



# SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

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## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MAY - JUNE 2013 CONCERT CALENDAR AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Tickets to all concerts 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.

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

### SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Thursday, May 2 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, May 3 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor

**Ragnar Bohlin** conductor

**Sally Matthews** soprano

**Tamara Mumford** mezzo-soprano

**Barry Banks** tenor

**Andrew Foster-Williams** bass-baritone

**Joseph Brent** mandolin

**San Francisco Symphony and Chorus**

**Beethoven** Overture to *The Creatures of Prometheus*, Opus 43

**Beethoven (Arr. Ragnar Bohlin)** *Adelaide*, Opus 46

**Beethoven** Sonatina for Mandolin and Fortepiano, WoO 44

**Beethoven** *Cantata on the Death of Emperor Joseph II*, WoO 87

**Beethoven** Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 36

Tickets: \$37-\$146

### MTT AND SFS SYMPOSIUM - BEETHOVEN: BEFORE AND AFTER

[Saturday, May 4 at 1 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor

**William Meredith** speaker

**Members of the San Francisco Symphony**

Explore Beethoven's inspirations, his music, and his legacy in three one-hour sessions combining performance and discussion. Topics include Beethoven's earliest music, the mystical world of *Missa solemnis*, and the collision of the composer's late quartets with John Adams' musical language in Adams' Beethoven-inspired work for string quartet and orchestra, *Absolute Jest*. Guests include Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and

William Meredith, Director of the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies at San Jose State University.  
Produced in cooperation with the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies, San Jose State University.

Tickets: \$20

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

[Saturday, May 4 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm](#)

[Thursday, May 9 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor

**Michael Fabiano** tenor

**St. Lawrence String Quartet**

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Beethoven** Three *Equali* for Four Trombones, WoO 30

**Beethoven** *An die ferne Geliebte*, Opus 98

**John Adams** *Absolute Jest* (San Francisco Symphony Co-Commission)

**Beethoven** Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major, Opus 60

Tickets: \$15-\$150

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

[Friday, May 10 at 8 pm\\*](#)

[Saturday, May 11 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor

**Ragnar Bohlin** conductor

**Laura Claycomb** soprano

**Sasha Cooke** mezzo-soprano

**Michael Fabiano** tenor

**Shenyang** bass-baritone

**San Francisco Symphony and Chorus**

**Palestrina** *Kyrie, Gloria, and Agnus Dei* from *Missa Papae Marcelli*

**Beethoven** *Missa solemnis* in D major, Opus 123

Tickets: \$42-\$155

\**Davies After Hours*, a post-concert music event featuring Meklit & Quinn, begins immediately following the Friday, May 10 concert in the Second Tier lobby-turned-lounge. Free to May 10 ticketholders.

**CHAMBER MUSIC WITH SF SYMPHONY MUSICIANS**

[Sunday, May 12 at 2 pm](#)

**Beethoven** String Quartet No. 2 in G major, Opus 18

**Yun Chu** violin

**Amy Hiraga** violin

**Nanci Severance** viola

**Peter Wyrick** cello

**Beethoven** String Quartet No. 10 in E-flat major, Opus 74, *Harp*

**Dan Carlson** violin  
**Melissa Kleinbart** violin  
**Katie Kadarau** viola  
**Amos Yang** cello

**Beethoven** String Quartet No. 12 in E-flat, Opus 127

**Mariko Smiley** violin  
**Kelly Leon-Pearce** violin  
**Gina Feinauer** viola  
**Margaret Tait** cello

*Tickets: \$36*

**JANELLE MONÁE with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

[Thursday, May 16 at 8 pm](#)

**Janelle Monáe**  
**San Francisco Symphony**

This evening features the newly Grammy-minted San Francisco Symphony (Best Orchestral Performance) and Janelle Monáe, collaborator on the Grammy Song of the Year “We are Young.” Don’t miss this fusion of great music in a one-night-only event. This event begins with a sparkling wine reception in the grand lobbies of Davies Symphony Hall, and is followed by a concert featuring the San Francisco Symphony and Janelle Monáe’s funky, soulful hip-hop and R&B. Then, celebrate at a glamorous and exciting after-party in San Francisco’s majestic City Hall, with live music, cocktails, and savory treats. *Cocktail attire preferred. Must be 21 or older.*

**TICKET PACKAGES**

Special dinner packages include a pre-concert cocktail and dining party, premier seating at the concert, and access to the after-party in City Hall. The VIP Dinner Package also includes an invitation to the VIP Lounge at the after-party in City Hall. Buy online or call the Volunteer Council at (415) 503-5500 with questions about ticket packages.

**VIP Package**

Ticket price: \$1,000 per ticket/\$10,000 per table

Includes:

- Pre-concert cocktail reception and dining experience in City Hall starting at 5:30pm
- Premier seating in the Loge, Premier Orchestra, or Front Orchestra sections in Davies Symphony Hall for the concert
- VIP Lounge during the After-Party in City Hall

**Diva Package**

Ticket price: \$400 per ticket/\$4,000 per table

Includes:

- Pre-concert cocktail reception and dining experience in City Hall starting at 5:30pm
- Premium seating in the Orchestra section Davies Symphony Hall for the concert
- After-Party in City Hall

**Concert**

Ticket price: \$90-\$275

Includes:

- Pre-concert sparkling wine reception in Davies Symphony Hall starting at 7pm
- Concert ticket to Janelle Monáe & the San Francisco Symphony
- After-Party in City Hall

*Proceeds benefit the San Francisco Symphony's education and community programs, providing music education to more than 75,000 Bay Area children each year.*

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Friday, May 17 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 18 at 8 pm](#)

**Marek Janowski** conductor  
**Arabella Steinbacher** violin  
**Alban Gerhardt** cello  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Schumann** *Manfred* Overture, Opus 115  
**Brahms** Double Concerto in A minor, Opus 102  
**Schumann** Symphony No. 3, Opus 97, *Rhenish*

*Tickets: Open Rehearsal \$22-\$40; Concerts \$15-\$150*

## CHAMBER MUSIC WITH SF SYMPHONY MUSICIANS

Florence Gould Theatre at the Legion of Honor

[Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm](#)

**Alexander Barantschik** violin  
**Jonathan Vinocour** viola  
**Michael Grebanier** cello  
**Anton Nel** piano

**Beethoven** Piano Quartet in E-flat major, Opus 16  
~~**Barber** Cello Sonata in C minor, Opus 6~~  
**Schubert** *Arpeggione Sonata, D. 821*  
**Schumann** Piano Trio in D minor, Opus 63

*Tickets: \$54 (\$50 for Legion of Honor members)*

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm](#)

**Donato Cabrera** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra**

**Nathaniel Stookey** *Mahlerwerk*  
**Beethoven** Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Opus 67  
**Ligeti** *Atmosphères*  
**Ravel** *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No. 2

Tickets: \$12-\$45

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Wednesday, May 22 at 8 pm](#)

[Thursday, May 23 at 8 pm \(Green Music Center – Sonoma State University\)](#)

[Friday, May 24 at 6:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 25 at 8 pm](#)

**David Robertson** conductor

**Marc-André Hamelin** piano

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Carter** Variations for Orchestra

**Ravel** Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand

**Gershwin** *Rhapsody in Blue*

**Ravel** *La Valse*

Tickets: \$15-\$155

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Wednesday, May 29 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)

[Wednesday, May 29 at 8 pm](#)

[Thursday, May 30 at 2 pm](#)

[Friday, May 31 at 8 pm](#)

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

**Juraj Valčuha** conductor

**Gautier Capuçon** cello

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Dvořák** Cello Concerto in B minor, Opus 104

**Kodály** *Dances of Galánta*

**Bartók** Suite from *The Wooden Prince*, Opus 13

Tickets: Open Rehearsal \$22-\$40; Concerts \$15-\$146

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Saturday, June 1 at 8 pm](#)

**Juraj Valčuha** conductor

**Gautier Capuçon** cello

**San Francisco Symphony**

**Dvořák** Cello Concerto in B minor, Opus 104

**Dvořák** Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Opus 95, *From the New World*

Tickets: \$41-\$150

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Thursday, June 6 at 2 pm](#)  
[Friday, June 7 at 8 pm](#)  
[Saturday, June 8 at 8 pm](#)  
[Sunday, June 9 at 2 pm](#)

**Kirill Karabits** conductor  
**Alexander Barantschik** violin  
**Jonathan Vinocour** viola  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Honegger** *Pacific 231*  
**Britten** Double Concerto in B minor for Violin and Viola  
**Sibelius** Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 43

*Tickets: \$15-\$150*

## An evening with RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

[Sunday, June 9 at 8 pm](#)

**Rufus Wainwright** piano, guitar and vocals

*Please note: this is a solo performance; the San Francisco Symphony is not performing on this concert.*

*Tickets: \$20-\$88*

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Thursday, June 13 at 2 pm](#)  
[Friday, June 14 at 8 pm](#)  
[Saturday, June 15 at 8 pm](#)

**Roberto Abbado** conductor  
**Jonathan Biss** piano  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Schumann** *Genoveva* Overture, Opus 81  
**Schumann** Piano Concerto in A minor, Opus 54  
**Ivan Fedele** *Scena* (US Premiere)  
**Schubert** Symphony No. 3 in D major, D.200

*Tickets: \$15-\$150*

## A SUMMER CELEBRATION, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

[Monday, June 17 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor  
**Ragnar Bohlin** conductor  
**Gil Shaham** violin  
**Jean-Yves Thibaudet** piano

**Lisa Vroman** soprano  
**San Francisco Symphony and Chorus**  
Plus special guests

**Ligeti** *Lux Aeterna*  
**Ravel** Excerpts from Piano Concerto in G major  
**Tchaikovsky** Finale from Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 35  
**Rachmaninoff** Symphony No. 2, Opus 27, Allegro vivace  
**Rodgers/Hammerstein** Excerpts from *South Pacific*

*Tickets: \$37-\$146*

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

[Wednesday, June 19 at 10 am \(Open Rehearsal\)](#)  
[Wednesday June 19 at 8 pm](#)  
[Thursday, June 20 at 2 pm](#)

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

**Stravinsky** *Agon*  
**Stravinsky** Violin Concerto in D major  
**Stravinsky** *The Rite of Spring* [1947 revision]

*Tickets: Open Rehearsal \$22-\$40; Concerts \$34-\$156*

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

[Friday, June 21 at 6:30 pm](#)  
[Saturday, June 22 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor  
**Dmitri Pokrovsky Ensemble**  
**San Francisco Symphony**

**Traditional** Russian Folk Songs  
**Stravinsky** *Renard*  
**Stravinsky** *Les Noces*  
**Stravinsky** *The Rite of Spring* [1947 revision]

*Tickets: \$15-\$150*

**CHAMBER MUSIC WITH SF SYMPHONY MUSICIANS**

[Sunday, June 23 at 2 pm](#)

**Dalit Warshaw** *Transformations* for String Quartet and Theremin

**John Chishom** violin  
**Chunming Mo** violin  
**Yun Jie Liu** viola  
**Barbara Bogatin** cello

**Dalit Warshaw** theremin

**Dalit Warshaw** *Nizk'Orah* for Cello, Piano and Theremin

**Barbara Bogatin** cello  
**Robin Sutherland** piano  
**Dalit Warshaw** theremin

**Martinů** *Piano Quintet No. 1*

**Jonathan D. Fischer** oboe  
**John Chisholm** violin  
**Chunming Mo** violin  
**Yun Jie Liu** viola  
**Barbara Bogatin** cello  
**Robin Sutherland** piano

**Brahms** Piano Quartet in A major, Opus 26

**Nadya Tichman** violin  
**Katie Kadarau** viola  
**Michael Grebanier** cello  
**Marc Shapiro** piano

*Tickets: \$36*

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

[Thursday, June 27 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, June 28 at 8 pm\\*](#)

[Saturday, June 29 at 8 pm](#)

[Sunday, June 30 at 2 pm](#)

[Tuesday, July 2 at 8 pm](#)

**Michael Tilson Thomas** conductor  
**San Francisco Symphony and Chorus**

**Bernstein** *West Side Story*

*Tickets: \$34-\$160*

*\*Davies After Hours, a post-concert music event featuring Squid Inc., begins immediately following the Friday, June 28 concert in the Second Tier lobby-turned-lounge. Free to June 28 ticketholders.*

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