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SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY 2026–27 SEASON AT A GLANCE

C = Commission

WP = World Premiere

WCP = West Coast Premiere

FSFSP = First San Francisco Symphony Performances

ORCHESTRAL SERIES: COMMISSIONS AND PREMIERES

JOHN ADAMS	<i>The Dharma at Big Sur</i> [FSFSP]	June 17–18, 2027
JOHN ADAMS	<i>Doctor Atomic</i> Symphony [FSFSP]	Oct 29–31, 2026
JOHN ADAMS	<i>The Rock You Stand On</i> [WCP]	Jan 22–24, 2027
MARIO CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO	Violin Concerto No. 2, <i>The Prophets</i> [FSFSP]	May 27–29, 2026
CLAUDE DEBUSSY (orch. Caplet/Debussy)	“Le jet d'eau” from <i>Cinq poèmes de Charles Baudelaire</i> [FSFSP]	Nov 6 & 8, 2026
AUGUSTA HOLMÈS	<i>Andromède</i> [FSFSP]	Nov 13–15, 2026
RENE ORTH	Concerto for Harp and Percussion [C, WP]	Apr 22–24, 2027
ARVO PÄRT	<i>Magnificat</i> [FSFSP]	Oct 29–31, 2026
EINOJUHANEN RAUTAVAARA	<i>Cantus Arcticus</i> [FSFSP]	Mar 18–20, 2027
KYLE RIVERA	New work [C, WP]	Feb 11–13, 2027
ERVIN SCHULHOFF (arr. Manfred Honeck)	Five Pieces [FSFSP]	Mar 5–7, 2027
GABRIELLA SMITH	<i>How to Be a Bird</i> [C, FSFSP]	Mar 18–20, 2027
RICHARD STRAUSS	Symphonic Fantasy on <i>Die Frau ohne Schatten</i> [FSFSP]	Nov 6 & 8, 2026

ORCHESTRAL SERIES: WORKS BY LIVING COMPOSERS

JOHN ADAMS	<i>The Dharma at Big Sur</i>	June 17–18, 2027
JOHN ADAMS	<i>Doctor Atomic</i> Symphony	Oct 29–31, 2026
JOHN ADAMS	<i>The Rock You Stand On</i>	Jan 22–24, 2027
VICTORIA BORISOVA-OLLAS	<i>The Kingdom of Silence</i>	Oct 9–11, 2026
UNSUH CHIN	<i>subito con forza</i>	Sep 18–19, 2026
RENE ORTH	Concerto for Harp and Percussion	Apr 22–24, 2027
GABRIELA ORTIZ	<i>Kaayumari</i>	June 11–13, 2027
ARVO PÄRT	<i>Magnificat</i>	Oct 29–31, 2026
KYLE RIVERA	New work	Feb 11–13, 2027
GABRIELLA SMITH	<i>How to Be a Bird</i>	Mar 18–20, 2027

GABRIELLA SMITH	<i>Tumblebird Contrails</i>	June 17–18, 2027
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ORCHESTRAL SERIES: CONDUCTOR DEBUTS

Marie Jacquot	with Sayaka Shoji, violin	Nov 13–15, 2026
Antonello Manacorda	with Seong-Jin Cho, piano	Jan 29–31, 2027
Tomáš Netopil	with Ray Chen, violin	May 6–8, 2027
Santtu-Matias Rouvali	with Renée Fleming, soprano	Oct 1 & 3–4, 2026
Ruben Valenzuela	with Lauren Snouffer, soprano; Reginald Mobley, countertenor; Zachary Wilder, tenor; Enrico Lagasca, bass-baritone; and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Jenny Wong, director	Dec 4–5, 2026

ORCHESTRAL SERIES: RETURNING CONDUCTORS

Marin Alsop	with Nemanja Radulović, violin	Jan 22 & 24, 2027 Jan 23, 2027 (UC Davis)
David Afkham	with Garrick Ohlsson, piano	Sep 18–19, 2026
Ryan Bancroft	with Tracy Silverman, violin; and Deborah O’Grady, videographer and director	June 17–18, 2027
Herbert Blomstedt		Jan 14–16, 2027
Karina Canellakis	with Nicola Benedetti, violin	Oct 9–11, 2026
Elim Chan	with Renaud Capuçon, violin; and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Jenny Wong, director	Oct 29–31, 2026
Fabien Gabel	with Isabel Leonard, mezzo-soprano	Nov 6 & 8, 2026
James Gaffigan	with Rainer Eudeikis, cello; Alonzo King, choreographer; and Alonzo King LINES Ballet	Nov 19–21, 2026
Gustavo Gimeno	with Yefim Bronfman, piano; and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Jenny Wong, director	June 25–27, 2027
Jane Glover	with Joëlle Harvey, soprano; Miles Mykkanen, tenor; Michael Sumuel, bass-baritone; and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Jenny Wong, director	Apr 3–4, 2027
Manfred Honeck	with Alexi Kenney, violin	Mar 5–7, 2027
Fabio Luisi	with Kirill Gerstein, piano	Apr 29–May 1, 2027
Cristian Măcelaru	with Janni Younge, stage director; and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Jenny Wong, director	June 3–5, 2027
Rafael Payare	with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano	June 11–13, 2027
Donald Runnicles	with Augustin Hadelich, violin	Mar 12–14, 2027
Daniele Rustioni	with Francesca Dego, violin	May 27–29, 2027
Esa-Pekka Salonen	with Katherine Siochi, harp; and Jacob Nissly, percussion	Apr 22–24, 2027
Dima Slobodeniouk	with Alexi Kenney, violin	Mar 18–20, 2027
Juraj Valčuha	with Benjamin Grosvenor, piano	Feb 11–13, 2027
Jaap van Zweden	with Joshua Bell, violin	Feb 18–20, 2027 Feb 25–27, 2027
Xian Zhang	with Pablo Ferrández, cello	Oct 16–18, 2026

ORCHESTRAL SERIES: ARTIST DEBUTS

Francesca Dego	violin	MARIO CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO Violin Concerto No. 2, <i>The Prophets</i>	May 27–29, 2027
Enrico Lagasca	bass-baritone	GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL <i>Messiah</i>	Dec 4–5, 2026
Reginald Mobley	countertenor	GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL <i>Messiah</i>	Dec 4–5, 2026
Miles Mykkanen	tenor	JOSEPH HAYDN <i>The Creation</i>	Apr 3–4, 2027
Deborah O'Grady	videographer and director	JOHN ADAMS <i>The Dharma at Big Sur</i>	June 17–18, 2027
Jay Pather	choreographer	IGOR STRAVINSKY <i>The Firebird</i>	June 3–5, 2027
Nemanja Radulović	violin	SAMUEL BARBER Violin Concerto	Jan 22 & 24, 2027 Jan 23, 2027 (UC Davis)
Tracy Silverman	violin	JOHN ADAMS <i>The Dharma at Big Sur</i>	June 17–18, 2027
Katherine Siochi	harp	RENE ORTH Concerto for Harp and Percussion	Apr 22–24, 2027
Janni Younge	stage director	IGOR STRAVINSKY <i>The Firebird</i>	June 3–5, 2027

ORCHESTRAL SERIES: RETURNING SOLOISTS & GUEST ARTISTS

Alonzo King LINES Ballet		CLAUDE DEBUSSY <i>Prélude à L'Après-midi d'un faune</i> AARON COPLAND Suite from <i>Appalachian Spring</i>	Nov 19–21, 2026
Joshua Bell	violin	LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto	Feb 25–27, 2027
Nicola Benedetti	violin	SERGEI PROKOFIEV Violin Concerto No. 2	Oct 9–11, 2026
Yefim Bronfman	piano	SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 3	June 25–27, 2027
Renaud Capuçon	violin	FELIX MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto	Oct 29–31, 2026
Ray Chen	violin	JEAN SIBELIUS Violin Concerto	May 6–8, 2027
Seong-Jin Cho	piano	FELIX MENDELSSOHN Piano Concerto No. 2	Jan 29–31, 2027
Rainer Eudeikis	cello	SERGEI PROKOFIEV Sinfonia concertante	Nov 19–21, 2026
Pablo Ferrández	cello	PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY Rococo Variations	Oct 16–18, 2026
Renée Fleming	soprano	RICHARD STRAUSS Four Last Songs	Oct 1 & 3–4, 2026
Kirill Gerstein	piano	ARNOLD SCHOENBERG Piano Concerto	Apr 29–May 1, 2027
Benjamin Grosvenor	piano	SERGEI RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 2	Feb 11–13, 2027
Augustin Hadelich	violin	JOHANNES BRAHMS Violin Concerto	Mar 12–14, 2027
Joëlle Harvey	soprano	JOSEPH HAYDN <i>The Creation</i>	Apr 3–4, 2027
Alexi Kenney	violin	ALBAN BERG Violin Concerto GABRIELLA SMITH <i>How to Be a Bird</i>	Mar 5–7, 2027 Mar 18–20, 2027
Alonzo King	choreographer	CLAUDE DEBUSSY <i>Prélude à L'Après-midi d'un faune</i> AARON COPLAND Suite from <i>Appalachian Spring</i>	Nov 19–21, 2026
Isabel Leonard	mezzo-soprano	CLAUDE DEBUSSY (orch. Caplet/Debussy) “Le jet d'eau” from <i>Cinq poèmes de Charles Baudelaire</i> MAURICE RAVEL <i>Shéhérazade</i>	Nov 6 & 8, 2026
Jacob Nissly	percussion	RENE ORTH Concerto for Harp and Percussion	Apr 22–24, 2027
Garrick Ohlsson	piano	JOHANNES BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 1	Sep 18–19, 2026
Sayaka Shoji	violin	OTTORINO RESPIGHI <i>Concerto gregoriano</i>	Nov 13–15, 2026
Lauren Snouffer	soprano	GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL <i>Messiah</i>	Dec 4–5, 2026
Michael Sumuel	bass-baritone	JOSEPH HAYDN <i>The Creation</i>	Apr 3–4, 2027

Jean-Yves Thibaudet	piano	ARAM KHACHATURIAN Piano Concerto	June 11–13, 2027
Zachary Wilder	tenor	GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL <i>Messiah</i>	Dec 4–5, 2026

GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES: VISITING ENSEMBLES, ARTISTS, & CONDUCTORS

Emanuel Ax	piano	recital	Jan 10, 2027
Inon Barnatan	piano	recital with Alisa Weilerstein	May 16, 2027
Lisa Batiashvili	violin	recital with Gautier Capuçon and Jean-Yves Thibaudet	Oct 15, 2026
Gautier Capuçon	cello	recital with Lisa Batiashvili and Jean-Yves Thibaudet	Oct 15, 2026
Seong-Jin Cho	piano	recital	Mar 1, 2027
Rohan De Silva	piano	recital with Itzhak Perlman	Jan 19, 2027
Matthias Goerne	baritone	recital with Hilary Hahn and Yekwon Sunwoo	Nov 30, 2026
Hélène Grimaud	piano	recital	Nov 10, 2026
Hilary Hahn	violin	recital with Matthias Goerne and Yekwon Sunwoo	Nov 30, 2026
Leonidas Kavakos	violin	orchestral presentation with Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and Rafael Payare	Oct 25, 2026
Evgeny Kissin	piano	recital	Apr 19, 2027
Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal	ensemble	orchestral presentation with Leonidas Kavakos and Rafael Payare	Oct 25, 2026
Rafael Payare	conductor	orchestral presentation with Leonidas Kavakos and Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal	Oct 25, 2026
Itzhak Perlman	violin	recital with Rohan De Silva	Jan 19, 2027
Jean-Yves Thibaudet	piano	recital with Lisa Batiashvili and Gautier Capuçon	Oct 15, 2026
Yuja Wang	piano	recital	Apr 18, 2027
Alisa Weilerstein	cello	recital with Inon Barnatan	May 16, 2027
Yekwon Sunwoo	piano	recital with Matthias Goerne and Hilary Hahn	Nov 30, 2026

SHENSON SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Zlatomir Fung	cello	recital with Chaeyoung Park, piano	Apr 14, 2027
Eva Gevorgyan	piano	recital	May 19, 2027
Kebra Seyoun-Charles	double bass	recital with Umi Garrett, piano	Mar 10, 2027
Dmitry Shishkin	piano	recital	Feb 3, 2027

FILM

<i>Avatar</i> Live in Concert	composer: James Horner; director: James Cameron	Jan 8–9, 2027
<i>Hook</i>	composer: John Williams; director: Steven Spielberg	Nov 27–28, 2026
<i>La La Land</i> in Concert	composer: Justin Hurwitz; director: Damien Chazelle	Apr 9–10, 2027
<i>Metropolis</i>	composers: various; director: Fritz Lang	Apr 8, 2027
<i>Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas</i>	composer: Danny Elfman; director: Henry Selick	Nov 24, 2026
<i>The Ring</i>	composer: Hans Zimmer; director: Gore Verbinski	Oct 20, 2026
<i>Star Wars: Return of the Jedi</i>	composer: John Williams; director: Richard Marquand	Sep 10 & 12, 2026
Disney and Pixar's <i>UP: In Concert</i>	composer: Michael Giacchino; director: Pete Docter	May 21, 2027

SOUNDBOX

SoundBox	curated by Vijay Gupta	Jan 29-30, 2027
SoundBox	curated by Edwin Outwater	Apr 1-2, 2027