11
10AM

THU A
APR 11
8PM

FRI G
APR 12
8PM

SUN A
APR 14
2PM

Emanuel Ax Plays Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2

Arguably "the most distinguished American pianist alive" (*The Telegraph*), Emanuel Ax adds an almost improvisational fluidity to Brahms' Second Piano Concerto, a piece that combines harrowing pianism with symphonic muscle. Also on the program, the masterful Russian conductor Andrey Boreyko brings his own brand of passion and nuance as he leads the SF Symphony in Zemlinsky's lush symphonic fairy tale based on the Hans Christian Andersen tragedy *The Little Mermaid*.

Andrey Boreyko Conductor
Emanuel Ax Piano

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Zemlinsky *The Mermaid (Die Seejungfrau)*

FRI C
APR 19
8PM

SAT B
APR 20
8PM

Fabio Luisi Conducts Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*

Grammy Award-winning conductor Fabio Luisi leads a spellbinding concert of Russian masters. Hear one of the most colorful and evocative scores in all classical music, Rimsky-Korsakov's wondrous *Scheherazade*, a stunning symphonic portrait of the classic fairy tale collection *Arabian Nights*. Also on the program, the pyrotechnic virtuosity of Tchaikovsky's 18th century-inspired Rococo Variations, performed by Tchaikovsky Competition-winning cellist, Mario Brunello.

Fabio Luisi Conductor
Mario Brunello Cello

Glinka Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila*
Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*

THU M
APR 25
2PM

FRI D
APR 26
8PM

SAT C
APR 27
8PM

Grimaud Plays Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto with the SF Symphony

"Her albums aren't merely proficient tours through the repertoire; they are highly personal explorations that can stand out among dozens of rival performances" (*The New Yorker*). Experience the elegant artistry of Hélène Grimaud as she plays Beethoven's most intimate, most exquisitely nuanced piano concerto. Conductor James Gaffigan pairs the concerto with Symphony No. 31 by Beethoven's own musical hero, Mozart.

James Gaffigan Conductor
Hélène Grimaud Piano

Wagner Good Friday Spell from *Parsifal*
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4
Mozart Symphony No. 31, *Paris*
Barber Symphony No. 1

THU OPEN
MAY 2
10AM

THU C
MAY 2
8PM

FRI E
MAY 3
8PM

SAT D
MAY 4
8PM

Janowski Conducts Wagner's Love Music

Experience the passions of springtime in this romantic event at the symphony. The renowned conductor Marek Janowski conducts works by music's master of sensuality, Richard Wagner. Hear *Tannhäuser's* hedonistic adventure in the Venusberg followed by the enrapturing *Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde*. Plus, the "fierce and impressive" (*San Francisco Classical Voice*) James Ehnes turns up the bravado in Bruch's rousing Violin Concerto No. 1.

Marek Janowski Conductor
James Ehnes Violin

Mendelssohn *Ruy Blas* Overture
Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1
Wagner Overture and Venusberg Music from *Tannhäuser*
Wagner Prelude and *Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde*

→ HELEN KIM, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL SECOND VIOLIN

Composers Who Paint with Music

THU B
MAY 9
8PM

FRI F
MAY 10
8PM

SAT B
MAY 11
8PM

MTT Conducts the Music of Debussy

With one dreamy wisp of a piece, Debussy revolutionized music. Delicious and captivating, Prelude to *The Afternoon of a Faun* paved the way for colors and impressions never before expressed in sound. Luxuriate in the luminescent world of this and other iconic works, including the churning sea picture, *La Mer*. Also on the program, MTT welcomes one of today's great musical visionaries, piano virtuoso Pierre-Laurent Aimard.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Pierre-Laurent Aimard Piano
Women of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus,
Ragnar Bohlin Director

Debussy Prélude to *The Afternoon of a Faun*
Ligeti Piano Concerto
Debussy *Nocturnes*
Debussy *La Mer*

Great Performers Series

GPS B
SUN
MAY 12
7:30PM

Bell-Isserlis-Denk Trio

"Imaginative, technically gifted and altogether extraordinary" (*The Washington Post*), superstar violinist Joshua Bell has thrilled audiences for more than 30 years. Now, in one of the most exciting performances of the season, witness musical fireworks when he combines his profound artistry with that of longtime internationally renowned musical partners, cellist Steven Isserlis and pianist Jeremy Denk, in a virtuosic dream team performance.

Joshua Bell Violin
Steven Isserlis Cello
Jeremy Denk Piano

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THU A
MAY 16
8PM

FRI G
MAY 17
8PM

SAT A
MAY 18
8PM

MTT Conducts Mahler's Seventh Symphony

From searing to joyful, intimate to haunting, Mahler's shadowy universe is channelled by the infinitely expressive San Francisco Symphony in this dramatic sonic excursion. Winner of two Grammy Awards for their recording of the Seventh Symphony, MTT and the San Francisco Symphony return to this epic work for one of the most exciting concert events of the year.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 7

THU M
MAY 23
2PM

FRI C
MAY 24
8PM

SAT D
MAY 25
8PM

Urbański Conducts Mendelssohn's *Italian* Symphony

"A must-hear event" (*San Francisco Chronicle*), don't miss the much anticipated return of the electric young conductor Krzysztof Urbański. He leads the San Francisco Symphony in an audience favorite, Mendelssohn's sun-kissed *Italian* Symphony. He'll be joined by the young violin sensation Vilde Frang, who makes her San Francisco Symphony debut with a mountain of a showpiece: the soulful, poetic, yet fiendishly difficult Elgar Violin Concerto.

Krzysztof Urbański Conductor
Vilde Frang Violin

Elgar Violin Concerto
Bacewicz Overture
Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4, *Italian*

THU C
MAY 30
8PM

FRI D
MAY 31
8PM

SAT C
JUN 1
8PM

SF Symphony Plays Bach and Shostakovich

Celebrate the artistry of the San Francisco Symphony when Concertmaster and violin soloist Alexander Barantschik leads a rousing performance of J.S. Bach's ebullient E major Violin Concerto. Then, experience Shostakovich's intense and probing wartime monument, the Eighth Symphony, under the direction of conductor Juraj Valčuha.

Juraj Valčuha Conductor
Alexander Barantschik Violin

J. S. Bach Violin Concerto No. 2
Shostakovich Symphony No. 8

THU OPEN
JUN 6
10AM

THU B
JUN 6
8PM

FRI E
JUN 7
8PM

SAT A
JUN 8
8PM

Nikolai Lugansky Plays the Grieg Piano Concerto with the SF Symphony

Witness the high-voltage artistry of powerhouse pianist Nikolai Lugansky. "As rhapsodic and affectionate as he is masterly" (*Gramophone*), Lugansky injects thunder and finesse into Grieg's fiery Piano Concerto. Also on the program, Saint-Saëns' wonderfully tuneful *Organ* Symphony, and Bartók's *Dance Suite*—a zesty and exotic set of pieces infused with the sounds of Hungary, Arabia, and Romania.

TBD Conductor
Nikolai Lugansky Piano

Bartók *Dance Suite*
Grieg Piano Concerto
Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3, *Organ*

Celebrating MTT

THU C
JUN 13
8PM

FRI F
JUN 14
8PM

SAT D
JUN 15
8PM

MTT Conducts Mahler's Ninth Symphony

"This is a most beautiful Mahler Ninth. Tilson Thomas immediately establishes a profoundly rapt atmosphere" (*Gramophone*). Wallow in the velvety richness of one of the world's most celebrated Mahler symphonies when the San Francisco Symphony digs into the riveting soundscape of Mahler's last completed symphony—the deeply introspective, transcendent Ninth.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 9

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Celebrating MTT

THU M
JUN 20
2PM

FRI G
JUN 21
8PM

SAT C
JUN 22
8PM

Yefim Bronfman Plays Prokofiev with the SF Symphony

One of the most formidable Prokofiev players of our time, Yefim Bronfman returns to the San Francisco Symphony to summit the towering peaks of the Second Piano Concerto. Bronfman brings to Prokofiev a "blazing power in the big Russian manner, tempered with subtlety and nuance" (*Chicago Tribune*). On the program, MTT celebrates American music with his own piece for brass ensemble, and a premiere by the legendary music pioneer Steve Reich.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Yefim Bronfman Piano

Michael Tilson Thomas *Street Song* for Symphonic Brass
Steve Reich *Music for Ensemble and Orchestra*
(SFS Co-Commission and San Francisco Premiere)
Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2

Composers Who Paint with Music

THU A
JUN 27
8PM

SAT B
JUN 29
8PM

SUN B
JUN 30
2PM

The Magic of Youth: A Semi-Staged Event

In Michael Tilson Thomas' semi-staged event of the season, this enchanting program explores the wonderment of youth. Children themselves are the stars of Britten's *Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood)*, and the fantastic world of a young imagination comes to life in a dazzling production of Ravel's *The Child and the Magic Spells*. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind program performed by an all-star cast and highlighted by mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Isabel Leonard Mezzo-soprano, *(The Child and the Magic Spells)*
Cast to be announced
TBD Children's chorus
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director
San Francisco Symphony

Britten *Noye's Fludde*
Ravel *The Child and the Magic Spells*

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Six Concerts at 8pm + 2 Additional Free

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Seven Concerts at 8pm + 2 Additional free

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SUN **MAR 10** 7:30PM	Anne-Sophie Mutter in Recital
SUN **MAR 31** 7:30PM	Marc-André Hamelin in Recital
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FRI **MAR 1** 8PM	*Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

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Four Films with Live Orchestra

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SAT **MAR 2** 8PM	*Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

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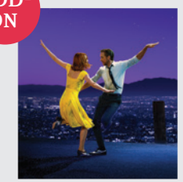

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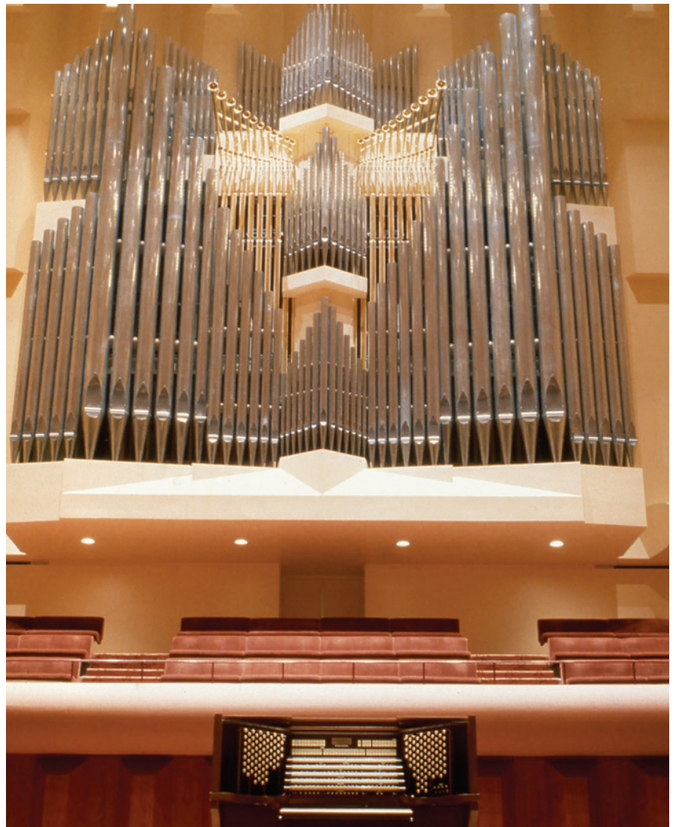
Christian Reif Conductor

See price chart on page 28.



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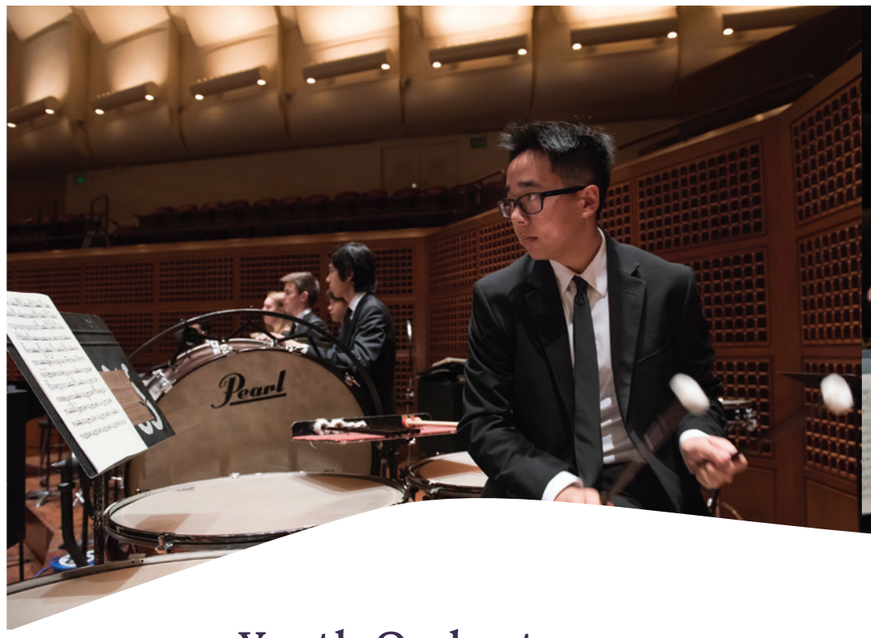

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Eight Thursday Rehearsals at 10am

OCT 18	Pablo Heras-Casado Conducts *Boléro*
NOV 8	Bartók's *The Miraculous Mandarin*
JAN 31	Blomstedt Conducts Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony
FEB 7	Gil Shaham and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony
MAR 7	The San Francisco Symphony Plays Schumann, Liszt, and Brahms
APR 11	Emanuel Ax Plays Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2
MAY 2	Janowski Conducts Wagner's Love Music
JUN 6	Nikolai Lugansky Plays the Grieg Piano Concerto

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Amazing Add-Ons

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Opening Night Gala

WED **SEP 5** 8PM

One of San Francisco's most glamorous affairs, the Opening Night Gala combines incomparable music, high fashion, and celebrity artists. This year, Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, and welcomes violin legend Itzhak Perlman to savor some of Hollywood's most unforgettable music, including *Cinema Paradiso* and the Oscar winner which Perlman immortalized: *Schindler's List*. Celebrations continue post-concert at the After-Party, including live music, cocktails, and dancing!

Upgrade your experience by purchasing one of four elevated dinner package options. Call the San Francisco Symphony Volunteer Council at 415-503-5500 or visit sfsymphony.org/gala for further details.

Program and details are subject to change. Must be 21 or over to attend.

DENIS MATSUEV

Mariinsky Plays Mahler and Matsuev Plays Rachmaninoff

MON **OCT 22** 8PM

Tumbling between granitic muscle and gossamer tenderness, Mahler's Symphony No. 5 is hearty fare for the orchestral player and the music lover alike. Wrought in the full power of Russia's elite Mariinsky Orchestra under Valery Gergiev, the program also includes the "astounding" (*Bachtrack*) Russian pianist Denis Matsuev in one of Rachmaninoff's best loved works: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini.

Valery Gergiev Conductor
Denis Matsuev Piano
Mariinsky Orchestra

Debussy Prélude to *The Afternoon of a Faun*
Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Mahler Symphony No. 5

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CHORUS

MTT Conducts Beethoven's Ninth

SAT **NOV 24** 8PM

Beethoven was a prisoner to hearing loss, yet out of the silence came a limitless imagination. Fueled by principles of freedom and equality, he crafted the Ninth Symphony in an epic struggle between despair and transcendence to reach new heights with the words "all men become brothers." Join Michael Tilson Thomas and the Grammy Award-winning San Francisco Symphony Chorus for this glorious symphony performed in honor of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Susanna Phillips Soprano
Kelley O'Connor Mezzo-soprano
Nicholas Phan Tenor
Davóne Tines Bass-baritone
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin Director

Berg *Seven Early Songs* [*Sieben frühe Lieder*]
Beethoven Symphony No. 9

Itzhak Perlman *In the Fiddler's House*

MON **JAN 14** 8PM

Out of anything he has ever played, world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman notes that this music is truly his own—klezmer, "what you might hear if you came to my house and I decided to jam with some friends." Combining Yiddish folk music with the diverse musical heritage of Eastern Europe, hear the infectious rhythms of violin, accordion, mandolin, clarinet, and more in a rousing performance by Perlman, leading musical ambassadors of Old World tradition, and the Klezmer Conservatory Band.

LA LA LAND

La La Land Feature Film

WED **FEB 27** 8PM | THU **FEB 28** 8PM

A dazzling throwback to the golden age of Hollywood musicals, this film follows the whirlwind romance of an aspiring actress and jazz pianist as they chase their big breaks in modern day Los Angeles. Winner of six Academy Awards®, including Best Director, Best Cinematography, and Best Original Music Score, don't miss your chance to see the SF Symphony perform Justin Hurwitz's magnificent soundtrack live as the film dances across the big screen.

Fabio Luisi Conducts Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*

THU **APR 18** 8PM

Grammy Award-winning conductor Fabio Luisi leads a spellbinding concert of Russian masters. Hear one of the most colorful and evocative scores in all classical music, Rimsky-Korsakov's wondrous *Scheherazade*, a stunning symphonic portrait of the classic fairy tale collection *Arabian Nights*. Also on the program, the pyrotechnic virtuosity of Tchaikovsky's 18th century-inspired Rococo Variations, performed by Tchaikovsky Competition-winning cellist Mario Brunello.

Fabio Luisi Conductor
Mario Brunello Cello

Glinka Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila*
Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*

MTT Conducts Mahler's Ninth Symphony

THU **JUN 16** 2PM

"This is a most beautiful Mahler Ninth. Tilson Thomas immediately establishes a profoundly rapt atmosphere" (*Gramophone*). Wallow in the velvety richness of one of the world's most celebrated Mahler's symphonies when the San Francisco Symphony digs into the riveting soundscape of Mahler's last completed symphony—the deeply introspective, transcendent Ninth.

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 9

These concerts, a part of The Barbro and Bernard Osher Masterworks Series, are made possible by a generous gift from Barbro and Bernard Osher.

Special Family Events & Celebrations

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Día de los Muertos

SAT **NOV 3** 2PM

*Festivities begin at 12:45pm**

Join the San Francisco Symphony for a vibrant celebration of Latin American music and culture, featuring dazzling guest artists, colorful festivities, and fun-filled events for the entire family. Arrive early for live music, dancing, and folk art!

Upgrade your experience by purchasing a lunch package. Call the San Francisco Symphony Volunteer Council at 415-503-5500 for further details.

Deck the Hall

SUN **DEC 2** 11AM & 3PM

Deck the Hall is the perfect way to make your family's holiday season merry and bright. Enjoy a concert of festive favorites and sing-alongs with members of the San Francisco Symphony, guest artists, and special appearances by beloved holiday characters. Tickets include post-concert festivities 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 party. Call the San Francisco Symphony Volunteer Council for details at 415-503-5500.

Peter and the Wolf

SUN **DEC 9** 2PM

Prokofiev's timeless tale of a boy and his animal friends' bravery is brought to life! Presented by a special guest narrator, watch and listen as the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra put their talent on display in this classic musical fable.

Chinese New Year Concert

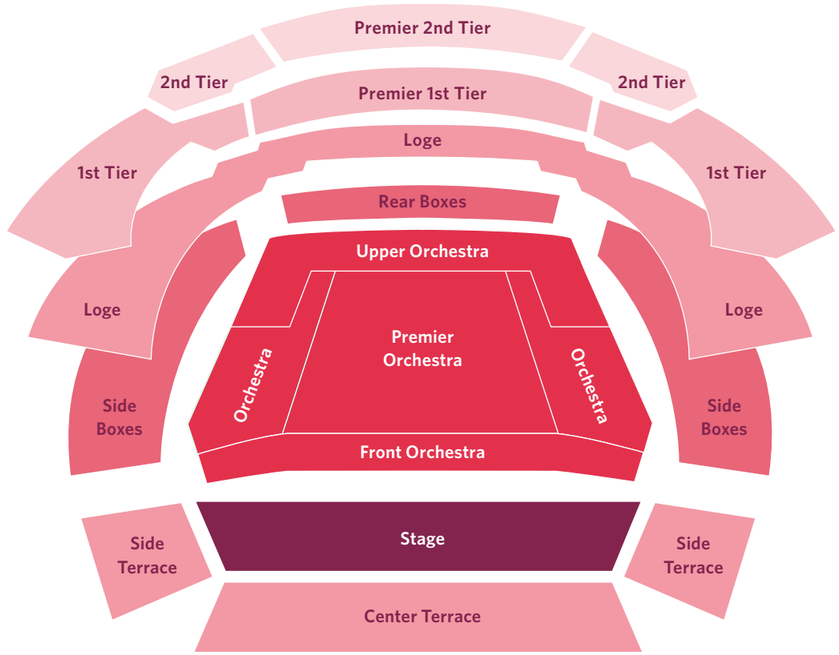
SAT **FEB 16** 4PM

*Festivities begin at 3pm**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the SF Symphony at this family event that draws upon vibrant Asian traditions, past and present. Enjoy the Festival Reception's host of activities followed by a performance of Eastern and Western repertory by the Symphony.

Continue the festivities after the concert by purchasing a ticket to the dramatic and exciting Imperial Dinner. Call the San Francisco Symphony Volunteer Council at 415-503-5500 or visit sfsymphony.org for further details.

Seating Chart



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No. of Concerts	6	12	6	12	24	7	14	6	12	6	6	12	4	4	4	3	8	3
Center Terrace	$ —	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	60	30	—	General Admission $200 except Loge/Side Box/Rear Box/Premier Orch $280	General Admission $45 except Loge/Side Box $165
2nd Tier	$192	384	192	384	768	224	448	192	384	—	207	414	128	86	43	—		
Premier 2nd Tier	$282	564	282	564	1128	329	658	282	564	—	252	504	188	102	51	—		
Upper Orchestra	$246	492	246	492	984	287	574	246	492	198	325	650	248	134	67	84		
Orchestra Rear Box	$402	804	402	804	1608	469	938	402	804	198	333	666	268	128	64	84		
1st Tier	$384	768	384	768	1536	448	896	384	768	—	287	574	256	128	64	—		
Front Orchestra	$450	900	450	900	1800	525	1050	450	900	198	418	836	300	134	67	84		
Side Terrace	$444	888	444	888	1776	518	1036	444	888	198	354	708	—	102	51	—		
Premier 1st Tier	$462	924	462	924	1848	539	1078	462	924	—	386	772	308	134	67	—		
Orchestra	$558	1116	558	1116	2232	651	1302	558	1116	198	458	916	372	134	67	114		
Premier Orchestra	$708	1416	708	1416	2832	826	1652	708	1416	198	558	1116	472	160	80	114		
Orchestra Side Box	$918	1836	918	1836	3672	1071	2142	918	1836	198	668	1336	612	204	102	114		
Loge	$918	1836	918	1836	3672	1071	2142	918	1836	198	668	1336	612	204	102	114		
Pre-paid Parking	$138	276	138	276	552	161	322	138	276	138	138	276	92	92	92	69	184	69

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*Age 17 and under

Specials and Add-Ons

	DSH, Film, and GPS			Special								
PACKAGE	DSH CLASSICAL, FILM	GPS GROUP 1	GPS GROUP 2	OPENING NIGHT GALA*	MARIINSKY PLAYS MAHLER	DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS* (2PM)	MTT CONDUCTS BEETHOVEN'S NINTH	DECK THE HALL* (11AM & 3PM)	ITZHAK PERLMAN	CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT*	*LA LA LAND* FEATURE FILM	FABIO LUISI CONDUCTS *SCHEHERAZADE*	MTT CONDUCTS MAHLER'S NINTH
Date				Sep 5	Oct 22	Nov 3	Nov 24	Dec 2	Jan 14	Feb 16	Feb 27 & 28	Apr 18	Jun 16
Center Terrace	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	35	15	—	15	15
2nd Tier	$32	52	31	190	32	22	32	—	39	34	35	39	39
Premier 2nd Tier	$47	67	37	—	36	31	47	—	49	34	55	49	49
Upper Orchestra	$41	85	48	—	53	42	41	46	65	55	65	49	49
Orchestra Rear Box	$67	88	49	—	53	48	67	46	69	54	70	59	59
1st Tier	$64	77	42	325	42	41	64	46	65	54	70	59	59
Front Orchestra	$75	108	62	—	63	58	75	—	75	69	80	69	69
Side Terrace**	$74	94	52	—	53	—	74	46	75	54	—	69	69
Premier 1st Tier	$77	101	57	—	63	51	77	46	75	54	80	59	59
Orchestra	$93	118	68	—	67	55	93	66	95	69	95	69	69
Premier Orchestra	$118	148	82	—	84	78	118	—	120	81	120	109	109
Orchestra Side Box	$153	178	98	—	99	92	153	—	155	—	155	129	129
Loge	$153	178	98	—	99	92	153	—	155	—	155	129	129
Pre-paid Parking	$23	23	23	—	23	23	23	—	23	23	23	23	23

GPS Group 1:
Kissin Plays Beethoven and Rachmaninoff (10/14), Bell-Isserlis-Denk Trio (5/12)

GPS Group 2:
The Mariinsky Orchestra Plays Stravinsky (10/21), Hilary Hahn in Recital (11/4), Czech Philharmonic Plays Dvořák (11/11), Gautier Capuçon and Jean-Yves Thibaudet in Recital (12/2), Andsnes Plays Schumann in Recital (1/22), Leonidas Kavakos in Recital (1/27), Russian National Orchestra Showcases Rachmaninoff (3/3), Anne-Sophie Mutter in Recital (3/10), Marc-André Hamelin in Recital (3/31), Midori and Jean-Yves Thibaudet (4/7)

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September

		OPEN	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MTT Conducts Pianist Yuja Wang and *Appalachian Spring* **Michael Tilson Thomas** Conductor, **Yuja Wang** Piano, **San Francisco Symphony** - p. 5	**Castiglioni** *Inverno in-ver* **Ravel** Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand **Copland** *Appalachian Spring*		13 Thu C	14 Fri C	15 Sat A	16 Sun A
MTT Conducts Stravinsky's *The Firebird* **Michael Tilson Thomas** Conductor, **TBD** Narrator, **Nicholas Phan** Tenor, **SFS Chorus, SF Girls Chorus, Pacific Boychoir, San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 6*	**Stravinsky** *Perséphone* **Stravinsky** *The Firebird*			21 Fri D	22 Sat C	23 Sun B
MTT Conducts Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and *The Rite of Spring* **Michael Tilson Thomas** Conductor, **Leonidas Kavakos** Violin, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 6*	**Stravinsky** *Petrushka (1947 revision)* **Stravinsky** Violin Concerto **Stravinsky** *The Rite of Spring*		27 Thu B	28 Fri E	29 Sat B	30 Sun A

October

SF Symphony Plays Dvořák and Prokofiev **Manfred Honeck** Conductor, **Truls Mørk** Cello - *p. 6*	**Prokofiev** Sinfonia concertante **Dvořák** Symphony No. 8		11 Thu M	12 Fri F	13 Sat D	
Pablo Heras-Casado Conducts *Boléro* **Pablo Heras-Casado** Conductor, **Javier Perianes** Piano, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 6*	**Ravel** *Alborada del gracioso* **Bartók** Piano Concerto No. 3 **Debussy** *Ibéria* from *Images pour orchestre* **Ravel** *Boléro*		18 Thu A Thu Open	19 Fri G	20 Sat C	
SF Symphony Plays R. Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier* **Cristian Măcelaru** Conductor, **Ray Chen** Violin, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 7*	**Anna Clyne** *Masquerade* **Lalo** *Symphonie espagnole* **Kevin Puts** Suite from *Silent Night* (SFS Commission & World Premiere) **R. Strauss** Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*		25 Thu B	26 Fri C	27 Sat B	

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November

Bartók's *The Miraculous Mandarin*

Jakub Hrůša Conductor, **Karen Gomyo** Violin,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 7*

Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1
Borodin Symphony No. 2
Bartók Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*

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MTT's *From the Diary of Anne Frank*

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 7*

Michael Tilson Thomas
From the Diary of Anne Frank
Beethoven Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

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Michael Tilson Thomas Conducts Beethoven's Ninth

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor, **Susanna Phillips** Soprano, **Kelley O'Connor** Mezzo-soprano, **Nicholas Phan** Tenor, **Davóne Tines** Bass-baritone, **San Francisco Symphony Chorus**, **Ragnar Bohlin** Director, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 8*

Berg Seven Early Songs
Beethoven Symphony No. 9

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		23 Fri F		25 Sun A

December

Handel's *Messiah*

Jane Glover Conductor, **Ying Fang** Soprano, **Elizabeth DeShong** Mezzo-soprano, **Nicholas Phan** Tenor, **Joshua Hopkins** Bass-baritone, **San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin** Director, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 8*

Handel *Messiah*

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January 2019

Jaap van Zweden Conducts Mozart and Bruckner

Jaap van Zweden Conductor, **Eugene Izotov** Oboe,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 8*

Mozart Oboe Concerto
Bruckner Symphony No. 5

OPEN	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		11 Fri C	12 Sat C	13 Sun A

Gabriela Montero Plays Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto

Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla Conductor, **Gabriela Montero** Piano,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 8*

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1
Sibelius *Four Legends from the Kalevala*

OPEN	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		18 Fri D	19 Sat D	20 Sun B

The SF Symphony Plays Prokofiev's Fifth

Christian Reif Conductor, **Johannes Moser** Cello,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 9*

R. Strauss *Don Juan*
Andrew Norman Cello Concerto (SFS Co-Commission)
Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

OPEN	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	24 Thu C	25 Fri E	26 Sat B	

January

Blomstedt Conducts Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony

Herbert Blomstedt Conductor, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 10*

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*
Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3, *Scottish*

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February

Blomstedt Conducts Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony

Herbert Blomstedt Conductor,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 10*

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*
Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3, *Scottish*

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Gil Shaham and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor, **Gil Shaham** Violin,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 10*

Steven Mackey New Work (World Premiere, SFS Commission)
Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

OPEN	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	07 Thu A	08 Fri G	09 Sat C	

András Schiff Plays and Conducts J.S. Bach

András Schiff Conductor and Piano, **San Francisco Symphony Chorus**, **Ragnar Bohlin** Director, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 10*

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 4
J.S. Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3
J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 7
Mendelssohn *Lobgesang*

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SF Symphony Performs the Music of Schumann

Daniel Harding Conductor, **Lars Vogt** piano,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 10*

Schumann Overture to *Genoveva*
Schumann Piano Concerto
Schumann Symphony No. 2

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		22 Fri D	23 Sat B	24 Sun B

March

The SF Symphony Plays Schumann, Liszt, and Brahms

François-Xavier Roth Conductor, **Cédric Tiberghien** Piano,
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 10*

Schumann *Manfred* Overture
Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1
Brahms Symphony No. 2

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Christian Tetzlaff Plays Mozart with the SF Symphony

Edward Gardner Conductor, **Christian Tetzlaff** Violin
San Francisco Symphony - *p. 11*

Ravel *Le Tombeau de Couperin*
Mozart Violin Concerto No. 3
Sibelius Symphony No. 2

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April

Emanuel Ax Plays Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2

Andrey Boreyko Conductor, **Emanuel Ax** Piano, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 11*

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Zemlinsky *Die Seejungfrau* (The Mermaid)

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Fabio Luisi Conducts Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*

Fabio Luisi Conductor, **Mario Brunello** Cello, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 11*

Glinka Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla*
Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*

OPEN: — | THU: — | FRI: 19 Fri C | SAT: 20 Sat B | SUN: —

Grimaud Plays Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto with the SF Symphony

James Gaffigan Conductor, **Hélène Grimaud** Piano, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 12*

Wagner Good Friday Spell from *Parsifal*
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4
Mozart Symphony No. 31, *Paris*
Barber Symphony No. 1

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May

Janowski Conducts Wagner's Love Music

Marek Janowski Conductor, **James Ehnes** Violin, **San Francisco Symphony** - *p. 12*

Mendelssohn *Ruy Blas* Overture
Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1
Wagner Overture and Venusberg Music from *Tannhäuser* (Paris version)
Wagner Prelude and *Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde*

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Debussy Prélude to *The Afternoon of a Faun*
Ligeti Piano Concerto
Debussy *Nocturnes*
Debussy *La Mer*

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Urbański Conducts Mendelssohn's *Italian* Symphony

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SF Symphony Plays Bach and Shostakovich

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Shostakovich Symphony No. 8

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Nikolai Lugansky Plays the Grieg Piano Concerto

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Yefim Bronfman Plays Prokofiev with the SF Symphony

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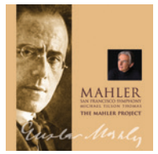

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