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# THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S 2023–24 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES PRESENTS EIGHT PERFORMANCES FEATURING ACCLAIMED SOLOISTS AND ENSEMBLES

Violinist Lisa Batiashvili, cellist Gautier Capuçon, and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet kick off 2023–24 Great Performers Series with special chamber music performance, October 15

Great Performers Series also features pianists Yefim Bronfman, Evgeny Kissin, Daniil Trifonov, and Yuja Wang; violinist Ray Chen; Joshua Bell & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields; and San Francisco Symphony Brass

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The San Francisco Symphony's 2023–24 Great Performers Series presents eight programs featuring world-class artists in solo recitals and ensemble performances at Davies Symphony Hall throughout the season. Featured artists include pianists Yefim Bronfman, Evgeny Kissin, Daniil Trifonov, and Yuja Wang; violinist Ray Chen; Joshua Bell & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields; San Francisco Symphony Brass; and violinist Lisa Batiashvili, cellist Gautier Capuçon, and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet in a chamber music performance.

Tickets for the 2023–24 Great Performers Series are available for purchase via <u>sfsymphony.org</u> or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415.864.6000.

The 2023–24 Great Performers Series kicks off on **October 15** as violinist Lisa Batiashvili, cellist Gautier Capuçon, and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet join forces for an evening of piano trios, including Joseph Haydn's Piano Trio No. 44 in E major, Maurice Ravel's Piano Trio, and Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 2. On **November 19**, pianist Daniil Trifonov performs Jean-Philippe Rameau's Suite in A minor, RCT 5; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 12 in F major, K.332; Felix Mendelssohn's *Variations sérieuses*; and Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 29 in B-flat major, Opus 106, *Hammerklavier*.

In the spring, members of the San Francisco Symphony's acclaimed brass section perform on March 10, and violinist Ray Chen presents a solo recital with pianist Julio Elizalde on March 24. Chen's program includes Igor Stravinsky's *Suite Italienne*; Francis Poulenc's Violin Sonata; Tomaso Antonio Vitali's Chaconne in G minor; Antonio Bazzini's *La Ronde des Lutins*, Opus 25; Johannes Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A major, arranged by Joseph Joachim; and Vittorio Monti's *Csárdás*. On April 7, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, led by violinist Joshua Bell, perform Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2.

The Great Performers Series concludes with three piano recitals, starting with Yefim Bronfman on April 21. The program features Franz Schubert's Piano Sonata in A minor, Opus 143, D.784; Robert Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien*, Opus 26; Esa-Pekka Salonen's *Sisar*; and Frédéric Chopin's Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Opus 58. On May 7, Evgeny Kissin performs Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 27 in E minor, Opus 90; Johannes Brahms' Four Ballades; Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Moments musicaux*; and Sergei Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor. Yuja Wang closes out the Great Performers Series with a recital performance on May 15.

# **CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:**

#### **Tickets**

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#### Location

Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

# **Health & Safety Information**

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## **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Batiashvili/Capuçon/Thibaudet Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 7:30pm

Lisa Batiashvili violin Gautier Capuçon cello Jean-Yves Thibaudet piano

JOSEPH HAYDN Piano Trio No. 44 in E major, Hob. XV/28

**MAURICE RAVEL Piano Trio** 

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Piano Trio No. 2

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/BATIASHVILI-CAPUCON-THIBAUDET

#### **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Piano Recital with Daniil Trifonov Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 7:30pm

Daniil Trifonov piano

JEAN-PHILIPPE RAMEAU Suite in A minor, RCT 5

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART Piano Sonata No. 12 in F major, K.332

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Variations sérieuses

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No. 29 in B-flat major, Opus 106, Hammerklavier

Ticket link: <a href="https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/DANIIL-TRIFONOV">https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/DANIIL-TRIFONOV</a>

# **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

**SF Symphony Brass** 

Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 7:30pm

Members of the San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/SF-SYMPHONY-BRASS

## **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Violin Recital with Ray Chen Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 7:30pm

Ray Chen violin Julio Elizalde piano

**IGOR STRAVINSKY** Suite Italienne

FRANCIS POULENC Violin Sonata

TOMASO ANTONIO VITALI Chaconne in G minor

ANTONIO BAZZINI La Ronde des Lutins, Opus 25

JOHANNES BRAHMS (arr. JOSEPH JOACHIM) Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A major

VITTORIO MONTI Csárdás

Ticket link: <a href="https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/RAY-CHEN">https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/RAY-CHEN</a>

### **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Joshua Bell & Academy of St Martin in the Fields Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 7:30pm

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

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto in E minor

**ROBERT SCHUMANN Symphony No. 2** 

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/JOSHUA-BELL-ASMF

## **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Piano Recital with Yefim Bronfman Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 7:30pm

Yefim Bronfman piano

FRANZ SCHUBERT Piano Sonata in A minor, Opus 143, D.784

ROBERT SCHUMANN Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Opus 26

**ESA-PEKKA SALONEN Sisar** 

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Opus 58

Ticket link: https://www.sfsvmphonv.org/Buv-Tickets/2023-24/YEFIM-BRONFMAN

## **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Piano Recital with Evgeny Kissin Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:30pm

Evgeny Kissin piano

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No. 27 in E minor, Opus 90

JOHANNES BRAHMS Ballades, Opus 10

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Six Moments Musicaux, Opus 16

SERGEI PROKOFIEV Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Opus 14

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/EVGENY-KISSIN

#### **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

Piano Recital with Yuja Wang Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:30pm

Yuja Wang piano

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2023-24/YUJA-WANG

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The May 7 concert is generously supported by the K. Hart Smith Fund.

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