



# SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

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## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY JANUARY–MARCH 2019 CONCERT CALENDAR

**PLEASE NOTE:** Single tickets and subscription packages for the San Francisco Symphony's 2018–19 season are available at [www.sfsymphony.org/1819season](http://www.sfsymphony.org/1819season), (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.*

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### **MARY POPPINS with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

➤ *Film Series*

[Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Ted Sperling** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Robert and Richard SHERMAN**  
*Mary Poppins*

**ROBERT STEVENSON** director

Tickets: \$65–170

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### **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, JAAP VAN ZWEDEN CONDUCTING**

[Friday, January 11, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Jaap van Zweden** conductor  
**Carey Bell** clarinet  
**San Francisco Symphony**

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**MOZART**

Clarinet Concerto in A major, K. 622

**BRUCKNER**

Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major

Tickets: \$20–166

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**ITZHAK PERLMAN: *In The Fiddler's House***

[Monday, January 14, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Itzhak Perlman** violin

**Michael Alpert** voice, guitar, accordion, violin

**Judy Bressler** voice, tambourine

**Lorin Sklamberg** voice

**Hankus Netsky** saxophone, piano

**Frank London** trumpet

**Andy Statman** clarinet, mandolin

Members of **Brave Old World**

Members of **Klezmatics**

Members of **Klezmer Conservatory Band**

Program to be announced.

Tickets: \$95–225

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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, ESA-PEKKA SALONEN CONDUCTING**

[Friday, January 18, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Esa-Pekka Salonen** conductor

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Anna THORVALDSDOTTIR**

*Metacosmos* [West Coast Premiere]

**R. STRAUSS**

*Also sprach Zarathustra*, Opus 30

**SIBELIUS**

*Four Legends from the Kalevala*, Opus 22

Tickets: \$20-156

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**LEIF OVE ANDSNES in RECITAL**

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 8:00 pm](#)

**Leif Ove Andsnes** piano

**SCHUMANN**

Three Romances, Opus 28

**JANÁČEK**

*On an Overgrown Path*, Volume 1

**BARTÓK**

Three Burlesques, Opus 8c, Sz. 47

**SCHUMANN**

*Carnaval*, Opus 9

Tickets: \$20–99

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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, CHRISTIAN REIF CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, January 25, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Christian Reif** conductor

**Johannes Moser** cello

**San Francisco Symphony**

**R. STRAUSS**

*Don Juan*, Opus 20

**Andrew NORMAN**

Cello Concerto [SFS Co-Commission & First SFS Performances]

**Prokofiev**

Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, Opus 100

Tickets: \$20–156

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**LEONIDAS KAVAKOS in RECITAL**

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm](#)

**Leonidas Kavakos** violin

**Enrico Pace** piano

**BEETHOVEN**

Violin Sonata No. 4 in A minor, Opus 23

**PROKOFIEV**

Violin Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Opus 80

**BARTÓK**

Rhapsody No. 1 for Violin and Piano

**ENESCU**

Sonata No. 3 in A minor, Opus 25, *in the Rumanian Style*

Tickets: \$20–99

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, HERBERT BLOMSTEDT CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, February 1, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Herbert Blomstedt** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony**

### **BEETHOVEN**

Symphony No. 6 in F major, Opus 68, *Pastoral*

### **MENDELSSOHN**

Symphony No. 3 in A minor, Opus 56, *Scottish*

Tickets: \$20–156

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## **MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD: INFLUENCES OF AFRICA**

[Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Joseph Young** Conductor

**Clairdee** Vocalist

**Duniya Dance and Drum Company** Traditional West African Music and Dance

**San Francisco Symphony**

### **SAINT-GEORGES**

Allegro from Symphony No. 1, Opus 11, no. 1 in G major

### **Jesse MONTGOMERY**

*Starburst*

### **Samuel COLERIDGE-TAYLOR**

*Le tarantelle frétilante* from Petite Suite de Concert

### **James P. JOHNSON**

Excerpts from *Drums*

### **RAMEAU**

(Orch. Gevaert) / Tambourins I-II from <Castor and Pollux> Suite (3')

**Duniya Drum and Dance**

### **ELLINGTON**

*Giggling Rapids* from *The Rivers* (3')

### **ELLINGTON**

"It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing"

**Clairdee**, Vocalist

### **James P. JOHNSON**

*Victory Stride*

**Tickets:** \$27–\$64 (Adults); Tickets for children age 17 and under are half-price.

The musical traditions of Africa have inspired composers and musicians for centuries. Join guest conductor Joseph Young and the SF Symphony as they take you on an exciting tour of music that celebrates African cultures, the spirit of jazz, and some of our most admired African American composers.

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## **OUR JAZZ LINEAGE: MUSIC OF COLERIDGE-TAYLOR, CHICK COREA, & DVOŘÁK**

[Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

### **SMIT**

Sextet for Woodwind Quintet and Piano (1932)

**Tim Day** flute

**Russ deLuna** oboe

**Luis Baez** clarinet

**Rob Weir** bassoon

**Robert Ward** horn

**Britton Day** piano

### **Chick COREA**

Trio for Flute, Bassoon and Piano

**Tim Day** flute

**Rob Weir** bassoon

**Britton Day** piano

### **COLERIDGE-TAYLOR**

Five Negro Melodies for Piano Trio, Opus 59, No. 1

**Diane Nicholeris** violin

**David Goldblatt** cello

**Gwendolyn Mok** piano

### **DVOŘÁK**

String Quintet No. 2 in G Major, Opus 77

**Nadya Tichman** violin

**Amy Hiraga** violin

**Nancy Ellis** viola

**Peter Wyrick** cello

**Dan Smith** bass

Tickets: \$45

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor

**Gil Shaham** violin

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Steven MACKEY**

New work [SFS Commission & World Premiere]

**PROKOFIEV**

Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Opus 19

**TCHAIKOVSKY**

Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Opus 36

Tickets: \$20–156

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**ORGAN RECITAL**

[Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3 pm](#)

**Michael Hey** Organ

**IVES**

Variations on *America*

**DUPRÉ**

*Cortège et Litanie*, Op. 19, No. 2

**BIGNHAM**

Roulade, Op. 9, No. 3

**BUCK**

Variations on 'The Last Rose of Summer', Op. 59

**ELGAR**

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1, Op. 39

**WINDOR**

Allegro from Symphony No. 6 in G minor for Organ, Opus 42, no.2

**DOVE**

The Dancing Pipes

**SOWERBY**

*Pageant* for Organ

Tickets: \$30–40

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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, ANDRÁS SCHIFF CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**András Schiff** Conductor and Piano

**Jennifer Mitchell** Soprano

**Margaret "Peg" Lisi** Mezzo-soprano

**Michael Jankosky** Tenor

**San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin** Director

**San Francisco Symphony**

**BACH**

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068

**BACH**

Keyboard Concerto No. 4 in A major, BWV 1055

**BACH**

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in G minor, BWV 1068

**MENDELSSOHN**

*Lobgesang*, Opus 52

Tickets: \$34–166

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**CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT & BANQUET with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

[Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 5 pm \(festivities at 4 pm\)](#)

**Mei-Ann Chen** Conductor  
**Angelo Xiang Yu** Violin  
**Red Chamber** Guest Artists  
**Adam Larsen** Video Design  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Lantern**

Procession

**HUAN-ZHI LI**

*Spring Festival Overture*

**CHEN GANG**

*The Butterfly Lovers Concerto*

**Angelo Xiang Yu** violin

**Chinese (arr. Wen-chen CHUANG)**

*Jasmine Flower*

**Traditional (arr. Jin ZHENG)**

*The Moon Over Spring River*

**Red Chamber**

**MAO Yuan (arr. Jin ZHENG)**

*Dance of the Yao People*

**Red Chamber**

**An-lun HUANG**

Saibei Dance

**TICKETS:** Tickets for the Chinese New Year Concert and the pre-concert Festival Reception are \$40–\$70 and are available at [sfsymphony.org](http://sfsymphony.org), by phone at (415) 864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

Dinner packages that include access to the Festival Reception, premium concert seating, and seating at the Banquet are \$500–\$1,500. **All dinner packages are now sold out.** Please call the SFS Volunteer Council at 415-503-5500 for more information.

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## **SOUNDBOX**

[Friday, February 22, 2019 at 9 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 9 pm](#)

300 Franklin Street (Corner of Hayes), San Francisco

### **DESSNER**

Garcia Counterpoint

**Bryce DESSNER**, Electric Guitar

**Members of the San Francisco Symphony**

### **DESSNER**

Aheym

**LA Dance Project**

### **BERIO**

Folk Songs

**Iva BITTOVA**, Voice

### **BITTOVA**

Elida

**Iva BITTOVA**, Violin

### **DESSNER**

Murder Ballades

**LA Dance Project**

Tickets: \$45

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, DANIEL HARDING CONDUCTING**

[Friday, February 22, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Daniel Harding** conductor

**Lars Vogt** piano

**San Francisco Symphony**

### **SCHUMANN**

Overture to *Genoveva*, Opus 81

### **SCHUMANN**

Piano Concerto in A minor, Opus 54

### **SCHUMANN**

Symphony No. 2 in C major, Opus 61

Tickets: \$20–156



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## **LA LA LAND with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

[Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Justin Hurwitz** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Justin HURWITZ**  
*La La Land*

**Damien CHAZELLE** director

Tickets: \$50–160

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## **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

➤ *Film Series*

[Friday, March 1, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**Joshua Gersen** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin** director  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**John WILLIAMS**  
*Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

**Steven SPIELBERG** director

Tickets: \$50–160

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

[Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Christian Reif** conductor  
**TBD** vocalists  
**San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra**

**MOZART**  
Overture to *Le nozze di Figaro*

**MOZART**  
Arias and ensembles TBD

**DEBUSSY**  
*Iberia* from *Images pour orchestra*

**BIZET**  
*L'Arlésienne* Suite No. 2

Tickets: \$20–55

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## **RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA, MIKHAIL PLETNEV CONDUCTING**

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm](#)

**Mikhail Pletnev** conductor  
**George Li** piano  
**Russian National Orchestra**

**RACHMANINOFF**  
*Vocalise*, Opus 34, no. 14

**RACHMANINOFF**  
Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Opus 18

**RACHMANINOFF**  
Symphonic Dances, Opus 45

Tickets: \$75–115

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, FRANÇOIS-XAVIER ROTH CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, March 8, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

**François-Xavier Roth** conductor  
**Cédric Tiberghien** piano  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**SCHUMANN**  
*Manfred* Overture, Opus 115

**LISZT**  
Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major

**BRAHMS**  
Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 73

Tickets: \$20–156

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## **MUSIC FOR FAMILIES – ONCE UPON AN ORCHESTRA**

[Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Christian Reif** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony**

Program to be announced.

Tickets: \$15–64 (Adults); Tickets for children age 17 and under are half-price.

“Once upon a time” begins some of the most beloved fairytales of all time, and it’s easy to imagine the enchanting music that accompanies these tales in Disney movies, plays, and ballets. Dress up as your favorite storybook character and experience the musical storytelling of fairytales, as the SF Symphony performs selections from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *Mother Goose*, and more.

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## **IT’S PERSONAL: TCHAIKOVSKY PIANO TRIO**

[Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

### **Timothy HIGGINS**

“I am Matteo” (2018)

**Sharon Rietkerk** soprano

**Dan Carlson** violin

**Matthew Young** viola

**Eugene Izotov** oboe

**Stephen Paulson** bassoon

**Mark Inouye** trumpet

**Timothy Higgins** trombone

**Robin Sutherland** piano

### **MENDELSSOHN**

String Quartet No. 6 in F minor, Opus 80

**Wyatt Underhill** violin

**Dan Carlson** violin

**Jonathan Vinocour** viola

**Amos Yang** cello

### **TCHAIKOVSKY**

Piano Trio in A minor, Opus 50

**Melissa Kleinbart** violin

**Amos Yang** cello

**Elizabeth Schumann** piano

Tickets: \$45

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## **CHAMBER MUSIC at the GUNN THEATER at the PALACE OF LEGION OF HONOR**

[Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Alexander Barantschik** violin

**Peter Wyrick** cello

**Anton Nel** cello

### **MOZART**

Piano Trio in B-flat major, K. 502

### **SCHUBERT**

Klavierstücke in E-flat minor, D. 946

### **SMETANA**

Piano Trio in G minor, Opus 15

Tickets: \$75

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## **ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER in RECITAL**

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm](#)

**Anne-Sophie Mutter** violin  
**Lambert Orkis** piano

### **MOZART**

Violin Sonata in E minor, K.304(300c)

### **DEBUSSY**

Sonata in G minor for Violin and Piano

### **RAVEL**

Violin Sonata in G major

### **MOZART**

Violin Sonata in B-flat major, K.454

### **POULENC**

Violin Sonata

Tickets: \$35–99

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING**

[Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, March 15, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 2 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin  
**San Francisco Symphony**

### **RAVEL**

*Le Tombeau de Couperin*

### **MOZART**

Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major, K.216

### **SIBELIUS**

Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 43

Tickets: \$20–156

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## **2019 NATIONAL TOUR with violinists CHRISTIAN TETZLAFF and ALEXANDER KERR**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin

Benaroya Hall  
Seattle, Washington

**Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin  
Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts  
Hertzberg Hall  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 8 pm**  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin  
Kennedy Center  
Washington, D.C.

**Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5 pm**  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin  
Symphony Hall  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Christian Tetzlaff** violin  
Orchestra Hall  
Chicago, Illinois

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Alexander Kerr** violin  
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts  
Foellinger Great Hall  
Champaign, Illinois

**Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Alexander Kerr** violin  
Lied Center for Performing Arts  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7:30 pm**  
**Alexander Kerr** violin  
Iowa State Center  
Stephens Auditorium  
Ames, Iowa

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## **SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CHORUS CONCERT**

[Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 8:00 pm](#)

**Ragnar Bohlin** conductor  
**Ross Hauck** tenor (Evangelist)  
**Michele Kennedy** soprano (Arias/Ancilla)  
**Silvie Jensen** alto (Arias)  
**Michael Jankosky** tenor (Arias/Servus)  
**Clayton Moser** baritone (Jesus)  
**Matthew Peterson** baritone (Arias/Pilatus)  
**Mitchell Jones** baritone (Petrus)  
**San Francisco Symphony Chorus**

**Voices of Music early music ensemble**

**J.S. BACH**

St John Passion, BWV 245

Tickets: \$20–79

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**MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN in RECITAL**

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 7:30 pm](#)

**Marc-André Hamelin** piano

**J.S. BACH (arr. BUSONI)**

*Chaconne* from Violin Partita No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1004

**SCHUMANN**

Fantasy in C major, Opus 17

**WEISSENBERG**

Six Arrangements of Songs Sung by Charles Trénet

**CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO**

*Cipressi (Cypresses)*

**CHOPIN**

Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat major, Opus 61

**CHOPIN**

Scherzo No. 4 in E major, Opus 54

Tickets: \$20–99

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