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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, (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.

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

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

MOZART

Clarinet Concerto in A major, K. 622

BRUCKNER

Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major (Haas edition)

Tickets: \$20–166

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

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
Lemminkäinen and the Maidens of the Island
Lemminkäinen in Tuonela
The Swan of Tuonela
Lemminkäinen's Return

Tickets: \$50–225

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

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

LUTOSŁAWSKI

Cello Concerto [First SFS Performances]

PROKOFIEV

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

Tickets: \$20–156

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

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

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

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

Joseph Young conductor

Clairdee vocalist

Duniya Drum and Dance Company

San Francisco Symphony

SAINT-GEORGES

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

Jesse MONTGOMERY

Starburst

Samuel COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

Le tarantelle fretillante from Petite Suite de Concert

James P. JOHNSON

Excerpts from *Drums*

ELLINGTON

Giggling Rapids from *The Rivers*

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.

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

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

ORGAN RECITAL

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

Michael Hey organ

IVES

Variations on *America*

DUPRÉ

Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19, No. 2

BINGHAM

Roulade, Op. 9, No. 3

BUCK

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

ELGAR (arr. Edwin H. Lemare)

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1, Op. 39

WIDOR

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

ELMORE

Fantasy on Nursery Tunes

Jonathan DOVE

The Dancing Pipes

SOWERBY

Pageant for Organ

Tickets: \$30–40

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

San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director

San Francisco Symphony

BACH

Keyboard Concerto No. 4 in A major, BWV 1055

BACH

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068

BACH

Keyboard Concerto No. 7 in G minor, BWV 1058 [First SFS Performances]

MENDELSSOHN

Lobgesang, Opus 52 [First SFS Performances]

Tickets: \$34–166

CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT AND CELEBRATION 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

HUAN-ZHI Li
Spring Festival Overture

CHEN Gang
The Butterfly Lovers Concerto
Angelo Xiang Yu violin

An-lun HUANG
Saibei Dance

Traditional (arr. Jin ZHENG)
The Moon Over Spring River
Red Chamber

MAO Yuan (arr. Jin ZHENG)
Dance of the Yao People
Red Chamber

CHEN (arr. CHE-YI Lee)
Gong Xi Gong Xi

Tickets: \$36–70

SOUNDBOX

Friday, February 22, 2019 at 9 pm
Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 9 pm

300 Franklin Street (Corner of Hayes), San Francisco

Bryce Dessner curator and guitar
TBD conductor
Members of the San Francisco Symphony

DESSNER
Aheym
Members of the San Francisco Symphony

KORNGOLD
“Marian and Robin” from the Adventures of Robin Hood
Members of the San Francisco Symphony

STRAVINSKY
Circus Polka
Members of the San Francisco Symphony

DESSNER
Garcia Counterpoint

Bryce Dessner guitar

COPLAND

Clarinet Concerto

TBD clarinet

DESSNER

Wires

Bryce Dessner guitar

Members of the San Francisco Symphony

Tickets: \$45

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEISSENBURG

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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