

SF SYMPHONY

ESA-PEKKA SALONEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Contact:

Public Relations

San Francisco Symphony

415-503-5474

publicrelations@sfsymphony.org

www.sfsymphony.org/press

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / OCTOBER 4, 2022



(High-resolution images of the San Francisco Symphony and guest artist headshots are available for download from the [Online Photo Library](#).)

JURAJ VALČUHA CONDUCTS THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL, NOVEMBER 3, 4 & 6, 2022

Program includes the SF Symphony premiere of Hannah Kendall's *The Spark Catchers*, Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, and Sergei Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 2* featuring pianist Behzod Abduraimov

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Conductor Juraj Valčuha returns to lead the San Francisco Symphony in music by Hannah Kendall, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Sergei Prokofiev, November 3, 4 & 6 at Davies Symphony Hall. Opening the program is the SF Symphony premiere of Hannah Kendall's *The Spark Catchers*, commissioned and premiered at the BBC Proms in 2017. The work takes inspiration from a poem of the same title by Lemn Sissay and depicts the lives of women who worked in match factories in 19th-century Britain, always having to stay alert to catch any stray sparks that could ignite the factory. Next up, pianist Behzod Abduraimov joins Valčuha and the SF Symphony in a performance of Sergei Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Composed in 1912, the original version of the concerto was lost during the Russian Revolution, but Prokofiev rewrote it from memory and the work finally got its premiere in 1924, with

ESA-PEKKA SALONEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Prokofiev performing the solo part. The second half of the program is dedicated to Sergei Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances—the composer's final work—completed in 1940 and premiered a year later by the Philadelphia Orchestra.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets

Tickets for concerts at Davies Symphony can be purchased via [sfsymphony.org](https://www.sfsymphony.org) or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415-864-6000.

Location

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

Health & Safety Information

Davies Symphony Hall is currently operating at full audience capacity. Based on the advice of the San Francisco Symphony's Health and Safety Task Force, a face covering and vaccination against COVID-19 are strongly recommended but no longer required for entry into Davies Symphony Hall. These policies are subject to change. Visit [sfsymphony.org/safety](https://www.sfsymphony.org/safety) for the San Francisco Symphony's complete up-to-date health and safety protocols.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAL SERIES

Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances

[Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10am](#) [Open Rehearsal]

[Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Friday, November 4, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2pm](#)

[Juraj Valčuha](#) conductor

[Behzod Abduraimov](#) piano

San Francisco Symphony

HANNAH KENDALL *The Spark Catchers* [San Francisco Symphony Premiere]

SERGEI PROKOFIEV Piano Concerto No. 2

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Symphonic Dances

Tickets: \$20-165.

Ticket link: <https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2022-23/Rachmaninoff-Symphonic-Dance>

Broadcast / Archived Stream: A broadcast of these performances will air Tuesday, November 15 at 8pm on Classical KDFC 90.3 San Francisco, 104.9 San Jose, 89.9 Napa, and [kdfc.com](https://www.kdfc.com) where it will be available for on-demand streaming for 21 days following the broadcast.

Connect with the San Francisco Symphony on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [Soundcloud](#):



ESA-PEKKA SALONEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The San Francisco Symphony receives support from more than 8,500 individual donors and 250 partner institutions.

San Francisco Arts Commission is Lead Municipal Partner of the San Francisco Symphony.

Chevron is the inaugural Second Century Partner of the San Francisco Symphony.

Grants for the Arts is a Season Partner of the San Francisco Symphony.

Open rehearsals are endowed by a bequest from The Estate of Katharine Hanrahan.

The San Francisco Symphony's Official Radio Partner is KDFC, The Bay Area's Radio Home for Classical Music and the Arts.

San Francisco Chronicle is the Official Media Partner of the San Francisco Symphony.

- San Francisco Symphony -