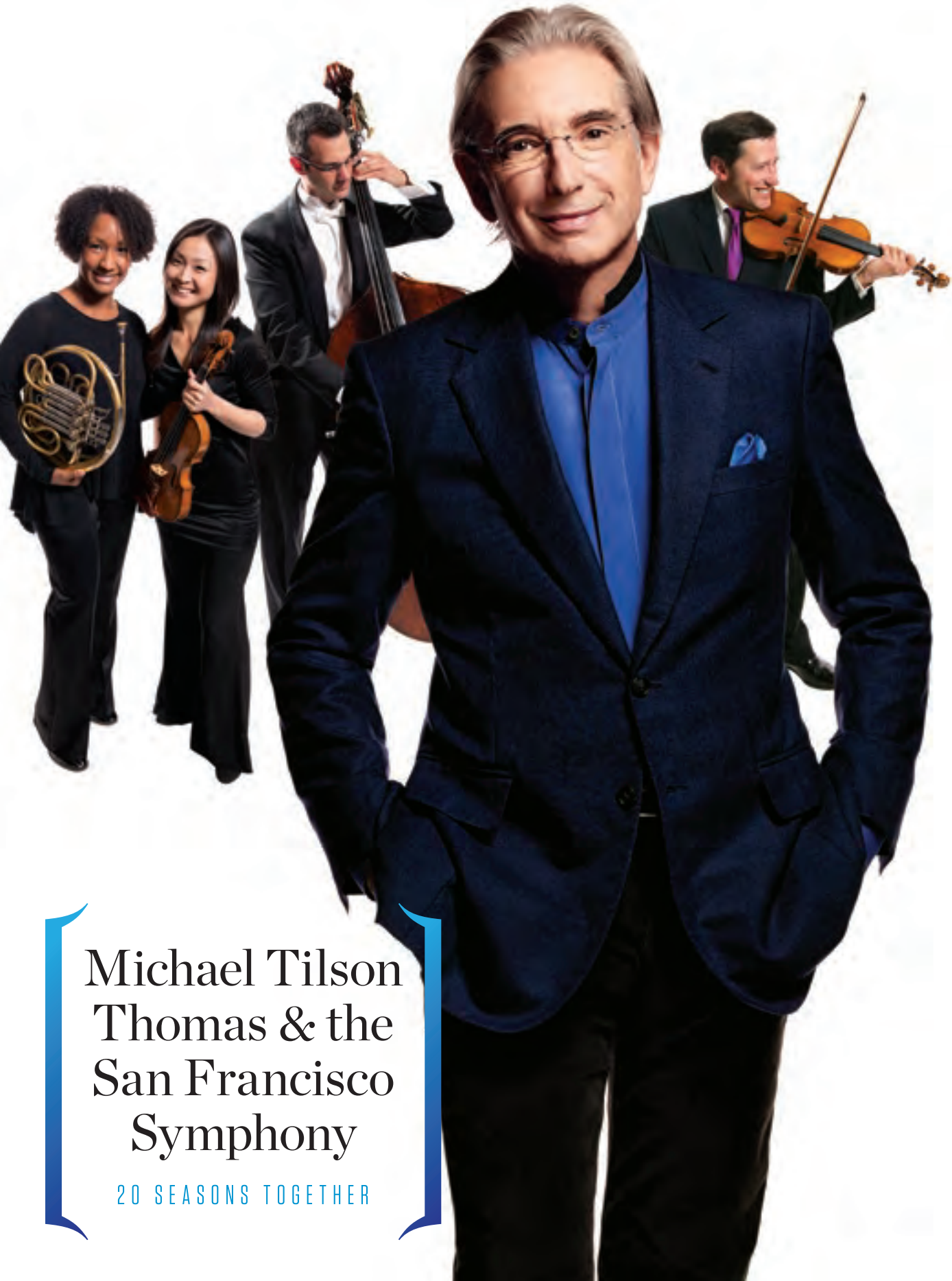




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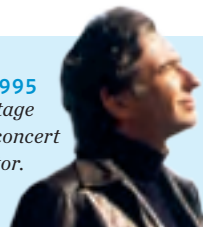
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MTT takes the stage to conduct his first concert as Music Director.

1995



MTT closes his first season with the ground-breaking American Festival, spanning two centuries of American composers, performed by American artists.

1996

Beethoven Festival



On a chilly December evening in 1808, the Viennese public huddled into the Theater an der Wien to hear new works by Beethoven. Four hours later, they had experienced the first public performances of the **Fourth Piano Concerto**, the **Choral Fantasy**, and the **Fifth and Sixth Symphonies**. On June 20, MTT recreates this historic concert, a grand excursion into the genius of Beethoven.

And that's only the beginning. For three weeks in June, Beethoven takes center stage. From a semi-staged production of the epic *Missa solemnis* to concert performances of Beethoven's only opera, *Fidelio*, starring an internationally renowned cast hand-selected by MTT, this festival is a true celebration of a genius who changed music forever.



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MISSA SOLEMNIS
JUN 10-13

THE PASTORAL SYMPHONY
JUN 17, 19

THE FIFTH SYMPHONY
JUN 18, 27

BEETHOVEN MARATHON
JUN 20

FIDELIO
JUN 25-26, 28

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MTT and the SFS complete their first tour of Asia, with 10 performances in Hong Kong and Japan.



In celebration of Gershwin's 100th birthday, MTT and the SFS perform season-opening Gershwin concerts at Carnegie Hall.



MTT and the SFS record Charles Ives: An American Journey with baritone Thomas Hampson.





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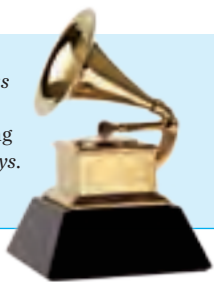
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The American Mavericks Festival debuts; Stravinsky Rite of Spring album wins three Grammys.



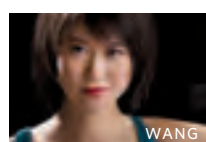
The SFS hosts its first Chinese New Year concert.



The SFS launches its free online music education website SFSKids.com.



70 MTT



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On January 15, 2015, join MTT and a dazzling array of guest stars for a spectacular concert, and surprises yet to be revealed. And maybe wear a touch of blue? It's the guest of honor's favorite color, after all.

MTT 70th Birthday Gala THU JAN 15 8PM

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- MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN
- JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET
- YUJA WANG

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Mahler 6, the first recording on the Orchestra's new in-house label, SFS Media, wins Grammy.



Keeping Score premieres on PBS with Tchaikovsky 4: The Making of a Performance.



MTT is named Gramophone Artist of the Year for his work on the SFS Mahler recording project.



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and wins a 2007 Peabody award.

2007

The SFS celebrates the
20th anniversary of
its music education program,
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2008



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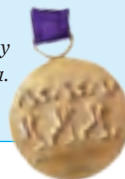
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- JAN 10** *The Godfather* US PREMIERE
- MAR 28** "Gotta Dance!" Great Moments of Dance in Film
- APR 25** Tan Dun's Martial Arts Trilogy

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The Mahler recording project is completed with Mahler 8, which later wins three Grammys.



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- NOV 8 **MTT & Gil Shaham** *Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No. 1* | *Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish* | *Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé*
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- FEB 21 **Brahms's A German Requiem** *Brahms's Selections from Chorale Preludes* | *"Why is Light Given"* | *A German Requiem*
- MAY 2 **Salonen conducts The Firebird** *Ravel's Mother Goose Suite* | *Esa-Pekka Salonen's Nyx* | *Stravinsky's The Firebird*
- MAY 16 **American Maverick: John Cage** *Cage's The Seasons and Renga*
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SIX CONCERTS AT 2PM

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- MAR 1 **MTT & Anne-Sophie Mutter** *J.L. Adams's The Light that Fills the World* | *Brahms's Violin Concerto* | *Schumann's Symphony No. 1, Spring*
- APR 19 **Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn**
Haydn's Symphony No. 44, Trauer | *Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme* | *Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements*
- MAY 10 **Mahler & Bernstein** *Bernstein's Symphony No. 2* | *Mahler's Symphony No. 4*
- MAY 31 **Dutoit conducts Pictures at an Exhibition**
Stravinsky's Jeu de cartes | *Elgar's Cello Concerto* | *Mussorgsky-Ravel's Pictures at an Exhibition*

SUN B Sunday Matinee B Package

SIX CONCERTS AT 2PM

- SEP 28 **MTT conducts Also sprach Zarathustra** *Foss's Then the Rocks on the Mountain Began to Shout* | *Ives's Three Places in New England* | *J. Strauss, Jr.'s By the Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz* | *Ligeti's Lux aeterna* | *R. Strauss's Also sprach Zarathustra*
- NOV 9 **Gil Shaham & the SFS** *Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No. 1* | *Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish* | *Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé*
- NOV 30 **Brahms's Second Symphony** *Griffes's The White Peacock* | *Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 3* | *Brahms's Symphony No. 2*
- JAN 18 **MTT conducts The Soldier's Tale** *John Adams's Grand Pianola Music* | *Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale*
- APR 12 **Joshua Bell & the SFS** *John Adams's Chamber Symphony* | *Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony No. 1* | *Beethoven's Violin Concerto*
- MAY 3 **Salonen conducts The Firebird** *Ravel's Mother Goose Suite* | *Esa-Pekka Salonen's Nyx* | *Stravinsky's The Firebird*

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TILSON THOMAS
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FRI SEP 5 8PM
SAT SEP 6 8PM

OPENING WEEK

MTT conducts Ravel & Stravinsky

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Benjamin Grosvenor piano
San Francisco Symphony

Tchaikovsky *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture
Ravel Piano Concerto in G major
Stravinsky *Circus Polka*
Prokofiev Excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet*



MTT and the SFS's recording of the Prokofiev wins the Grammy for Best Orchestral Performance—their first win together.

Celebrate the start of the new season as 21-year-old English piano sensation Benjamin Grosvenor performs Ravel's jazz-inspired Piano Concerto in G major. "Grosvenor's performance [is] so alluring, so alive to the music's poetry, so colorfully detailed," says London's *Daily Telegraph*. Plus, hear settings of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* by Tchaikovsky, as well as by Prokofiev.

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BEETHOVEN AND BATES

Piano Concerto No. 1 & *Alternative Energy*

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Leif Ove Andsnes piano
Mason Bates electronica
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven *The Consecration of the House* Overture
Mason Bates *Alternative Energy*
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1

“This is new music as you always hoped it would be—exciting, beautiful, surprising and full of a vivid sense of discovery.” —SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

The critically-acclaimed Beethoven/Bates Festival continues. Rich Scheinin of the *San Jose Mercury News* raves about the 13–14 Season concerts, "This is how it should be in the concert world, with a great orchestra showing (and enjoying) its command of repertory old and new." This season, the Beethoven is the Piano Concerto No. 1, with Leif Ove Andsnes, whom *Gramophone* credits with having "a palpable sense of discovery, of living the music." And Mason Bates returns to perform his undeniably original *Alternative Energy*, a treat for symphonic audiences everywhere.

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CARPENTER

THU **SEP 18** 2PM
 FRI **SEP 19** 8PM
 SAT **SEP 20** 8PM
 SUN **SEP 21** 2PM

MTT conducts Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Cameron Carpenter organ
San Francisco Symphony

Bach *Brandenburg* Concerto No. 3
Brant *Ice Field*
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5



Ice Field, which premiered with the SFS in 2001, is awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Music.

"It will never please the public," said Tchaikovsky of his Fifth Symphony. Yet its beautiful melodies have captivated audiences for more than a century. Michael Tilson Thomas leads the San Francisco Symphony in Tchaikovsky's passionate Fifth. And the 8,264 pipes of the Ruffatti concert organ boom under the wizardry of Cameron Carpenter. "Everything he touches turns fantastical," declares *The New York Times*.

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TILSON THOMAS

THU **SEP 25** 10AM
 KATHARINE HANRAHAN
 OPEN REHEARSAL

THU **SEP 25** 8PM
 FRI **SEP 26** 6:30PM
 SUN **SEP 28** 2PM

MTT conducts *Also sprach Zarathustra*

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Ragnar Bohlin conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Foss *Then the Rocks on the Mountain Began to Shout*
Ives *Three Places in New England*
J. Strauss, Jr. *By the Beautiful Blue Danube* Waltz
Ligeti *Lux aeterna*
R. Strauss *Also sprach Zarathustra*

R. Strauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra* must be experienced live to feel its astonishing force. Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of R. Strauss with this awe-inspiring work, a symphonic spectacular made famous in the film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Other works featured in 2001 as well as American masterpieces by Foss and Ives complete the program.

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OHLSSON

FRI **OCT 10** 10AM
 KATHARINE HANRAHAN
 OPEN REHEARSAL

FRI **OCT 10** 8PM
 SAT **OCT 11** 8PM
 SUN **OCT 12** 2PM

Garrick Ohlsson plays Rachmaninoff

Juraj Valčuha conductor
Garrick Ohlsson piano
San Francisco Symphony

Steven Stucky *Jeu de timbres*
Bartók *The Miraculous Mandarin*
Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3

"It was beauty that emerged from the piano," says the *Pittsburgh Tribune*, "thanks, of course, to Garrick Ohlsson's integrity and sterling technique." Ohlsson returns for Rachmaninoff's blazing Third Piano Concerto. And guest conductor Juraj Valčuha leads music of Pulitzer Prize-winner Steven Stucky, and Bartók's *The Miraculous Mandarin*.

The Oct 12 concert benefits the Orchestra's pension fund.

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FAUST



WED OCT 15 8PM

THU OCT 16 8PM
GREEN MUSIC CENTERFRI OCT 17 8PM
SAT OCT 18 8PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS

Ravishing Rachmaninoff

Stéphane Denève conductor

Isabelle Faust violin

San Francisco Symphony

Barber Adagio for Strings

Britten Violin Concerto

Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances

The music of Rachmaninoff has touched hearts for generations. Stéphane Denève conducts the Russian master's late, luxuriant Symphonic Dances. Barber's Adagio for Strings is one of the most popular compositions of the 20th century, for good reason. Its pathos and tension is at once tender and irresistible. And the captivating Isabelle Faust plays Britten's blistering Violin Concerto. "Her sound has passion, grit, and electricity," says *The New York Times*.

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ZACHARIAS



WED OCT 22 10AM

KATHARINE HANRAHAN
OPEN REHEARSALWED OCT 22 8PM
THU OCT 23 2PM
FRI OCT 24 6:30PMCopland's *Appalachian Spring*

Christian Zacharias conductor and pianist

San Francisco Symphony

Copland *Appalachian Spring*

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 20

Feldman *Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety*

Haydn Symphony No. 93

Beethoven admired Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 for its elegance, beauty, and tenderness. One of music's foremost Mozart performers, Christian Zacharias, leads the San Francisco Symphony from the keyboard in this masterwork. From the podium, Zacharias conducts Haydn's sparkling Symphony No. 93, and Copland's joyous *Appalachian Spring*.

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BARANTSCHIK

THU OCT 23 8PM
SAT OCT 25 8PM

Barantschik plays Vivaldi & Bach

Alexander Barantschik leader and violin

Dan Carlson violin

Robin Sutherland piano

San Francisco Symphony

Vivaldi Summer from *The Four Seasons*

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 3

J.S. Bach Concerto for Two Violins

Tchaikovsky *Souvenir de Florence*

2001

Alexander Barantschik begins his first season as Concertmaster of the SFS.

“One of those performances that remind you how superbly the Symphony's musicians can play in a chamber setting.” —SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Concertmaster Alexander Barantschik and the strings of the San Francisco Symphony perform spirited Vivaldi, with Summer from his *The Four Seasons*. Plus, J.S. Bach's Concerto for Two Violins and Third Keyboard Concerto, and Tchaikovsky's romantic *Souvenir de Florence* showcase the musicians' trademark virtuosity.

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TILSON THOMAS

WED **OCT 29** 8PM
THU **OCT 30** 8PM
SAT **NOV 1** 8PM

MTT conducts Mahler 7

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Mahler Symphony No. 7

2007

The SFS's recording of Mahler's 7th, with MTT conducting, wins two Grammys.

Mahler's Seventh is his "return to life," a grand masterpiece that sings to the stars, and glows with the moon. Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony perform Mahler's luminous symphony. Experience their Grammy-winning Mahler live, in concert. "[It is] the most exciting Mahler combination anywhere," raves the *Los Angeles Times*.

Please note there is no intermission.

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SHAHAM

THU **NOV 6** 8PM
FRI **NOV 7** 8PM
SUN **NOV 9** 2PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS Gil Shaham & the SFS

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

Liszt *Mephisto Waltz* No. 1
Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5, *Turkish*
Ravel *Daphnis et Chloé*

Gil Shaham joins MTT and the San Francisco Symphony as soloist in Mozart's delightful *Turkish* Violin Concerto. And MTT conducts Ravel's sensuous *Daphnis et Chloé* and Liszt's demonic *Mephisto Waltz* No. 1.

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SHAHAM

SAT **NOV 8** 8PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS MTT & Gil Shaham

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

Samuel Carl Adams *Drift and Providence*
Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2
Ravel *Daphnis et Chloé*

"Resplendent," raves the *Los Angeles Times* of violinist Gil Shaham. "The performance of a lifetime." Gil Shaham joins Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony for Prokofiev's violin concerto. And MTT conducts Ravel's sensuous *Daphnis et Chloé*.

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MÄLKKI



SAT NOV 29 8PM

SUN NOV 30 2PM

THANKSGIVING WEEK

Brahms's Second Symphony

Susanna Mälkki conductor

Jeremy Denk piano

San Francisco Symphony

Griffes *The White Peacock*

Bartók Piano Concerto No. 3

Brahms Symphony No. 2

Thanksgiving weekend is always special at Davies Symphony Hall, even more so with Jeremy Denk at the keyboard. "Denk [plays] with tremendous verve and contagious brilliance," reports the *Los Angeles Times*. Hear him in Bartók's delicate Third Piano Concerto. Then, Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki leads Brahms's Second Symphony.

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GLOVER



FRI DEC 19 8PM

Handel's *Messiah*

Jane Glover conductor

Yulia van Doren soprano

Leah Wool mezzo-soprano

Nicholas Phan tenor

Troy Cook baritone

San Francisco Symphony Chorus

San Francisco Symphony

Handel *Messiah*

Celebrate the holidays with one of classical music's most beloved traditions, as acclaimed Baroque specialist Jane Glover returns to conduct Handel's *Messiah*. This splendid oratorio features some of the most popular refrains in Western music, including the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. A wonderful musical evening—not to be missed!

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ADDITIONAL CONCERTS

Dec 18, 20

Plan ahead for this holiday tradition, sure to sell out.



TILSON THOMAS



FRI JAN 16 6:30PM

SAT JAN 17 8PM

SUN JAN 18 2PM

MTT conducts *The Soldier's Tale*

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor

San Francisco Symphony

John Adams *Grand Pianola Music*Stravinsky *The Soldier's Tale*

1982

Grand Pianola Music is premiered by the SFS and features SFS keyboardist Robin Sutherland.

This is the story of a soldier, deceived by the devil, with music by Stravinsky. The captivating tale is brought to life by a special guest narrator.

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BRONFMAN

WED JAN 21 8PM
THU JAN 22 2PM
FRI JAN 23 8PM

Bronfman plays Brahms

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Yefim Bronfman piano
San Francisco Symphony

Berg Three Pieces for Orchestra
Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2

"Yefim Bronfman is a virtuoso with chops that defy comparison," says *The New York Times*. Bronfman plays Brahms's lyrical Second Piano Concerto. And MTT leads Berg's Three Pieces for Orchestra, which was dedicated "in immeasurable gratitude and love" to Berg's teacher and friend Arnold Schoenberg.

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LABADIE

THU JAN 29 2PM
FRI JAN 30 8PM
SAT JAN 31 8PM

Mozart & More with the SFS

Bernard Labadie conductor
Lydia Teuscher soprano
San Francisco Symphony

J.S. Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3
Mozart Rondo, "Al desio, di chi t'adora," from *The Marriage of Figaro*
Mozart "Ruhe sanft, mein holdes Leben" from *Zaide*
J.S. Bach Wedding Cantata, BWV 202
Mozart Symphony No. 31, *Paris*

Mozart master Bernard Labadie and the San Francisco Symphony explore Mozart's lively *Paris* Symphony along with music of J.S. Bach, including a moving cantata showcasing a single voice. Plus, J.S. Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, featuring the tender *Air on the G String*.

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SERKIN

THU FEB 12 10AM
KATHARINE HANRAHAN
OPEN REHEARSAL
THU FEB 12 8PM
GREEN MUSIC CENTER
FRI FEB 13 8PM
SAT FEB 14 8PM

Peter Serkin plays Mozart

Herbert Blomstedt conductor
Peter Serkin piano
San Francisco Symphony

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 19
Sibelius Symphony No. 2

Peter Serkin plays "as if channeling the music from another realm," says *The New York Times*. Serkin joins Herbert Blomstedt for Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 19. These concerts also feature Sibelius's exhilarating Second Symphony, a Blomstedt specialty.

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Herbert Blomstedt, Conductor Laureate of the SFS, is music director from 1985 to 1995.

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ZIESAK



THU **FEB 19** 8PM
 FRI **FEB 20** 8PM
 SAT **FEB 21** 8PM

Brahms's *A German Requiem*

Herbert Blomstedt conductor
Ragnar Bohlin conductor
Ruth Ziesak soprano
Christian Gerhaher baritone
Jonathan Dimmock organ
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Brahms Selections from Chorale Preludes
Brahms Motet, "Why is Light Given"
Brahms *A German Requiem*

It was a work Brahms labored over for a dozen years. Consoled by the psalms, the gospels, and the prophets, he set their words to his music—music that would be his grandest, perhaps even his greatest. Herbert Blomstedt leads Brahms's poetic biblical settings, *A German Requiem*. The concert begins with selections from Brahms's late Chorale Preludes performed on the Ruffatti organ.

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MUTTER



THU **FEB 26** 8PM
 FRI **FEB 27** 8PM
 SAT **FEB 28** 8PM
 SUN **MAR 1** 2PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS

MTT & Anne-Sophie Mutter

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Anne-Sophie Mutter violin
San Francisco Symphony

1996

Anne-Sophie Mutter is soloist on MTT's first tour with the SFS.

J.L. Adams *The Light that Fills the World*
Brahms Violin Concerto
Schumann Symphony No. 1, *Spring*

"The undisputed queen of violin playing," says *The Times* of London of Anne-Sophie Mutter, who plays Brahms's impassioned Violin Concerto. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Schumann's First Symphony and J.L. Adams's celestial *The Light that Fills the World*.

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ADÈS



THU **MAR 5** 8PM
 FRI **MAR 6** 6:30PM
 SAT **MAR 7** 8PM

Adès & Upshaw

Thomas Adès conductor
Dawn Upshaw soprano
Kirill Gerstein piano
Tal Rosner video artist
San Francisco Symphony

Ives *The Unanswered Question*
Milhaud *La Création du monde*
Sibelius *Luonnotar*
Thomas Adès *In Seven Days* (with video)

Dawn Upshaw "sings with beguiling beauty," says *The New York Times*. "New music should take you to new places, via soundscapes of feeling you hadn't thought could exist. That's something Thomas Adès does in every piece," proclaims *The Guardian* of London. Be there for the fusion of two of music's most creative forces.

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KOOPMAN



WED **MAR 11** 10AM

KATHARINE HANRAHAN
OPEN REHEARSAL

WED **MAR 11** 8PM

THU **MAR 12** 2PM

FRI **MAR 13** 8PM

SAT **MAR 14** 8PM

Handel & Haydn

Ton Koopman conductor

Nadya Tichman violin

Amos Yang cello

Stephen Paulson bassoon

San Francisco Symphony

Handel *Royal Fireworks Music*

Haydn Sinfonia concertante

Haydn Symphony No. 103, *Drumroll*

The thrilling *Royal Fireworks Music* sets off this two-week celebration of Handel and Haydn. Members of the San Francisco Symphony take center stage for Haydn's exquisite Sinfonia concertante. Then, Ton Koopman conducts Haydn's *Drumroll* Symphony.

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INOUYE



WED **MAR 18** 8PM

FRI **MAR 20** 8PM

SAT **MAR 21** 8PM

Koopman conducts Haydn

Ton Koopman conductor

Mark Inouye trumpet

San Francisco Symphony

Handel *Water Music* Suite No. 1

Haydn Trumpet Concerto

Haydn Symphony No. 98

Beethoven struggled to complete just nine. Brahms could manage only four. But it was Haydn, before them, who produced an astonishing 104 symphonies, defining the form as we know it in the process. Ton Koopman conducts Haydn's Symphony No. 98 plus Suite No. 1 from Handel's graceful *Water Music*.

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BYCHKOV



WED **MAR 25** 8PM

THU **MAR 26** 2PM

FRI **MAR 27** 8PM

Bychkov conducts Bruckner

Semyon Bychkov conductor

San Francisco Symphony

Bruckner Symphony No. 8

Epic in its scope. Unrivaled in its majesty. Semyon Bychkov leads Bruckner's colossal Eighth Symphony, among the most profound ever written, and hailed in its time by composer Hugo Wolf as "the absolute victory of light over darkness."

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BELL



THU **APR 9** 2PM

FRI **APR 10** 6:30PM

SAT **APR 11** 8PM

SUN **APR 12** 2PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS

Joshua Bell & the SFS

Pablo Heras-Casado conductor

Joshua Bell violin

San Francisco Symphony

John Adams Chamber Symphony

Schoenberg Chamber Symphony No. 1

Beethoven Violin Concerto

The *Boston Herald* declares his playing as "direct, honest, and a joy to hear." Audiences around the globe have cheered the phenomenal Joshua Bell. Now see him in concert with the San Francisco Symphony, performing Beethoven's towering Violin Concerto.

BUY THIS CONCERT IN: **THU MD** **FRI 6:30** **SAT A** **SUN B**



HERAS-CASADO

THU **APR 16** 10AM
KATHARINE HANRAHAN
OPEN REHEARSAL

THU **APR 16** 8PM
GREEN MUSIC CENTER

SAT **APR 18** 8PM
SUN **APR 19** 2PM

Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn

Pablo Heras-Casado conductor

Igor Levit piano

San Francisco Symphony

Haydn Symphony No. 44, *Trauer*

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 9, *Jeunehomme*

Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements

Pablo Heras-Casado continues his exploration of revolutionary moments in music, from the early days of the symphony and concerto with Haydn's expressive No. 44 and Mozart's exquisite *Jeunehomme* to the exhilarating neo-classicism of a Stravinsky landmark. Titanic Russian-German keyboard talent Igor Levit, described by *The Guardian* as "an exciting prospect: an artist who has something to say, and the technical means with which to say it," makes his San Francisco debut in the Mozart.

BUY THIS CONCERT IN: **OPEN** **GMC** **SAT C** **SUN A**



CHEN

THU **APR 23** 2PM
FRI **APR 24** 8PM

Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto

Vasily Petrenko conductor

Sa Chen piano

San Francisco Symphony

Barber Overture to *The School for Scandal*

Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2

Shostakovich Symphony No. 12, *The Year 1917*

He was plagued by self-doubt, and had abandoned his music. But when inspired to compose again, Sergei Rachmaninoff wrote the music that would make him immortal. Internationally renowned Chinese pianist Sa Chen performs Rachmaninoff's ardent Second Piano Concerto. And Vasily Petrenko conducts Shostakovich's vibrant, technicolor Twelfth Symphony, depicting the events of the 1917 Russian Revolution.

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SALONEN

THU **APR 30** 2PM
FRI **MAY 1** 8PM
SAT **MAY 2** 8PM
SUN **MAY 3** 2PM

Salonen conducts *The Firebird*

Esa-Pekka Salonen conductor

San Francisco Symphony

Ravel *Mother Goose Suite*

Esa-Pekka Salonen *Nyx*

Stravinsky *The Firebird*

2009

Concert footage of Stravinsky's *The Firebird* is featured on *MTT* and the *SFS*'s Keeping Score: Stravinsky DVD.

An enchanted tale that has enraptured generations, the first masterpiece of a musical genius. Experience Stravinsky's *The Firebird* under the vibrant baton of Esa-Pekka Salonen, who also leads the San Francisco Symphony in his own acclaimed music.

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THIBAUDET

THU **MAY 7** 8PM
 FRI **MAY 8** 8PM
 SAT **MAY 9** 8PM
 SUN **MAY 10** 2PM

Mahler & Bernstein

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Susanna Phillips soprano
Jean-Yves Thibaudet piano
San Francisco Symphony

Bernstein *Symphony No. 2, The Age of Anxiety*
Mahler *Symphony No. 4*

“The symphony must be like the world. It must contain everything,” said Gustav Mahler. In his heartfelt *Symphony No. 4*, he reveals his world through the innocence of a child. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Mahler’s heart-rending Fourth Symphony. Jean-Yves Thibaudet returns for Bernstein’s Second Symphony, capturing the anxiety of its time in music that veers between symphony and concerto.

BUY THIS CONCERT IN: **THU B** **FRI F** **SAT B** **SUN A**



JANSEN

THU **MAY 14** 2PM
 FRI **MAY 15** 8PM

BRILLIANT VIOLINS

Janine Jansen plays Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Janine Jansen violin
Peabody Southwell mezzo-soprano
Matthew Newlin tenor
Luca Pisaroni bass-baritone
San Francisco Symphony

Cage *The Seasons*
Mendelssohn *Violin Concerto*
Stravinsky *Pulcinella*

“Janine Jansen is a player that you follow wherever she leads,” states *The Times* of London. “Simple, unaffected magic. The audience sat spellbound.” The incredible Jansen joins MTT for Mendelssohn’s beloved Violin Concerto. These concerts also feature Stravinsky’s *Pulcinella*, his homage to early composer Pergolesi.

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TILSON THOMAS

SAT **MAY 16** 8PM

American Maverick: John Cage

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Cage *The Seasons*
Cage *Renga* (with video)



In his first season as Music Director, MTT leads the SFS and members of the Grateful Dead in Cage’s *Renga*.

For the American Bicentennial, John Cage delivered an ambitious commemoration. *Renga* spills over a vast symphonic canvas, its scale and length determined not by the composer but by the performers themselves. *Renga* is more than a piece. It is hypnotic, ecstatic. It is an experience that comes around all too rarely, more vital now than its boundary-shattering series of premieres in 1976.

Video production by the New World Symphony, America’s Orchestral Academy, developed in collaboration with the John Cage Trust.

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FRI **MAY 22** 6:30PMSAT **MAY 23** 8PM

Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor**Alexander Barantschik** violin**Jonathan Vinocour** viola**San Francisco Symphony****Samuel Carl Adams** *New work***Mozart** Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola**Bartók** Concerto for Orchestra

1995

The SFS wins a Grammy
for its recording of Bartók's
Concerto for Orchestra.

SFS principal musicians Alexander Barantschik and Jonathan Vinocour are soloists in Mozart's magnificent Sinfonia concertante, a virtuosic double concerto for violin and viola. Then MTT conducts a concerto showcasing the entire San Francisco Symphony: Bartók's masterpiece, the Concerto for Orchestra.

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CAPUÇON

WED **MAY 27** 8PMTHU **MAY 28** 2PMFRI **MAY 29** 8PMSAT **MAY 30** 8PMSUN **MAY 31** 2PM

Dutoit conducts *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Charles Dutoit conductor**Gautier Capuçon** cello**San Francisco Symphony****Stravinsky** *Jeu de cartes***Elgar** Cello Concerto**Mussorgsky-Ravel** *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Few works match it for orchestral color, sonic impact, or sheer excitement. And no work displays the virtuosity of the San Francisco Symphony like *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Experience it live along with Elgar's haunting Cello Concerto.

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THU **JUN 4** 10AMKATHARINE HANRAHAN
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Spanish Seductions

Charles Dutoit conductor**Isabel Leonard** mezzo-soprano (Concepción)**Jean-Paul Fouchécourt** tenor (Torquemada)**Benjamin Hulett** tenor (Gonzalve)**Jean-Luc Ballestra** baritone (Ramiro)**David Wilson-Johnson** baritone (Don Iñigo Gomez)**Javier Pieranes** piano**San Francisco Symphony****Ravel** *Alborada del gracioso***Falla** *Nights in the Gardens of Spain***Ravel** *L'Heure espagnole*

Concepción is married to a dull clockmaker, and hides her lovers in an array of grandfather clocks. Such is the premise of Ravel's delightful *L'Heure espagnole*. Dutoit conducts music inspired by the intoxicating rhythms of Spain.

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COOKE

WED JUN 10 8PM
THU JUN 11 8PM
FRI JUN 12 8PM
SAT JUN 13 8PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL

Beethoven's *Missa solennis*

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Joëlle Harvey soprano
Sasha Cooke mezzo-soprano (6/10, 6/11, 6/13)
Tamara Mumford mezzo-soprano (6/12)
Brandon Jovanovich tenor
Shenyang bass-baritone
Michael Levine director and designer
Finn Ross video designer
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven *Missa solennis*

It is one of Beethoven's last works, and one of his greatest. He labored over it for five years, then wrote on the completed score, "From the heart; may it go to the heart!" Michael Tilson Thomas reimagines Beethoven's epic *Missa solennis* in semi-staged performances, a new telling of perhaps the composer's most personal and profound statement.

These performances are a co-production with the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

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MATTILA

WED JUN 17 8PM
FRI JUN 19 8PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL

Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Karita Mattila soprano
Jonathan Biss piano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Overture to *The Creatures of Prometheus*
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4
Beethoven *Ah! perfido*
Beethoven Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*

This is Beethoven at peace, inspired by the music of nature. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the *Pastoral* alongside other works that Beethoven premiered with this symphony, including the flawless Piano Concerto No. 4, with Jonathan Biss.

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BISS

THU JUN 18 8PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony & Jonathan Biss

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Jonathan Biss piano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Symphony No. 5
Beethoven Sanctus from Mass in C major
Beethoven Piano Fantasy in G minor
Beethoven Choral Fantasy

2011
The SFS's recording of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Piano Concerto No. 4 is released on SFS Media.

No other musical statement can match its raw power and bracing energy. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Beethoven's Fifth alongside other works that premiered with this symphony, including the stirring Choral Fantasy. Also on the program, the G minor Piano Fantasy with Jonathan Biss.

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TILSON THOMAS
SAT JUN 20 7PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven Marathon

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Karita Mattila soprano
Jonathan Biss piano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

First Half (7pm)

Beethoven Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*
Beethoven *Ah! perfido*
Beethoven Kyrie and Gloria from
Mass in C major
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4

On a chilly December evening in 1808, Viennese huddled into the Theater an der Wien to hear new works of Beethoven. Four hours later, they had experienced the world premieres of the Fourth Piano Concerto, the Choral Fantasy, and the Fifth and Sixth Symphonies. MTT recreates this historic concert, an epic excursion into the genius of Beethoven.

Please note there are two intermissions.

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Beethoven Marathon

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Second Half (9:30pm)

Beethoven Symphony No. 5
Beethoven Sanctus from Mass in C major
Beethoven Piano Fantasy in G minor
Beethoven Choral Fantasy



STEMME
THU JUN 25 8PM
FRI JUN 26 8PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Fidelio

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Nina Stemme soprano (Leonore)
Brandon Jovanovich tenor (Florestan)
Joëlle Harvey soprano (Marzelline)
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven *Fidelio*

"Of all my spiritual children, this is the one that cost me the worst birth pangs," said Beethoven of his only opera *Fidelio*. "For that reason, it is the one most dear to me." The story of one woman's heroic struggle to rescue her husband from unjust imprisonment, *Fidelio* occupied Beethoven for nearly a decade. He rewrote it twice to fashion a powerful, inspiring allegory of love and courage. Michael Tilson Thomas has assembled an internationally renowned cast—headed by Nina Stemme—to perform this concert version of Beethoven's *Fidelio*.

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TILSON THOMAS
SAT JUN 27 8PM

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Beethoven's Fifth Symphony

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Program to include:

Beethoven Symphony No. 5

No other musical statement can match its raw power and bracing energy. Be there at Davies Symphony Hall as Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony perform Beethoven's Fifth.

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- JAN 11 **Emanuel Ax in Recital** *Debussy's Estampes* | *Rameau's Pièces de clavecin* | *Debussy's Images, Series 1* | *Chopin's Four Scherzi*
- JAN 25 **All Brahms with Iván Fischer & the Budapest Festival Orchestra** *Brahms's Symphony No. 1* | *Brahms's Symphony No. 3*
- FEB 15 **András Schiff in Recital** *Haydn's Piano Sonata No. 60* | *Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 30* | *Mozart's Piano Sonata in C major K.545* | *Schubert's Piano Sonata in C minor*
- MAR 16 **Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields** *Stravinsky's Concerto in D major for String Orchestra* | *J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto No. 1* | *J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto No. 5* | *Stravinsky's Apollon musagète*
- MAR 22 **MTT and the London Symphony Orchestra** *Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes* | *Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 1* | *Sibelius's Symphony No. 2*

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- OCT 12 **Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra** *Dvořák's The Noonday Witch* | *Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3* | *Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, Pathétique*
- FEB 16 **Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra** *Ravel's Piano Concerto in G major* | *Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5*
- FEB 22 **András Schiff plays Beethoven** *Mozart's Piano Sonata in B-flat major* | *Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 31* | *Haydn's Piano Sonata No. 61* | *Schubert's Piano Sonata in A major*
- MAR 23 **Michael Tilson Thomas & the London Symphony Orchestra** *Colin Matthews's Hidden Variables* | *Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F* | *Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5*
- APR 19 **Myung Whun-Chung & the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra** *Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor* | *Brahms's Symphony No. 4*
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Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra

SUN
OCT 12
7PM

Vladimir Jurowski conductor
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet piano
London Philharmonic Orchestra

Dvořák *The Noonday Witch*
Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3
Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6, Pathétique*

Following last year's "thrilling" appearance with the San Francisco Symphony, Vladimir Jurowski, a regular guest conductor with some of the world's best orchestras, visits San Francisco this time with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, performing music from his homeland of Russia. "As one now expects from Jurowski, there was a white-knuckle tension in Tchaikovsky, and a real sense of a wild and tragic story recounted with entrancing detail, vivid color, and pace," declares *The Times* of London.

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Jurowski & the London Philharmonic Orchestra

MON
OCT 13
8PM

Vladimir Jurowski conductor
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet piano
London Philharmonic Orchestra

Magnus Lindberg Chorale
Rachmaninoff *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*
Shostakovich *Symphony No. 8*

Together the LPO and Jurowski are receiving international acclaim. "The climaxes Jurowski built raged with a meticulous fury," says *The Boston Globe*. "The sound balanced just right between fullness and bite, in the way that Shostakovich's music demands."

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Emanuel Ax in Recital

SUN
JAN 11
7PM

Emanuel Ax piano

Debussy *Estampes*
Rameau *Pièces de clavecin*
Debussy *Images, Series 1*
Chopin Four Scherzi

The Washington Post describes his artistry as "thoughtful, lyrical, lustrous." And the *Los Angeles Times* reports, "time felt as though it stood still. The experience was exceptional."

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All Brahms with Iván Fischer & the Budapest Festival Orchestra

SUN
JAN 25
7PM

Iván Fischer conductor
Budapest Festival Orchestra

Brahms *Symphony No. 1*
Brahms *Symphony No. 3*

"For sheer blinding energy, nothing has come anywhere near the Budapest Festival Orchestra," reports *The Telegraph* of London. "Excitement turned into exaltation." Iván Fischer and the Budapest Festival Orchestra have become one of music's most potent partnerships, winning praise around the globe. Hear them in concert in Brahms's powerful First and Third Symphonies.

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András Schiff's survey of Beethoven sonatas at Davies Symphony Hall left audiences standing and cheering. Now he returns with Beethoven's last two piano sonatas.

András Schiff in Recital

SUN
FEB 15
2PM

András Schiff piano

Haydn Piano Sonata No. 60
Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 30
Mozart Piano Sonata in C major, K.545
Schubert Piano Sonata in C minor

For his first of two late Beethoven recitals, Schiff plays the poetic Sonata No. 30, surrounded by sonatas of Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert.

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András Schiff plays Beethoven

SUN
FEB 22
7PM

András Schiff piano

Mozart Piano Sonata in B-flat major
Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 31
Haydn Piano Sonata No. 61
Schubert Piano Sonata in A major

For his second late Beethoven program, Schiff performs the penultimate sonata, No. 31. Sonatas by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert complete the concert.

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András Schiff's performances are co-presented by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Performances.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

MON
FEB 16
8PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conductor
Hélène Grimaud piano
Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

Ravel Piano Concerto in G major
Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

"Sizzling!" raves *The Independent* of Yannick Nézet-Séguin and the

Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra's performance at The Proms. "Ferociously impressive!" Hélène Grimaud is the soloist in Ravel's jazzy Piano Concerto, one of her specialties. The program concludes with Prokofiev's blockbuster Fifth Symphony.

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Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields

MON
MAR 16
8PM

Stravinsky Concerto in D major for String Orchestra

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 1
J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 5
Stravinsky *Apollon musagète* (*Apollo*)

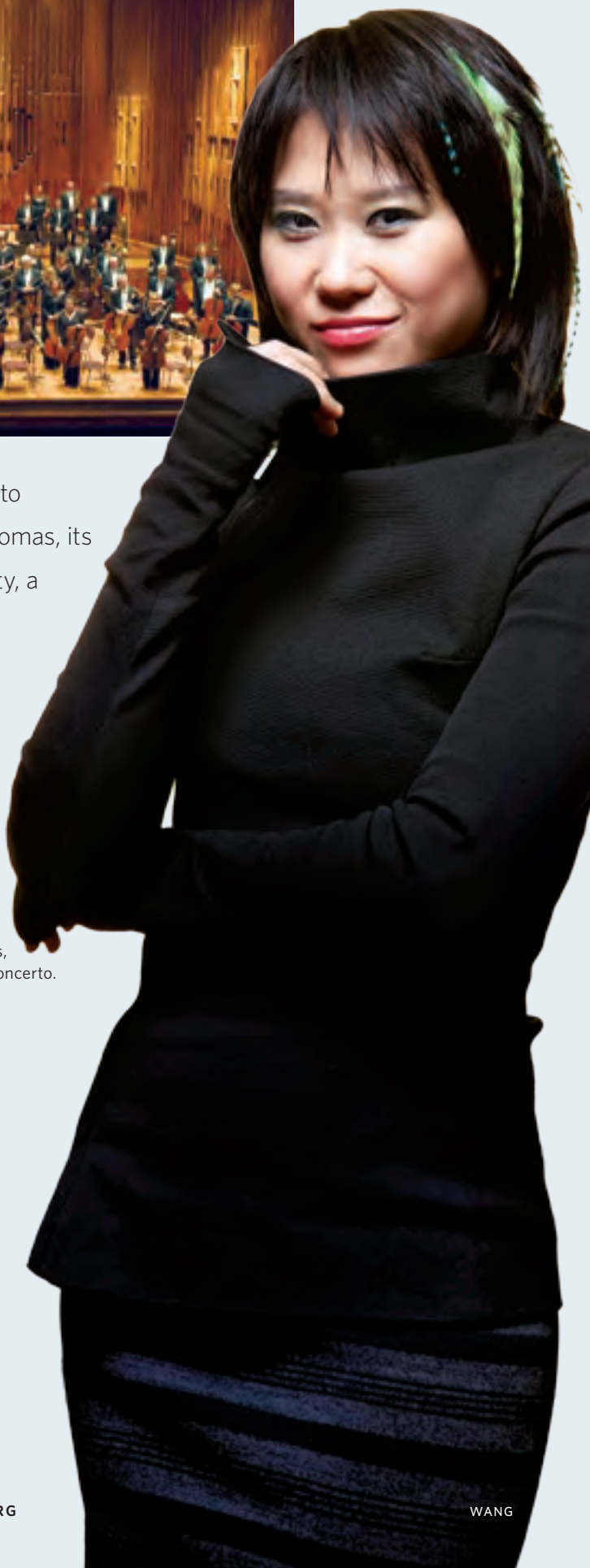
His Bach performances are "a revealing journey into the soul," states *The*

Washington Post. Jeremy Denk's survey of Bach's concertos with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields concludes with the First and Fifth Concertos, complemented by masterpieces of Stravinsky.

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The London Symphony Orchestra comes to San Francisco to honor Michael Tilson Thomas, its Principal Guest Conductor, in his home city, a highlight in this anniversary season.

Michael Tilson Thomas & the London Symphony Orchestra

SUN
MAR 22
7PM

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Yuja Wang piano
London Symphony Orchestra

Britten Four Sea Interludes from *Peter Grimes*

Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 1
Sibelius Symphony No. 2

The LSO performs Sibelius's stirring Second Symphony. Plus, Yuja Wang performs Shostakovich's ferocious First Piano Concerto.

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Michael Tilson Thomas & the London Symphony Orchestra

MON
MAR 23
8PM

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Yuja Wang piano
London Symphony Orchestra

Colin Matthews *Hidden Variables*

Gershwin Piano Concerto in F major
Shostakovich Symphony No. 5

The LSO will roar in Shostakovich's triumphant Fifth Symphony. Plus experience the music of Gershwin, his Piano Concerto in F major, with Yuja Wang.

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WHUN-CHUNG

Myung Whun-Chung & the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra

SUN
APR 19
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Myung Whun-Chung conductor
Sunwook Kim piano
Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5,
Emperor
Brahms Symphony No. 4

Founded in 1948, the Seoul Philharmonic has transformed the musical culture of South Korea while winning international acclaim for its breathtaking virtuosity. Artistic Director Myung Whun-Chung has had a very close relationship with this orchestra since his first appearance at age 7. For this Davies Symphony Hall concert, the ensemble completes the Brahms symphonic cycle with the great and noble Fourth Symphony. Korean keyboard master Sunwook Kim plays Beethoven's regal *Emperor* Concerto.

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GARDINER

John Eliot Gardiner & Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique

MON
APR 27
8PM

John Eliot Gardiner conductor
Monteverdi Choir
Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique

Monteverdi *L'Orfeo, favola in musica*

Reaching into the past, John Eliot Gardiner points to the future. Together with his Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique, Gardiner provides many of music's most provocative perspectives. This concert recalls opera's first stirrings with Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo*, which continues to move audiences after more than four centuries.

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THU FEB 12	Peter Serkin plays Mozart <i>Mozart's</i> Piano Concerto No. 19 <i>Sibelius's</i> Symphony No. 2
WED MAR 11	Handel & Haydn <i>Handel's</i> Royal Fireworks Music <i>Haydn's</i> Sinfonia concertante <i>Haydn's</i> Symphony No. 103, Drumroll
THU APR 16	Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn <i>Haydn's</i> Symphony No. 44, Trauer <i>Mozart's</i> Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme <i>Stravinsky's</i> Symphony in Three Movements
WED MAY 20	Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra Samuel Carl Adams's New work <i>Mozart's</i> Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola <i>Bartók's</i> Concerto for Orchestra
THU JUN 4	Spanish Seductions <i>Ravel's</i> Alborada del gracioso <i>Falla's</i> Nights in the Gardens of Spain <i>Ravel's</i> L'Heure espagnole

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- APR 16 **Heras-Casado conducts Mozart and Haydn** *Haydn's Symphony No. 44, Trauer* | *Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme* | *Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements*
- MAY 21 **Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra** *Samuel Carl Adams's New work* | *Mozart's Sinfonia concertante for Violin and Viola* | *Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra*

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Todd Wilson organ

Spend a spine-tingling Halloween at Davies Symphony Hall (if you dare!), as the Ruffatti organ accompanies this restored version of the 1920 silent classic *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Starring legendary leading man John Barrymore in the notorious title roles, this eerie screen adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic tale is a perfectly ghoulish way to spend the spookiest night of the year.

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Día de los Muertos Community Concert

SAT **NOV 1** 2PM
FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 1PM

Donato Cabrera conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Bring the entire family as the San Francisco Symphony marks the Day of the Dead with the seventh annual concert celebrating Latino music and culture. Arrive at 1pm for pre-concert festivities in the Davies Symphony Hall lobbies, including refreshments, children's activities, and colorful displays celebrating *Día de los Muertos*.

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SUN **DEC 7** 11AM & 3PM

Randall Craig Fleischer conductor
Members of the San Francisco Symphony

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Peter and the Wolf

SUN **DEC 14** 1PM & 4PM

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Prokofiev *Peter and the Wolf*

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Chinese New Year Concert and Imperial Dinner

SAT **FEB 21** 4PM
RECEPTION AT 3PM

Mei-Ann Chen conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Sheep. This family event draws on both ancient and contemporary Chinese traditions to create a musical East-meets-West fusion. Arrive early at 3pm for a festival reception with Asian instruments, dancers, Chinese calligraphers, tea bars, and more.

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Opening Night Gala

WED
SEP 3
8PM

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Bonnie Raitt guest vocalist
Yuja Wang piano
San Francisco Symphony

Program to include:
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Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*
Prokofiev Excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet*

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Pinchas Zukerman, Iván Fischer, & the Budapest Festival Orchestra

MON
JAN 26
8PM

Iván Fischer conductor
Pinchas Zukerman violin
Budapest Festival Orchestra

Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor

Mendelssohn Excerpts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

In concert with Iván Fischer and the Budapest Festival Orchestra, Pinchas Zukerman plays Mendelssohn's beloved Violin Concerto. And Iván Fischer leads the magical music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in this all-Mendelssohn concert.



NEW YEAR'S EVE
MASQUERADE BALL

Yannick Nézet-Séguin & the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

SUN
FEB 15
7PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conductor
Hélène Grimaud piano
Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

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Nézet-Séguin and the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra at The Proms. With pianist Hélène Grimaud, they ignite Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1.

Jeremy Denk & the Academy of St Martin in the Fields

SUN
MAR 15
7PM

Jeremy Denk pianist and leader
Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Suk Serenade in E-flat major
for Strings

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 2

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concerto No. 4

Dvořák Serenade in E major
for Strings

His Bach performances are "a revealing journey into the soul," states *The Washington Post*. Jeremy Denk continues his exploration of Bach in concerts with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Conducting from the keyboard, Denk presents Bach's Second and Fourth concertos, and conducts serenades by Dvořák and the composer's greatest pupil (and son-in-law), Josef Suk.

New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

WED
DEC 31
9PM

Edwin Outwater conductor
Measha Brueggergosman soprano
San Francisco Symphony

Pop! Clink! Fizz! Toast to the joy of a new year at the most glamorous party in the city, and add a little sparkle to your night. Shine your shoes, don your finest cocktail attire, and dance the night away at the San Francisco Symphony's Masquerade Ball.

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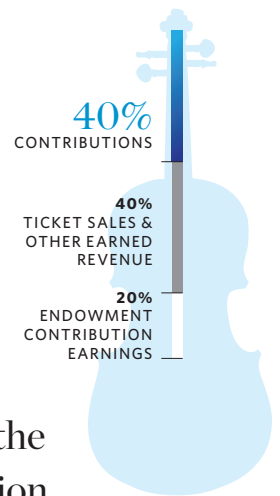
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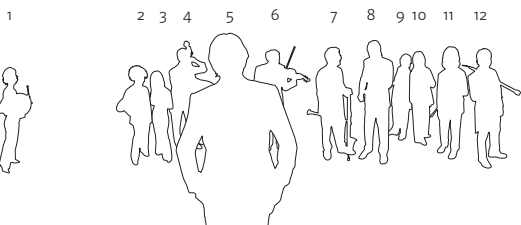
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