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SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY 2017–2018 SEASON CONCERT CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: Single tickets for all San Francisco Symphony 2017–18 season concerts go on sale **Monday, July 17 at 8am at the box office and available online & by phone at 10am.** Single tickets and subscription packages for the San Francisco Symphony's 2017–18 season are available at www.sfsymphony.org/1718season, (415) 864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, located on Grove Street between Franklin and Van Ness.

All concerts are at Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, unless otherwise noted

OPENING NIGHT GALA with YO-YO MA

[Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Yo-Yo Ma cello

San Francisco Symphony

BERNSTEIN	Overture to <i>Candide</i>
SAINT-SAËNS	Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Opus 33
TCHAIKOVSKY	Variations on a Rococo Theme
RAVEL	<i>Boléro</i>

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND CHORUS, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Friday, September 22, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Isabel Leonard mezzo-soprano

Ryan McKinny bass-baritone [SFS debut]

Carey Bell clarinet

San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director

San Francisco Symphony

BERNSTEIN	<i>Prelude, Fugue, and Riffs</i>
BERNSTEIN	<i>Chichester Psalms</i>
BERNSTEIN (arr. Coughlin)	<i>Arias and Barcarolles</i>
BERNSTEIN (orch. Kostal, Ramin)	<i>Symphonic Dances from West Side Story</i>

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Jeremy Denk piano

San Francisco Symphony

BARTÓK Piano Concerto No. 2
BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*, Opus 14

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, KRZYSZTOF URBAŃSKI CONDUCTING

[Friday, October 6, 2017 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Friday, October 6, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Krzysztof Urbański conductor

Augustin Hadelich violin

San Francisco Symphony

PENDERECKI *Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima*
MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto in E minor, Opus 64
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 10 in E minor, Opus 93

GEORGE LI in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm](#)

George Li piano

Program to include:

HAYDN Piano Sonata in B minor, Hob.XVI: 32
BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Opus 57, *Appassionata*
RACHMANINOFF Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Opus 42
LISZT *Consolation* No. 3 in D-flat major
LISZT Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 in C-sharp minor

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, JAKUB HRŮŠA CONDUCTING

[Friday, October 13, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Jakub Hrůša conductor [SFS debut]

Piotr Anderszewski piano

San Francisco Symphony

DVOŘÁK *Carnival Overture*, Opus 92
MOZART Piano Concerto No. 17 in G major, K.453

SMETANA
JANÁČEK

Vltava (The Moldau) from *Má Vlast*
Taras Bulba, Rhapsody for Orchestra

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, KRZYSZTOF URBAŃSKI CONDUCTING

[Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, October 20, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Krzysztof Urbański conductor
Sol Gabetta cello [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony

DVOŘÁK Cello Concerto in B minor, Opus 104
MOZART Overture to *Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)*, K.620
LUTOSŁAWSKI Concerto for Orchestra

CHAMBER MUSIC at THE LEGION OF HONOR

[Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Alexander Barantschik violin
Peter Wyrick cello
Anton Nel piano

BRAHMS Piano Trio No. 2 in C major, Opus 87
SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Opus 67

ORGAN RECITAL

[Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 pm](#)

Nathan Laube organ

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, OSMO VÄNSKÄ CONDUCTING

[Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, October 27, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Osmo Vänskä conductor
Baiba Skride violin [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony

SIBELIUS *Finlandia*, Opus 26
SIBELIUS Violin Concerto in D minor, Opus 47
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 1 in F minor, Opus 10

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

ROUSSEL *Divertissement*, Opus 6

Tim Day flute
Russ deLuna oboe
Luis Baez clarinet
Rob Weir bassoon
Robert Ward horn
Britton Day piano

George CRUMB

Black Angels

Sarn Oliver violin
Yun Chu violin
David Gaudry viola
David Goldblatt cello

DVOŘÁK

Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Opus 87, B.162

Dan Carlson violin
Matthew Young viola
Amos Yang cello
Sayaka Tanikawa piano

HALLOWEEN with *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN* and featuring ANDERSON & ROE

[Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 7 pm](#)

Greg Anderson & Elizabeth Joy Roe pianists

JACKSON (arr. Anderson & Roe)

“Billy Jean”

RADIOHEAD (arr. Anderson & Roe)

“Paranoid Android”

RAVEL

La Valse

STRAVINSKY

From *The Rite of Spring*

Evocation of the Ancestors

Ritual Actions of the Ancestors

The Sacrificial Dance

SAINT-SAËNS (arr. Anderson & Roe)

Danse Macabre: Bacchanal for Two Pianos and Small Ensemble

Greg Anderson & Elizabeth Joy Roe pianos

Mel BROOKS

Young Frankenstein

The San Francisco Symphony does not appear in this performance. All works are transcribed for two pianos, unless otherwise noted.

DANIIL TRIFONOV in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Monday, October 30, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Daniil Trifonov piano

MOMPOU

Variations on a Theme of Chopin

TCHAIKOVSKY

Un poco di Chopin, Opus 72, no.15

RACHMANINOFF

Variations on a Theme of Chopin, Opus 22

CHOPIN

Selected Mazurkas

CHOPIN

Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Opus 35

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, ZUBIN MEHTA CONDUCTING

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Zubin Mehta conductor
Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

Amit POZNANSKY	<i>Footnote</i> , Suite from the film
MOZART	Symphony No. 36 in C Major, K. 425, <i>Linz</i>
SCHUBERT	Symphony in C major, D.944, <i>The Great</i>

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, November 3, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

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

BERNSTEIN	<i>The Age of Anxiety</i> , Symphony No. 2
R. STRAUSS	<i>Ein Heldenleben</i> , Opus 40

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COMMUNITY CONCERT with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2 pm \(lobby festivities begin at 1 pm\)](#)

[Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 8 pm \(lobby festivities begin at 7 pm\)](#)

Alondra de la Parra conductor
Eugenia León vocalist
San Francisco Symphony

Bring the entire family and join the San Francisco Symphony in celebrating Latin-American music and culture for the Day of the Dead. Arrive an hour prior to each show for refreshments, live music and dancing, colorful altars, traditional crafts, and more.

CHINA NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ORCHESTRA, LÜ JIA CONDUCTING

[Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Lü Jia conductor
China National Centre for the Performing Arts Orchestra

HARRISON	Concerto for Pipa with String Orchestra
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Opus 98

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND CHORUS, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Friday, November 10, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, **Ragnar Bohlin** director
San Francisco Symphony

GERSHWIN *An American in Paris*
DVOŘÁK *The American Flag*, Opus 102 [First SFS Performances]
IVES *Psalm 90*
VARIOUS American Hymns
IVES Symphony No. 4 [To be recorded live for future release on SFS Media]
Christian Reif conductor

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, November 17, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Pinchas Zukerman violin
San Francisco Symphony

WAGNER *Siegfried Idyll*
IVES Symphony No. 3, *The Camp Meeting* [To be recorded live for future release on SFS Media]
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 61

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Friday, November 24, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Susanna Phillips soprano
San Francisco Symphony

MOZART German Dances, K.509 [First SFS Performances]
BERG Seven Early Songs (Sieben frühe Lieder)
MAHLER Symphony No. 4 in G major

NORTH BY NORTHWEST with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

➤ *Film Series*

[Friday, December 1, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Richard Kaufman conductor
San Francisco Symphony

HERRMANN *North by Northwest*

Alfred HITCHCOCK director

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – STRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER: THE ELEMENTS OF MUSIC-MAKING

[Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser conductor
San Francisco Symphony

CHAMBER MUSIC at THE LEGION OF HONOR

[Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Alexander Barantschik violin
Peter Wyrick cello
Anton Nel piano

SCHUBERT Piano Trio No. 2 in B-flat major D.898
MENDELSSOHN Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Opus 66

DECK THE HALL

[Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 11 am and 3 pm](#)

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser conductor
San Francisco Boys Chorus, Ian Robertson artistic director
Young Women’s Choral Projects, Susan McMane artistic and executive director
San Francisco Ballet School Trainee Program, Helgi Tomasson director
Members of the **San Francisco Symphony**

Program to be announced.

HOLIDAY BRASS

[Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Edwin Outwater conductor
Members of the SF Symphony Brass Section

Program to be announced.

CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

[Wednesday, December 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm](#)
[Thursday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm](#)

Cirque de la Symphonie
San Francisco Symphony

Program to be announced.

BACH COLLEGIUM JAPAN, MASAOKI SUZUKI CONDUCTING

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Masaaki Suzuki conductor
Sherezade Panthaki soprano
Jay Carter countertenor
Zachary Wilder tenor
Dominik Wörner bass
Bach Collegium Japan

J.S. BACH

Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248

ANNUAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

[Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Program to include:

PROKOFIEV

Peter and the Wolf, Opus 67

A MERRI-ACHI CHRISTMAS

[Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Mariachi Sol de Mexico® de José Hernandez

Note: The San Francisco Symphony does not appear in this presentation.

HOLIDAY SOUL with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Charles Floyd conductor
Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Terrance Kelly artistic director
Special Guests to be announced

Program to be announced.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH, RAGNAR BOHLIN CONDUCTING

[Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, December 15, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Ragnar Bohlin conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

HANDEL

Messiah

HOME ALONE with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

➤ *Film Series*

[Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7 pm](#)

[Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2 pm](#)

Joshua Gersen conductor

The San Francisco Girls Chorus, Valérie Sainte-Agathe music director and principal conductor

The Pacific Boychoir

The Ragazzi Boys Chorus, Joyce Keil artistic director

San Francisco Symphony

John WILLIAMS

Home Alone – Act I

John WILLIAMS

Home Alone – Act II

Chris COLUMBUS director

CHRISTIAN TETZLAFF in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm](#)

Christian Tetzlaff violin

J.S. BACH

Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin, BWV 1001-1006

NEW YEAR'S EVE with SETH MACFARLANE and the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

Edwin Outwater conductor

Seth MacFarlane vocalist

San Francisco Symphony

Program to be announced.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, January 12, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

Emanuel Ax piano

San Francisco Symphony

BEETHOVEN

Leonore Overture No. 3, Opus 72a

MOZART

Piano Concerto No. 14 in E-flat major, K.449

SCHOENBERG

Piano Concerto, Opus 42

R. STRAUSS

Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche), Opus 28

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, January 19, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

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

BERNSTEIN

Candide

MEOW MEOW

[Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Meow Meow vocalist

International siren and comedienne extraordinaire Meow Meow returns to San Francisco with her glorious brand of subversive and sublime performance for a solo show (with a very special guest!) to Davies Symphony Hall. After her astounding run at Berkeley Rep and then mesmerizing SF SoundBox audiences with members of the San Francisco Symphony, the spectacular crowd-surfing queen of song brings you an unforgettable evening of exquisite music and mayhem. From Piazzolla tangos, Weill, Brecht, and Brel, to Radiohead, Patty Griffin and original chansons by Meow and her collaborators, she'll seduce you with her supreme vocal talents and uproarious comic absurdity and then break your heart with her searing emotional depth.

Note: the San Francisco Symphony does not appear in this concert.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, CHARLES DUTOIT CONDUCTING

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

Charles Dutoit conductor
Gautier Capuçon cello
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

DEBUSSY (arr. Büsler)	<i>Petite Suite</i>
HAYDN	Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major , H.VIIIb:1
STRAVINSKY	<i>The Firebird</i>

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, CHARLES DUTOIT CONDUCTING

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Monday, January 29, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Charles Dutoit conductor
Jean-Yves Thibaudet piano
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

RESPIGHI	<i>Fountains of Rome (Fontane di Roma)</i>
LISZT	Piano Concerto No. 2 in A major, S.125
STRAVINSKY	<i>Petrushka</i>

WEST SIDE STORY with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

➤ *Film Series*

[Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, February 2, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

San Francisco Symphony

BERNSTEIN

West Side Story

Jerome ROBBINS & Robert WISE directors

Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – MELODIC MARVELS: THE MUSIC OF ASIA

[Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor

San Francisco Symphony

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

JOLIVET

Heptade for Trumpet and Percussion

Mark Inouye trumpet

Jacob Nissly percussion

CARTER

Con leggerezza pensosa – Omaggio a Italo Calvino

Eliot Lev violin

Jerome Simas clarinet

Barbara Bogatin cello

JANÁČEK

Mládí

Linda Lukas flute

Russ DeLuna oboe

David Neuman clarinet

Jerome Simas bass clarinet

Steven Dibner bassoon

Jessica Valeri horn

TCHAIKOVSKY

Souvenir de Florence, Sextet in D minor for Strings, Opus 70

Yun Chu violin

Amy Hiraga violin

Nanci Severence viola

Matt Young viola

Peter Wyrick cello

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, HERBERT BLOMSTEDT CONDUCTING

[Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, February 9, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Herbert Blomstedt conductor

Garrick Ohlsson piano

San Francisco Symphony

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, Opus 73, *Emperor*
STENHAMMAR Symphony No. 2 in G minor, Opus 34 [First SFS Performances]

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, HERBERT BLOMSTEDT CONDUCTING

[Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, February 16, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Herbert Blomstedt conductor
San Francisco Symphony

MOZART Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K.550
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Opus 55, *Eroica*

CHAMBER MUSIC at THE LEGION OF HONOR

[Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Alexander Barantschik violin
Peter Wyrick cello
Anton Nel piano

HAYDN Piano Trio in C major, Hob.XV:27
DEBUSSY Selected Preludes from Book 1
BEETHOVEN Piano Trio Opus 97, *Archduke*

YEFIM BRONFMAN in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

Yefim Bronfman piano

Program will feature works by **SCHUMANN** and **Jörg WIDMANN**

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, ANDREY BOREYKO CONDUCTING

[Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, February 23, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Andrey Boreyko conductor
Vadim Gluzman violin
San Francisco Symphony

BERNSTEIN Divertimento
BERNSTEIN Serenade
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Opus 47

CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT AND CELEBRATION with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 3 pm \(festivities at 2 pm\)](#)

Xian Zhang conductor
Zhang Zuo piano
San Francisco Symphony

Program to be announced.

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Nino ROTA

Trio for Flute, Violin and Piano

Robin McKee flute
Mariko Smiley violin
Britton Day piano

ARENSKY

Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor , Opus 32

Diane Nicholeris violin
David Goldblatt cello
Gwendolyn Mok piano

DVOŘÁK

Piano Trio No. 3 in F minor, Opus 65, B.130

Melissa Kleinbart violin
Amos Yang cello
Eric Zivian piano

DANIIL TRIFONOV AND SERGEI BABAYAN in RECITAL

[Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Daniil Trifonov piano
Sergei Babayan piano

SCHUMANN

Andante and Variations in B-flat major, Opus 46

Mauro LANZA

New work for Two Pianos

SCHUBERT

Fantasy in F minor for Piano Four Hands, D.940

RACHMANINOFF

Suite No. 1 for Two Pianos, Opus 5, *Fantaisie-tableaux*

RACHMANINOFF

Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos, Opus 17

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, PABLO HERAS-CASADO CONDUCTING

[Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Pablo Heras-Casado conductor
Alexander Barantschik violin
San Francisco Symphony

Esa-Pekka SALONEN

Helix [First SFS Performances]

SHOSTAKOVICH

Violin Concerto No. 2 in C-sharp minor, Opus 129

BRAHMS

Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Opus 68

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, EDWARD GARDNER CONDUCTING

[Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, March 9, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Edward Gardner conductor [SFS debut]

Simon Trpčeski piano

San Francisco Symphony

TIPPETT	Four Ritual Dances from <i>The Midsummer Marriage</i>
GERSHWIN	<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>
RACHMANINOFF	Symphonic Dances

JOSHUA BELL AND ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

Joshua Bell leader and violin
Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Edgar MEYER	Overture for Violin and Orchestra
MOZART	Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major, K.219
BEETHOVEN	Symphony No. 6 in F major, Opus 68, <i>Pastoral</i>

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, March 16, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Behzod Abduraimov piano [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony

Charles WUORINEN	<i>Sudden Changes</i> [SFS commission, world premiere]
PROKOFIEV	Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, Opus 26
COPLAND	Symphony No. 3 (First SFS Performances)

ITZHAK PERLMAN AND MARTHA ARGERICH

[Friday, March 16, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Itzhak Perlman violin
Martha Argerich piano

Program to include:

J.S. BACH Violin Sonata No. 4 in C minor, BWV 1017
FRANCK Violin Sonata in A major

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Gil Shaham violin
San Francisco Symphony

BERG Violin Concerto
MAHLER Symphony No. 5 in C-sharp minor

2018 WEST COAST TOUR with VIOLINIST GIL SHAHAM

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 8 pm
Los Angeles
Walt Disney Concert Hall

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 8 pm
Santa Barbara
The Granada Theatre

Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 8 pm
Costa Mesa
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

BATMAN with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

➤ *Film Series*

[Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Sarah Hicks conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Danny ELFMAN *Batman*

Tim BURTON director

AMADEUS with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

➤ *Film Series*

[Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Constantine Kitsopoulos conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director

San Francisco Symphony

MOZART

Amadeus

Miloš FORMAN director

ORGAN RECITAL

[Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 pm](#)

Paul Jacobs organ

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, DANIEL HARDING CONDUCTING

[Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, April 13, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Daniel Harding conductor [SFS debut]

Paul Lewis piano [SFS debut]

San Francisco Symphony

BEETHOVEN

Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Opus 37

R. STRAUSS

Ein Alpensinfonie (An Alpine Symphony), Opus 64

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

MOZART

Divertimento in E-flat major, K.563

Helen Kim violin

Jonathan Vinocour viola

Sébastien Gingras cello

MARTIN

Rhapsodie

Polina Sedukh violin

David Chernyavski violin

Wayne Roden viola

Gina Cooper viola

Stephen Tramontozzi bass

BARTÓK

Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion

Jacob Nissly percussion

Edward Stephan percussion

Conor Hanick piano

Gloria Cheng piano

ANDRÁS SCHIFF in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

András Schiff piano

MENDELSSOHN

Fantasy in F-sharp minor, Opus 28

BEETHOVEN	Piano Sonata in F-sharp minor, Opus 78
BRAHMS	Eight <i>Klavierstücke</i> , Opus 76
BRAHMS	Seven <i>Fantasien</i> , Opus 116
BACH	<i>English Suite</i> No. 6 in D minor, BWV 811

ANDRÁS SCHIFF in RECITAL

[Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

András Schiff piano

SCHUMANN	Variations on an Original Theme, <i>Ghost Variations</i> , WoO.24
BRAHMS	Three Intermezzi, Opus 117
MOZART	Rondo in A minor, K.511
BRAHMS	Six <i>Klavierstücke</i> , Opus 118
J.S. BACH	Prelude and Fugue No. 24 in B minor from <i>The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I</i> , BWV 869
BRAHMS	Four <i>Klavierstücke</i> , Opus 119
BEETHOVEN	Piano Sonata in E-flat major, Opus 81a, <i>Les Adieux</i>

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, CHARLES DUTOIT CONDUCTING

[Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, April 20, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Charles Dutoit conductor
Susan Graham mezzo-soprano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

DEBUSSY (orch. Ravel)	Sarabande from <i>Pour le Piano</i>
DEBUSSY (orch. Ravel)	Danse
RAVEL	<i>Shéhérazade</i>
RAVEL	<i>Daphnis et Chloé</i> [complete]

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, CHARLES DUTOIT CONDUCTING

[Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, April 27, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Charles Dutoit conductor
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet piano
Women of San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

NICOLAI	Overture to <i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>
LISZT	Piano Concerto No. 2 in A major
HOLST	<i>The Planets</i> , Opus 32

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – WORK HARD, PLAY HARD: THE LIFE OF COMPOSERS AND CONDUCTORS

[Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, JURAJ VALČUHA CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, May 4, 2018 at 8pm](#)

[Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 8pm](#)

Juraj Valčuha conductor
Ray Chen violin [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony

Andrew NORMAN *Unstuck* [First SFS Performances]
BRAHMS Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 77
PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Opus 44

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

FAURÉ Piano Trio in D minor, Opus 120
Kelly Leon-Pearce violin
Margaret Tait cello
Marc Shapiro piano

HARBISON String Quartet No. 2
Mariko Smiley violin
Sarn Oliver violin
Nancy Ellis viola
Margaret Tait cello

CHRISTOPHER ROUSE *Ku-Ka Ilimoku*
Jacob Nissly percussion
James Lee Wyatt III percussion
Tom Hemphill percussion
Raymond Frohlich percussion

DVOŘÁK String Quartet No. 10 in E-flat major, Opus 51
Nadya Tichman violin
Amy Hiraga violin
Nancy Ellis viola
Peter Wyrick cello

YUJA WANG in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

Yuja Wang piano

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, STÉPHANE DENÈVE CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, May 11, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Stéphane Denève conductor

Gautier Capuçon cello

San Francisco Symphony

IBERT	<i>Escales</i>
SAINT-SAËNS	Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Opus 33
Guillaume CONNESSON	<i>E chiaro nella valle il fiume appare</i> [First SFS Performances]
RESPIGHI	<i>Pines of Rome (Pini di Roma)</i>

CHAMBER MUSIC at THE LEGION OF HONOR

[Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Alexander Barantschik violin

Florin Parvulescu violin

Jonathan Vinocour viola

Yun Jie Liu viola

Peter Wyrick cello

Amos Yang cello

SHOSTAKOVICH String Quartet No. 6 in G major, Opus 101

BRAHMS String Sextet No. 2 in G major, Opus 36

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor

San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CHORUS, RAGNAR BOHLIN CONDUCTING

[Friday, May 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

Ragnar Bohlin conductor

San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director

J.S. BACH *Magnificat*

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, ITZHAK PERLMAN CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Itzhak Perlman conductor and violinist

Eugene Izotov oboe

San Francisco Symphony

J.S. BACH	Concerto in D minor for Oboe, Violin and Orchestra, BWV 1060
TCHAIKOVSKY	Serenade for Strings, Opus 48
ELGAR	<i>Enigma</i> Variations, Opus 36

AUDRA MCDONALD with THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Friday, May 18, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Andy Einhorn conductor
Audra McDonald soprano and narrator
San Francisco Symphony

Program to be announced.

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – BREAKING THE RULES: MUSICAL REBELS

[Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
San Francisco Symphony

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, DAVID ROBERTSON CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8 pm \(UC Davis Mondavi Center\)](#)

[Friday, May 25, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

David Robertson conductor
Kirill Gerstein piano
San Francisco Symphony

Brett DEAN	<i>Engelsflügel</i> [First SFS performances]
HAYDN	Symphony No. 102 in B-flat major
BRAHMS	Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Opus 15

ORGAN RECITAL

[Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 3 pm](#)

Felix Hell organ

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, SEMYON BYCHKOV CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, June 1, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Semyon Bychkov conductor
Katia and Marielle Labèque duo piano
San Francisco Symphony

TANEYEV	<i>Oresteia</i> Overture, Opus 6 [First SFS Performances]
BRUCH	Concerto for Two Pianos in A-flat minor, Opus 88a
TCHAIKOVSKY	Symphony No. 2 in C minor, Opus 17, <i>Little Russian</i>

CHAMBER MUSIC with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

MARTINŮ Piano Quartet No. 1, H.287
Nadya Tichman violin
Matthew Young viola
Barbara Bogatin cello
Marc Shapiro piano

SHOSTAKOVICH Quartet No. 14 in F-sharp minor, Opus 142
Polina Sedukh violin
Raushan Ahkmedyarova violin
Katie Kadarauch viola
Amos Yang cello

DOPPLER *Souvenir du Rigi*, Opus 34
Robin McKee flute
Robert Ward horn
Britton Day piano

BRAHMS Trio in E-flat major, Opus 40
Yun Chu violin
Bruce Roberts horn
David Gross piano

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, SUSANNA MÄLKKI CONDUCTING

[Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, June 8, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Susanna Mälkki conductor
Hilary Hahn violin
San Francisco Symphony

TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 35
Kaija SAARIAHO *Laterna Magica*
SCRIABIN *The Poem of Ecstasy*, Opus 54

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY and CHORUS, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, June 15, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Stanislav Trofimov bass (Boris Godunov) [SFS debut]
Maxim Paster tenor (Prince Shuysky) [SFS debut]
Sergei Skorokhodov tenor (Grigory) [SFS debut]
Vyacheslav Pochapsky bass (Varlaam) [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

MUSSORGSKY *Boris Godunov* (original 1869 version) [First SFS Performances]

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Friday, June 22, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Daniil Trifonov piano
San Francisco Symphony

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 6 in D minor, Opus 104
SIBELIUS Symphony No. 7 in C major, Opus 105
RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Opus 30

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 2 pm](#)
[Friday, June 29, 2018 at 8 pm](#)
[Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 8 pm](#)

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Sasha Cooke mezzo-soprano
Pacific Boychoir
Women of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

MAHLER Symphony No. 3 in D major

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