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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY
SEASON WITH CONCERTS AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL AND OUTDOOR
PERFORMANCES AT FROST AMPHITHEATER, SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE,
AND SIGMUND STERN GROVE, JULY 1–AUGUST 1, 2026**

**Conductors Nicolas Ellis and Chloé Van Soeterstède lead classical programs at Davies Symphony Hall
with performances by violinists Paul Huang and Geneva Lewis**

**Summer programs feature the San Francisco Symphony performing with Andrew Bird, A.R. Rahman,
Sutton Foster and Kelli O'Hara, and St. Vincent**

Summer films and film music concerts include Matilda, West Side Story, and James Bond Forever

**Ted Sperling conducts the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Shoreline Amphitheatre,
featuring vocalists Morgan James, Bryonha Marie, and Noah Ricketts**

**SF Symphony returns to Sigmund Stern Grove July 12 for a free concert featuring banjo player Béla
Fleck and conductor Edwin Outwater**

**SF Symphony performs two concerts at Frost Amphitheater, presented by Stanford Live and the SF
Symphony, July 16 & 23**

Tickets are on sale now at sfsymphony.org/summer

**Tickets for 2026–27 season performances featuring Samara Joy and Fantastic Negrito are on sale
now at sfsymphony.org, and tickets for Gregory Alan Isakov go on sale Thursday, May 14**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—From July 1 to August 1, the San Francisco Symphony's summer season includes two classical programs with violinists Paul Huang and Geneva Lewis, two film concerts with the Orchestra playing the scores of *Matilda* and *West Side Story* live-to-picture; and a program celebrating the movie music of James Bond. The summer lineup also features San Francisco Symphony performances with Andrew Bird and St. Vincent, an evening of music and storytelling with Sutton Foster and Kelli O'Hara, and an orchestral program featuring A.R. Rahman. Ted Sperling conducts the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Shoreline Amphitheatre with vocalists Morgan James, Bryonha Marie, and Noah Ricketts; Edwin Outwater conducts a concert at Sigmund Stern Grove featuring banjo player Béla Fleck, and the Symphony brings a classical concert conducted by Nicolas Ellis and a program of movie music from James Bond to Stanford Live's Frost Amphitheater.

Click to access the online [Summer with the Symphony Press Kit](#), which includes downloadable artist headshots and performance images from past SF Symphony summer concerts.



CONCERTS AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

The San Francisco Symphony presents nine programs at Davies Symphony Hall this summer, including concerts with classical repertoire, performances featuring exciting guest artists, and unique film programs.

Classical programs

Guest conductors Nicolas Ellis and Chloé Van Soeterstède lead classical programs at Davies Symphony Hall with performances by violinists Paul Huang and Geneva Lewis.

On **July 1**, **Chloé Van Soeterstède** makes her conducting debut with the San Francisco Symphony with the first SF Symphony performance of Concert Overture in D major by Elfrida Andrée, a 19th-century composer and activist who fought for gender equality in her home country of Sweden. **Paul Huang** performs Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, which the composer dedicated to violinist Joseph Joachim, who not only helped revise the concerto, but also performed the premiere in 1868. The program closes with Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 in D major, Opus 107, *Reformation*, written for the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, a major document of the Protestant Reformation.

On **July 17**, **Nicolas Ellis** leads the Orchestra in Richard Wagner's Forest Murmurs from *Siegfried*, making his conducting debut with the SF Symphony. Violinist **Geneva Lewis** also makes her debut with the SF Symphony, performing Ralph Vaughan Williams's tranquil *The Lark Ascending* and Franz Waxman's fiery *Carmen Fantasy*. The second half of the program features Shakespeare-inspired works: music from Felix Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's passionate *Romeo and Juliet*, Fantasy-Overture. The San Francisco Symphony will also bring this program to Stanford Live's Frost Amphitheater as part of the Stanford Live Arts Festival on **July 16**.



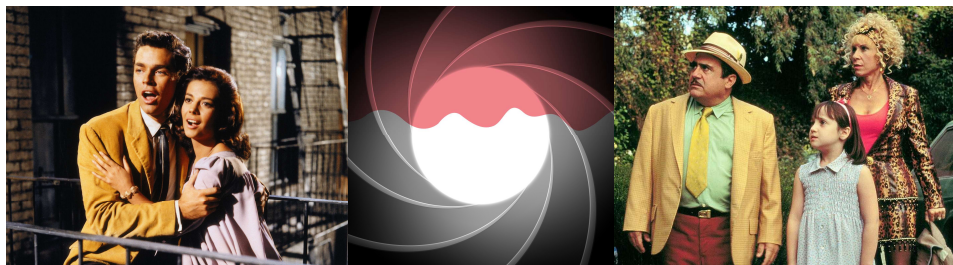
Special programs

On **July 2**, the San Francisco Symphony presents a symphonic celebration of music with the global icon **A.R. Rahman**. A Grammy and two-time Academy Award winner, Rahman is one of the world's most prolific composers and the musical genius behind the soul-stirring music of *Slumdog Millionaire*. He brings his genre-spanning compositions—ranging from Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap—to new heights in his first-ever appearance with a symphony orchestra in the United States.

On **July 18**, Tony Award-winning performers **Sutton Foster** and **Kelli O'Hara** join the San Francisco Symphony for a special tribute to Broadway and beyond, inspired by the 1962 CBS special "Julie and Carol at Carnegie Hall." With conductor **Michael Rafter** and pianist **Dan Lipton**, Foster and O'Hara pay homage to icons of stage and screen Julie Andrews and Carol Burnett by performing favorites from their Tony Award-winning and Tony-nominated shows with stories in between.

Grammy Award-winning musician, singer, and songwriter **St. Vincent** makes her debut with the San Francisco Symphony and conductor **Jules Buckley** on **July 30**. St. Vincent has been regarded as one of the most innovative and fascinating presences in modern music for nearly 20 years, constantly reinventing her audio and visual personae over the course of a kaleidoscopic catalog and winning six Grammy Awards along the way. This orchestral performance will feature a selection of favorites and deep cuts from her acclaimed albums, including *Marry Me*, *Actor*, *Strange Mercy*, *St. Vincent*, *MASSEDUCTION*, *Daddy's Home*, and *All Born Screaming*.

With a distinctive sound that resists categorization, Grammy Award-nominated violinist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist **Andrew Bird** makes his debut with the San Francisco Symphony with conductor **Sarah Hicks** on **August 1**. Balancing swelling sounds with jazz, folk, and pop melodies, Bird celebrates the 20th anniversary of his acclaimed record *The Mysterious Production of Eggs*. Featuring a top-to-bottom album performance with orchestral arrangements, Bird caps off the performance with a suite of fan-favorite tunes from his near 30-year repertoire.



Films & film music concerts

On **July 9–10**, **Sarah Hicks** conducts Leonard Bernstein's score to the 1961 film *West Side Story* live with the San Francisco Symphony, while the remastered film is shown in high definition on the big screen with the original vocals and dialogue intact. The 10-time Academy Award-winning romantic tragedy was directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins and featured Robbins's choreography, a screenplay by Ernest Lehman, a book by Arthur Laurents, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

On **July 24**, **Steven Reineke** leads the Orchestra in *James Bond Forever*, a celebration of more than 60 years of 007 at the movies. The program features Broadway star **Lena Hall** and iconic Bond hits from *Goldfinger*,

Skyfall, *Thunderball*, and more. The Symphony will bring this program to Stanford Live's Frost Amphitheater on **July 23**. *This concert will not feature film clips.*

On **July 25–26**, director and star **Danny DeVito** joins the SF Symphony to host and narrate the film *Matilda* live, as composer **David Newman** conducts his enchanting score live-to-picture. Based on the book by Roald Dahl, *Matilda* tells the larger-than-life story of a little girl gifted with genius intelligence and magical powers, which she uses to survive her self-absorbed parents and an evil headmistress.



FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Kicking off the summer season on **July 4**, **Ted Sperling** leads the San Francisco Symphony in the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular concert at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View. The program “**Summer of 1969, The Soundtrack of a Generation**,” originally created and commissioned by the San Diego Symphony, features performances by vocalists **Morgan James**, **Bryonha Marie**, and **Noah Ricketts**. The concert features iconic songs including “Proud Mary,” “Here Comes the Sun,” “Blackbird,” and “Purple Haze,” and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display. Shoreline Amphitheatre will also host a full evening of family fun beginning at 5:00pm, including kids’ activities, American food favorites, frozen treats, and more.

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL

On **July 12**, conductor **Edwin Outwater** leads the San Francisco Symphony in a concert featuring banjo player **Béla Fleck** at the 89th Stern Grove Festival—the admission-free performing arts series that takes place every summer in the natural outdoor amphitheater at Sigmund Stern Grove. The program includes Leonard Bernstein’s Overture to *Candide*, Modest Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Samuel Barber’s *The School for Scandal* Overture, and George Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue* (for Banjo and Orchestra). On May 31 at 10:00am, Stern Grove will open an online lottery for free tickets, and it will be open for one week. In addition to giving annual performances at the Stern Grove Festival since the festival’s formation in 1938, the San Francisco Symphony also played the very first concert in the Grove in 1932, a year after Rosalie M. Stern purchased Stern Grove and gave it as a gift to the City of San Francisco in memory of her husband Sigmund, a prominent civic leader. This concert is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission.

TWO PERFORMANCES AT STANFORD LIVE’S FROST AMPHITHEATER

The San Francisco Symphony performs two Thursday evening concerts at Stanford Live’s Frost Amphitheater, featuring programs also presented at Davies Symphony Hall. The concerts are part of Summer@Live, a series of outdoor performances over the summer presented by Stanford Live at Frost Amphitheater on the Stanford University campus. On **July 16**, **Nicolas Ellis** conducts a concert of Shakespeare-inspired works also featuring violinist **Geneva Lewis**, and on **July 23**, **Steven Reineke** leads the SF Symphony and Tony Award-winning, Grammy Award-nominated Broadway and TV star **Lena Hall** in a program of music from James Bond films. This summer marks the seventh season of SF Symphony at Frost, presented by Stanford Live. The series was inaugurated in 2019 when the SF Symphony partnered with Stanford Live to present concerts annually in the newly renovated Frost Amphitheater.

Stanford Live presents a wide range of the finest performances from around the world, fostering a vibrant learning community and providing distinctive experiences through the performing arts. With its home at Bing Concert Hall, The Studio, and Frost Amphitheater, Stanford Live draws on the breadth and depth of Stanford

University to connect performance to the significant issues, ideas, and discoveries of our time. Crucially, Stanford Live supports the university's focus on placing the arts at the heart of a Stanford education.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS ON SALE NOW

Two recently announced 2026–27 programs are on sale now at sfsymphony.org. On **September 8**, jazz singer **Samara Joy** performs with conductor **Anthony Parnter** and the Orchestra. On **September 26**, Oakland native and multi-Grammy Award®-winning artist **Fantastic Negrito** joins the San Francisco Symphony and conductor **Jonathan Taylor Rush** for a striking collaboration that brings his bold, genre-defying sound into a symphonic setting. Another recently announced 2026–27 program will go on sale on Thursday, May 14, at 10:00am. On **September 15**, folk and indie rock musician **Gregory Alan Isakov** performs with conductor **Christopher Dragon** and the SF Symphony.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Ticket, Location, and Bag Policy Information:

Davies Symphony Hall

- Tickets can be purchased via sfsymphony.org or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415.864.6000. Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. [Click here](#) for Davies Symphony Hall's bag policy and additional info.

Frost Amphitheater

- Tickets start at \$54 and can be purchased via [Stanford Live](https://stanfordlive.org). Frost Amphitheater is located at 351 Lasuen Street, at the intersection of Lasuen Street and Roth Way on the Stanford University campus. [Click here](#) for Frost's bag policy.

Shoreline Amphitheatre

- Tickets for the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular can be purchased via [LiveNation.com](https://livenation.com). Shoreline Amphitheatre is located at One Amphitheatre Pkwy in Mountain View. [Click here](#) for Shoreline's bag policy and additional info.

Sigmund Stern Grove

- On May 31 at 10:00am, Stern Grove will open an online lottery for free tickets, and it will be open for one week. [Click here](#) to learn more about the ticketing process. Sigmund Stern Grove is located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco. [Click here](#) for info on what to bring to the venue.
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SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

Mendelssohn 5 & Bruch Violin Concerto

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Chloé Van Soeterstède conductor

Paul Huang violin

San Francisco Symphony

ELFRIDA ANDRÉE Concert Overture in D major [First San Francisco Symphony Performance]

MAX BRUCH Violin Concerto No. 1

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 5, *Reformation*

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/Mendelssohn-Bruch

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

Summer of 1969, The Soundtrack of a Generation

Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 8:00pm at Shoreline Amphitheatre

Ted Sperling conductor

Morgan James vocalist

Bryonha Marie vocalist

Noah Ricketts vocalist

San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/shoreline

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

A.R. Rahman with the San Francisco Symphony

Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

A.R. Rahman composer and guest artist

San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/AR-Rahman

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

***West Side Story*—Film with Live Orchestra**

Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Sarah Hicks conductor

San Francisco Symphony

West Side Story (1961)

LEONARD BERNSTEIN composer

ROBERT WISE & JEROME ROBBINS directors

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/WestSideStory

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

Stern Grove Festival

Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 2:00pm at Sigmund Stern Grove

Edwin Outwater conductor

Béla Fleck banjo

San Francisco Symphony

LEONARD BERNSTEIN Overture to *Candide*

MODEST MUSSORGSKY (orch. Ravel) *Pictures at an Exhibition*

SAMUEL BARBER *The School for Scandal* Overture

GEORGE GERSHWIN (orch. Grofé, trans. Fleck) *Rhapsody in Blue* (for Banjo and Orchestra)

Ticket link: sterngrove.org (ticket lottery opens May 31 at 10:00am)

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 7:30pm at Frost Amphitheater

Friday, July 17, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Nicolas Ellis conductor

Geneva Lewis violin

San Francisco Symphony

RICHARD WAGNER (arr. Zumpe) Forest Murmurs from *Siegfried*

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS *The Lark Ascending*

FRANZ WAXMAN (ed. Heifetz) *Carmen Fantasy*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Music from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY *Romeo and Juliet*, Fantasy-Overture

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/midsummer

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

An Evening with Sutton Foster and Kelli O'Hara

Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Michael Rafter conductor

Sutton Foster vocalist

Kelli O'Hara vocalist

Dan Lipton pianist

San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/Foster-OHara

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

James Bond Forever

Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:30pm at Frost Amphitheater

Friday, July 24, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Steven Reineke conductor

Lena Hall vocalist

San Francisco Symphony

Featuring selections from *Goldfinger*, *Skyfall*, *Thunderball*, and more

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/james-bond

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

Matilda—Film with Live Orchestra

Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 2:00pm at Davies Symphony Hall

David Newman conductor

Danny DeVito narrator

San Francisco Symphony

Matilda

DAVID NEWMAN composer

DANNY DEVITO director

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/matilda

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

St. Vincent with the San Francisco Symphony

Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Jules Buckley conductor

St. Vincent guest artist

San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2025-26/St-Vincent

SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

Andrew Bird and the San Francisco Symphony

Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 7:30pm at Davies Symphony Hall

Sarah Hicks conductor

Andrew Bird guest artist

San Francisco Symphony

Ticket link: sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2025-26/Andrew-Bird

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