

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The San Francisco Symphony is deeply committed to enriching and serving the vibrant cultural landscape of the Bay Area. The Orchestra performs a variety of free and low-cost family and community concerts throughout the year, offering the Bay Area broad opportunities to hear and experience orchestral music.

All San Francisco Concert



The San Francisco Symphony's annual All San Francisco Concert is a special Davies Symphony Hall performance for San Francisco social service and neighborhood organizations, in recognition and gratitude for the work these groups do to enrich the lives of and serve the citizens of San Francisco. Volunteers and employees from more than 100 community organizations, including La Casa de las Madres, Women's Audio Mission, First Exposures, Youth Law Center, and others are invited to this concert. The All San Francisco concert includes the presentation of the Ellen Magnin Newman Award to honor an outstanding local community-service organization.

Deck the Hall Community Day



San Francisco Symphony's Deck the Hall Community Day is a holiday tradition which treats 3,500 children from public programs to holiday concerts free of charge, with invitations extended to around 400 Bay Area public elementary school classrooms, child welfare agencies, child development centers, and community children's centers. Deck the Hall programs are created for students in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade and performances traditionally include participation from various Bay Area children's arts organizations, such as the San Francisco Boys Chorus, San Francisco Ballet School, and the Young Women's Choral Project, among others.

Free Community Chamber Concerts



The SFS further helps to make classical music accessible to San Francisco communities by offering a number of free concerts throughout the year. The Symphony brings free Community Chamber Concerts into spaces across the city, reaffirming its commitment to being San Francisco's orchestra. These concerts bring music and connection to new and diverse audiences, creating lasting partnerships that further impact Bay Area communities through music. Ensembles performed for a range of people at locations such as the San Francisco Botanical Gardens, the San Francisco LGBT Center, Portola Family Connections, and the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. The Community Chamber Concerts program continues in the 2019–20 season, as we continue to further strengthen community partnerships and explore new venues

throughout the city. In summer 2020, the Symphony also continues its tradition of performing at the Stern Grove Festival, an admission-free performing arts series that has taken place every summer since 1938 in Sigmund Stern Grove.

Día de los Muertos Community Concert



The San Francisco Symphony continues its long-standing commitment of providing compelling musical experiences that celebrate the vibrant cultural traditions of its community. The Symphony's Día de los Muertos and Chinese New Year events are made possible thanks to the ongoing support of the San Francisco Arts Commission. The Orchestra's annual Día de los Muertos community concerts are a multidimensional immersion in the colorful traditions of the Latin American Day of the Dead holiday. Each year these concerts come together with curator Martha Rodríguez-Salazar and various Bay Area Latin organizations and artists, which have included Casa Círculo Cultural, The Mexican Museum, and the Consulate General of Mexico in San Francisco.

To learn more, watch [this video](#) about the San Francisco Symphony's Día de los Muertos celebration.

Chinese New Year Concert & Emerald Banquet 20th Anniversary Celebration



In February, the SFS presents its annual Chinese New Year Concert & Emerald Banquet—a festive celebration that draws upon vibrant Asian traditions, featuring a performance of Eastern and Western repertoire by the Symphony and an array of family-friendly pre-concert entertainment. Pre-concert lobby activities include lion dancers, games, Chinese calligraphy, “lucky” red envelopes, as well as complimentary desserts, wine, and tea bars. Tickets can be purchased separately for the elegant and exciting Emerald Banquet, which follows the concert. Proceeds from the Emerald Banquet benefit the Symphony's myriad education and community programs.

Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the Symphony's Chinese New Year Concert & Emerald Banquet 20th Anniversary Celebration

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