



San Francisco Symphony concert cancellation information:

September 19–21 Verdi Requiem concerts canceled due to work stoppage by AGMA union chorus members

Due to a three-day work stoppage by the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) members of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, the Verdi Requiem concerts scheduled for September 19–21 have been canceled and will not be rescheduled. Patrons can obtain information on ticket exchanges by calling the Symphony Box Office at (415) 864-6000 and by visiting the Symphony’s website at sfsymphony.org.

Following negotiation sessions on Thursday, September 19, the union members of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus rejected a proposal from the San Francisco Symphony Administration for a one-year freeze on all contract terms, maintaining current wage levels for the AGMA Chorus members. Rather than continuing to rehearse and perform while bargaining, AGMA informed the Administration of their decision to strike this week’s performances of the Verdi Requiem.

The collective bargaining agreement for the AGMA union members of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus expired on Wednesday, July 31. Negotiating sessions between the administration and the union representing the Chorus have been ongoing since May 2024.

The administration’s proposal maintains current wage levels, compensating AGMA Choristers more than \$22,000 per year for 26 performances, 53 rehearsals, and 26 warm-up hours at a rate of \$131 per hour for performances and \$73 per hour for rehearsals. In the process of negotiations, the Administration has also tentatively agreed to 12 primarily non-financial contractual changes proposed by AGMA.

No further concerts have been canceled at this time.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY STATEMENT ON WORK STOPPAGE

“Our latest contract offer to the AGMA members of the SF Symphony Chorus is fair, equitable, and competitive. Our offer to maintain current wage levels reflects our commitment to the Chorus, especially in light of the challenging financial pressures this organization is currently facing. We’ve been transparent about our financial challenges—similar to many other arts organizations since the pandemic—and have been working with our union partners to try to collectively address those realities.

“Our Chorus, and each of its members, are an essential part of the Symphony. We have been engaged in good faith negotiations for a new contract and are extremely disappointed that AGMA has rejected the Administration’s contract proposal and decided instead to declare a strike. We’re saddened that we’ve been forced to cancel this week’s performances of Verdi’s Requiem and deeply regret the inconvenience to our patrons and the many other musicians, visiting artists, and staff that have worked hard to prepare these performances. We are eager to continue working with AGMA, and we are committed to reaching an agreement as soon as possible.”

INFORMATION FOR PATRONS WITH TICKETS TO CANCELED CONCERTS ON SEPTEMBER 19–21

The following options are available for those who have already purchased tickets to the September 19, 20, or 21 Verdi Requiem concerts:

- Exchange your ticket(s) for any future 2024–25 season performance.
- Exchange your ticket(s) for a gift certificate, which can be used at any time.
- Donate your ticket(s) and receive a tax deduction for the total ticket value.
- Receive a refund for the value of the ticket(s).

All requests for ticket donations, exchanges, gift certificates, and refunds must be received by August 31, 2025. For assistance, patrons may contact the Box Office by phone at 415-864-6000 or email at patronservices@sfsymphony.org.

At this time, no further concerts have been canceled. If future concerts are canceled due to an AGMA work stoppage, that information will be shared as soon as possible on the website sfsymphony.org. All ticketholders will be notified via email and recorded voicemail.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this difficult time.