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Feb 18  Prokofiev’s Cinderella  Nielsen’s Violin Concerto  |  Guillaume Connesson’s A Glimmer in an Age of Darkness  |  Prokofiev’s Selections from Cinderella
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Oct 29  Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev  Prokofiev’s Lieutenant Kijé Suite  |  Bartók’s Violin Concerto No. 1  |  Tchaikovsky’s Suite No. 3
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Feb 25  Pires plays Beethoven with the SFS  Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3  |  Bruckner’s Symphony No. 3
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Mar 4  Blomstedt conducts: All-Mozart  
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May 20  MTT and Susan Graham present Brahms  
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Apr 1 **MTT conducts Copland**
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Apr 22 **Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2**
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Tchaikovsky  Symphony No. 6, Pathétique

Hear the “penetrating sound and deep richness” of soprano Susanna Phillips (The New York Times), as she sings Knoxville, Barber’s idyllic portrait of small town America. Then, experience Tchaikovsky’s proudest achievement, the gorgeous Pathétique Symphony.

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ANDRÁS SCHIFF PERFORMS
MOZART AND SCHUBERT

Wed Oct 7 8pm
Fri Oct 9 8pm
Sat Oct 10 8pm

András Schiff pianist and conductor
Anna Lucia Richter soprano
Werner Güra tenor
Robert Holl bass
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 27
Haydn Mass in D minor, Lord Nelson
Schubert Selected Lieder

András Schiff performs and conducts in this unique program, showcasing the beautiful melodies of Mozart’s final Piano Concerto as soloist, and collaborating with dazzling young soprano Anna Lucia Richter in a selection of Schubert Lieder.

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RUSSIAN MASTERPIECES FEATURING
VIOLINIST CHRISTIAN TETZLAFF

Thu Oct 15 10am
KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL
Thu Oct 15 8pm
Fri Oct 16 8pm
Sat Oct 17 8pm
Sun Oct 18 2pm

Susanna Mälkki conductor
Christian Tetzlaff violin
San Francisco Symphony

Mussorgsky (orch. Shostakovich) Dawn on the Moscow River from Khovanshchina
Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1
Prokofiev Symphony No. 5

Virtuoso Christian Tetzlaff performs Shostakovich’s deeply personal Violin Concerto No. 1 on a program of Russian masterpieces, directed by sensational guest conductor Susanna Mälkki.

Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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CHOPIN AND SIBELIUS

Thu Oct 22 8pm
Fri Oct 23 7:30pm
Sat Oct 24 8pm

Susanna Mälkki conductor
Simon Trpčeski piano
San Francisco Symphony

Jukka Tiensuu Sona
Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1
Sibelius Symphony No. 5

Returning guest conductor and audience favorite Susanna Mälkki conducts Sibelius’s exhilarating Fifth Symphony, one of the composer’s greatest triumphs, alongside Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 1, performed by renowned pianist Simon Trpčeski with “electrifying virtuosity.” (The Times of London)

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TCHAIKOVSKY AND PROKOFIEV

Wed Oct 28 8pm
Thu Oct 29 2pm
Fri Oct 30 8pm

André Boreyko conductor
Gidon Kremer violin
San Francisco Symphony

Prokofiev Lieutenant Kijé Suite
Bartók Violin Concerto No. 1
Tchaikovsky Suite No. 3

André Boreyko makes his conducting debut with the Symphony, leading Tchaikovsky’s gorgeous Suite No. 3 and Prokofiev’s Lieutenant Kijé Suite, a revision of Prokofiev’s earlier film music that tells the satirical story of a bumbling soldier in the Russian Emperor’s palace.

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CELEBRATING THE FRENCH: BIZET, RAVEL, AND MORE

**Wed Nov 4 10am**
KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

_**Yan Pascal Tortelier**_ conductor
_**Jean-Efflam Bavouzet**_ piano
_San Francisco Symphony_

**Wed Nov 4 8pm**
**Thu Nov 5 8pm**
**Fri Nov 6 8pm**

The magnificent Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony is the centerpiece of this concert of exceptional French music, led by popular, celebrated conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier.

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MTT CONDUCTS SIBELIUS FEATURING KAVAKOS

**Fri Nov 13 8pm**
**Sat Nov 14 8pm**
**Sun Nov 15 2pm**

_Michael Tilson Thomas_ conductor
_Leonidas Kavakos_ violin
_San Francisco Symphony_

_Sibelius_ Tapiola
_Sibelius_ Violin Concerto
_Schumann_ Symphony No. 3, Rhenish

Gramophone’s 2014 Artist of the Year, violinist Leonidas Kavakos brings superb musicianship to Sibelius’s Violin Concerto, which opens with a sweet, dreamy melody that transforms into fiery virtuosity.

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MTT CONDUCTS SCHUMANN AND STRAUSS

**Thu Nov 19 8pm**
**Fri Nov 20 8pm**
**Sat Nov 21 8pm**
**Sun Nov 22 2pm**

_Michael Tilson Thomas_ conductor
_Laura Claycomb_ soprano
_San Francisco Symphony_

_R. Strauss_ Serenade
_R. Strauss_ Brentano Lieder
_Schumann_ Symphony No. 1, Spring

Schumann captures the spirit of spring in his lively First Symphony, and Grammy Award-winning soprano Laura Claycomb performs Strauss’s high-flying, passionate Brentano Lieder, all conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas.

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HANDEL’S MESSIAH

**Thu Dec 17 8pm**
**Fri Dec 18 7:30pm**
**Sat Dec 19 8pm**

_San Francisco Symphony Chorus_
_San Francisco Symphony_ Han del Messiah

With bright trumpets and the famous “Hallelujah” Chorus, Messiah is an annual holiday favorite, and one of the best-loved musical works of all time.

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EMANUEL AX AND DVOŘÁK’S NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

**Thu Jan 14 10am**
KATHARINE HANRAHAN OPEN REHEARSAL

_Krzysztof Urbański_ conductor
_Emanuel Ax_ piano
_San Francisco Symphony_

_Kilar_ Orawa
_Beethoven_ Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor
_Dvořák_ Symphony No. 9, From the New World

Krzysztof Urbański brings “extraordinary intelligence and perception” in his San Francisco Symphony debut (Kölner Stadtanzeiger), conducting Dvořák’s soaring New World Symphony. Masterful pianist Emanuel Ax returns to perform Beethoven’s powerful Emperor Concerto.

Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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**BRILLIANT BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONIES NOS. 4 AND 8**

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Marek Janowski returns to conduct Beethoven’s two most radiant symphonies, keeping the orchestra “in perfect balance, clean in texture while bursting at the seams with sonic power.” (SF Classical Voice)

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**PINCHAS ZUKERMAN PLAYS MOZART**

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“Infectiously musical, technically impeccable” violinist Pinchas Zukerman (Los Angeles Times) leads this cheerful program, with prominent solos in Mozart’s Haffner Serenade.

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**EUROPEAN EXOTISM: THE MAGIC OF WEBER, SAINT-SAËNS, AND MORE**

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Stephen Hough, “the most intelligent and technically impressive British pianist” (The New York Times), is featured in a program that highlights fascinations with foreign myths, including depictions of Oberon, King of the Fairies, and Chinese princess Turandot.

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Brilliant conductor Stéphane Denève presents excerpts from Prokofiev’s popular ballet Cinderella, a musical dream world of sweet melodies and sweeping passion, and Nielsen’s formidable Violin Concerto, featuring acclaimed violinist Nikolaj Znaider.

*Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal* is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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**MENDELSSOHN’S TRAVELS**

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In his San Francisco Symphony conducting debut, Masaaki Suzuki follows Mendelssohn along his Grand Tour of Europe as a young man, up to the mysterious Fingal’s Cave in Scotland, which inspired the Hebrides Overture, and down to Italy where he wrote the lively Fourth Symphony.

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RACHMANINOFF’S PAGANINI RHAPSODY

Thu Mar 10 10am
KATHARINE HANRAHAN
OPEN REHEARSAL

Thu Mar 10 8pm
Charles Dutoit conductor
Nikolai Lugansky piano
San Francisco Symphony

Fri Mar 11 8pm
Ravel Mother Goose
Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

Sat Mar 12 8pm
Fauré Suite from Pelléas et Mélisande
Stravinsky The Firebird Suite

Sun Mar 13 2pm
San Francisco Symphony
Ravel Mother Goose
Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Fauré Suite from Pelléas et Mélisande
Stravinsky The Firebird Suite

Song-like melodies, dramatic piano fireworks, and lush orchestration make Rachmaninoff’s Paganini Rhapsody a show-stopping audience favorite. Preeminent Swiss conductor Charles Dutoit conducts the program, also featuring the Suite from Stravinsky’s vivacious Firebird ballet.

Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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BERLIOZ’S REQUIEM

Thu Mar 17 8pm
Charles Dutoit conductor
Paul Groves tenor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Fri Mar 18 8pm
Berlioz Requiem

Sat Mar 19 8pm
Dynamic Swiss conductor Charles Dutoit leads a blockbuster event, assembling the mighty forces of the Orchestra, SFS Chorus, and tenor Paul Groves in music that moves from haunting whispers to awe-inspiring roars.

Please note there is no intermission.

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MTT CONDUCTS COPLAND

Wed Mar 30 8pm
Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Inon Barnatan piano
San Francisco Symphony

Fri Apr 1 7:30pm
Copland Orchestral Variations
Copland Inscape
Copland Piano Concerto
Schumann Symphony No. 2

Sat Apr 2 8pm
Hear Copland’s distinctly American style as he experimented and redefined his sound throughout his career. Moving from the jazz-influenced Piano Concerto to Inscape, Copland’s uniquely lyrical take on serialism, his innovative music remains enduringly popular.

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PIRES PLAYS BEETHOVEN WITH THE SFS

Thu Feb 25 2pm
Herbert Blomstedt conductor
Maria João Pires piano
San Francisco Symphony

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3
Bruckner (ed. Novak) Symphony No. 3

One of the best-loved pianists in the world” Maria João Pires (The Telegraph) makes her Davies Symphony Hall debut with Beethoven’s spirited Piano Concerto No. 3, followed by Bruckner’s Third Symphony, a monumental work dedicated to Wagner.

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BLOMSTEDT CONDUCTS: ALL-MOZART

Wed Mar 2 8pm
Herbert Blomstedt conductor
Alexander Barantschik violin
San Francisco Symphony

Mozart Symphony No. 35, Hoffner
Mozart Violin Concerto No. 1
Mozart Symphony No. 41, Jupiter

These performances traverse early and late works of Mozart’s extraordinary career, from the charming First Violin Concerto, featuring Concertmaster Alexander Barantschik, to the energetic Jupiter Symphony.

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SHOSTAKOVICH’S SYMPHONY NO. 9

Wed Apr 27 8pm  Pablo Heras-Casado  conductor
Thu Apr 28 8pm  San Francisco Symphony
Fri Apr 29 8pm  Bartók  Dance Suite
                   Mason Bates  SFS commission
                   Ravel  Le Tombeau de Couperin
                   Shostakovich  Symphony No. 9

Both a celebration of Russian nationalism and a tribute to the classical era, Shostakovich’s Ninth Symphony is a delightful flurry of energy and spirit, conducted by Pablo Heras-Casado.

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MTT CONDUCTS MAHLER’S THE SONG OF THE EARTH

Wed Apr 20 10am  Pablo Heras-Casado  conductor
                      Ingrid Esget  piano
                      San Francisco Symphony

Musical America’s 2014 Conductor of the Year Pablo Heras-Casado leads Beethoven’s Second Symphony—bright music, full of surprises that hint at the composer’s rebellious innovations at work.

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ASHKENAZY CONDUCTS
SHOSTAKOVICH AND ELGAR

Thu Jun 2 10am
Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal

Thu Jun 2 8pm
Fri Jun 3 8pm
Sat Jun 4 8pm

Vladimir Ashkenazy conductor
Alexey Stadler cello
San Francisco Symphony

Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1
Elgar Symphony No. 2

With rich, blossoming melodies, and a radiant quietness that stunned audiences at its premiere, Elgar’s Second Symphony is a 20th century masterpiece, opposite Shostakovich’s brooding Cello Concerto.

Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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DVOŘÁK’S SYMPHONY NO. 8

Wed Jun 8 8pm
Fri Jun 10 8pm
Sat Jun 11 8pm
Sun Jun 12 2pm

James Conlon conductor
Jan Lisiecki piano
San Francisco Symphony

Britten Sinfonia da Requiem
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 22
Dvořák Symphony No. 8

The glowing optimism of Dvořák’s beautiful Eighth Symphony is balanced by the shattering intensity of Britten’s Sinfonia da Requiem, conducted by James Conlon, lifelong aficionado of Britten’s works.

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MTT AND SUSAN GRAHAM PRESENT BRAHMS

Thu May 19 10am
Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal

Thu May 19 8pm
Fri May 20 8pm
Sat May 21 8pm
Sun May 22 2pm

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
Susan Graham mezzo-soprano
Men of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Brahms Variations of a Theme by Haydn
Brahms Alto Rhapsody
Schumann Symphony No. 4

“America’s favorite mezzo” Susan Graham (Gramophone) joins Michael Tilson Thomas for a special presentation of Brahms’s sweeping Alto Rhapsody with the Orchestra.

Katharine Hanrahan Open Rehearsal is a working rehearsal. The pieces rehearsed are at the conductor’s discretion.

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BERNSTEIN’S ON THE TOWN: A SEMI-STAGED EVENT

Wed May 25 8pm
Thu May 26 8pm
Sat May 28 8pm
Sun May 29 2pm

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Cast to be announced

Bernstein On the Town [semi-staged]

In this classic American musical comedy, follow three wartime soldiers on 24-hour shore leave around the Big Apple, with music by Leonard Bernstein, and book and lyrics by the infamous Betty Comden and Adolph Green. A talented musical theater cast will join the Symphony for this semi-staged event, with unforgettable show tunes like “New York, New York (it’s a helluva town!).”

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STRAVINSKY’S PETRUSHKA
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Thomas Hampson  baritone
San Francisco Symphony
Stravinsky  Scènes de ballet
John Adams  The Wound Dresser
Stravinsky  Variations
(Aldous Huxley, In memoriam)
Stravinsky  Petrushka
Whimsy, flirtation, and jealousy come alive in the music in Stravinsky’s beloved ballet Petrushka, a work that saw the composer’s continued ascent as one of the most powerful voices of 20th-century music.

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MTT CONDUCTS MAHLER’S RESURRECTION SYMPHONY
Wed Jun 29 8pm
Thu Jun 30 8pm
Fri Jul 1 7:30pm
Sat Jul 2 8pm
Michael Tilson Thomas  conductor
Karina Gauvin  soprano
Kelley O’Connor  mezzo-soprano
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony
Mahler  Symphony No. 2, Resurrection
Michael Tilson Thomas and the SFS are “the most exciting Mahler combination anywhere.” (Los Angeles Times) The majestic Resurrection Symphony is a celebration of darkness turning to light, ending in a cascade of pealing bells and triumphant brass.

Please note there is no intermission.

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“GAUVIN’S SINGING IS SPELL-BINDING.”
—GRAMOPHONE

MTT CONDUCTS BRAHMS’S SYMPHONY NO. 1
Thu Jun 23 8pm
Fri Jun 24 8pm
Sat Jun 25 8pm
Michael Tilson Thomas  conductor
Yefim Bronfman  piano
San Francisco Symphony
C.P.E. Bach  Symphony No. 1
Jorg Widmann  Piano Concerto, Trauermarsch
Brahms  Symphony No. 1
Brahms’s mighty First Symphony is full of lyrical melodies, rich harmony, and a triumphant finish that shine in the hands of Michael Tilson Thomas.

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Co-presented by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Performances

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ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FEATURING PINCHAS ZUKERMAN

Rave reviews bring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra back to Davies Symphony Hall for two programs, featuring Tchaikovsky’s Fourth Symphony, Elgar’s beloved Enigma Variations, and violin virtuoso Pinchas Zukerman.

Sun Jan 24 7pm  
Pinchas Zukerman conductor  
Jonathan Biss piano  
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Mozart Overture to The Magic Flute  
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 21  
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

Mon Jan 25 8pm  
Pinchas Zukerman conductor and violinist  
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
Beethoven Egmont Overture  
Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5, Turkish  
Elgar Enigma Variations

YUJA WANG WITH THE RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA

International superstar pianist Yuja Wang joins the Russian National Orchestra to perform unique Russian masterpieces, in programs that include two dramatic ballet scores, Stravinsky’s The Firebird and music from Tchaikovsky’s Swan Lake.

Sun Feb 21 7pm  
Mikhail Pletnev conductor  
Yuja Wang piano  
Russian National Orchestra  
Borodin In the Steppes of Central Asia  
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Mozart Piano Concerto No. 9, Jeunehomme  
Tchaikovsky Suite from Swan Lake
JEREMY DENK IN CONCERT

Named Musical America’s 2014 Instrumentalist of the Year, pianist Jeremy Denk is known equally for “excellence as a pianist, but also of his adventurousness as an artist.” (The New York Times) This season, Denk brings commanding artistry to this captivating concert.

Sun Mar 20 7pm
Jeremy Denk  piano
Programming to be announced

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Inon Barnatan  piano
San Francisco Symphony
Copland  Orchestral Variations
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Fri May 6 8pm
Alan Gilbert conductor
New York Philharmonic
Beethoven Egmont Overture
Beethoven Symphony No. 7
Sibelius Symphony No. 7
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The glowing optimism of Dvořák’s beautiful Eighth Symphony is balanced by the shattering intensity of Britten’s Sinfonia da Requiem, conducted by James Conlon, lifelong aficionado of Britten’s work.

Thu Jun 9 8pm
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Jan Lisiecki piano
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Dec 5
Feb 6
Mar 5
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Bring the entire family and join the San Francisco Symphony in this annual concert, celebrating Latin-American music and culture for the Day of the Dead. Arrive an hour early for refreshments, live music and dancing, colorful altars, traditional crafts, and more.

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Sun Dec 13 4pm  Youth Orchestra
Prokofiev  Peter and the Wolf

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Nov 1, Mar 20, May 15

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Jun 26

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ORGAN CONCERT PACKAGE

Three concerts

Oct 18 7pm  Organ recital with Paul Jacobs featuring soprano Christine Brewer
Mar 6 3pm  Organ recital with David Titterington
Apr 24 3pm  Organ recital with Thierry Escaich
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Eight rehearsals at 10am

Oct 15  Russian Masterpieces featuring violinist Christian Tetzlaff  Mussorgsky/Shostakovich’s Dawn on the Moscow River from Khovanshchina | Shostakovich’s Violin Concerto No. 1 | Prokofiev’s Symphony No. 5
Nov 4  Celebrating the French: Bizet, Ravel, and more  Bizet’s Selections, Suite from L’Arlesienne | Ravel’s Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand | Saint-Saëns’s Symphony No. 3, Organ
Jan 14  Emanual Ax and Dvořák’s New World Symphony  Kilar’s Orawa | Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor | Dvořák’s Symphony No. 9, From the New World
Feb 18  Prokofiev’s Cinderella  Nielsen’s Violin Concerto | Guillaume Connesson’s A Glimmer in an Age of Darkness | Prokofiev’s Selections from Cinderella
Mar 10  Rachmaninoff’s Paganini Rhapsody  Ravel’s Mother Goose | Rachmaninoff’s Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini | Fauré’s Suite from Pelléas et Mélisande | Stravinsky’s The Firebird Suite
Apr 20  Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2  Rameau’s Suite from Pygmalion | Haydn’s Piano Concerto in D | Biber’s Battalia | Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2
May 19  MTT and Susan Graham present Brahms  Brahms’s Variations of a Theme by Haydn | Brahms’s Alto Rhapsody | Schumann’s Symphony No. 4
Jun 2  Ashkenazy conducts Shostakovich and Elgar  Shostakovich’s Cello Concerto No. 1 | Elgar’s Symphony No. 2

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