

SUMMER FESTIVALS

2026

Representing the breadth and depth of summer festival programming from across the country, *Symphony* invites you to plan your summer road trips around these amazing and often breathtaking festival locales.

The following list of summer festivals are paid listings provided by League of American Orchestra members. It does not imply endorsement by *Symphony* or the League.

Search the festivals below for additional information regarding schedules, tickets, and performances from many of the League's member orchestras.

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CALIFORNIA

Carmel Bach Festival

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CA

7/11/2026 to 7/25/2026

Set in Carmel-by-the-Sea along California's rugged coastline, the Carmel Bach Festival's 89th season, *The Nature of Sound*, pairs timeless masterworks, like Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*, with contemporary voices including Kaija Saariaho and Angélica Negrón.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION: Andrew Arthur, Michael Beattie, Peter Hanson, Edwin Huizinga, Andrew McGill, Suzanne Mudge, Grete Pedersen

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Andrew McGill, Grete Pedersen

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Jesse Blumberg, Edward Nelson, Baritone; Reginald Mobley, counter-tenor; Caleb Teicher, dancer and choreographer; William Coulter, guitar; Caterina Lichtenberg, Mike Marshall, Mandolin; Conrad Tao, Pianist and composer; Clara Rottsoik, soprano; Thomas Cooley, tenor

FEATURED GROUPS: counterpoint

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Music@Menlo

ATHERTON, CA

7/17/2026 to 8/8/2026

2026 marks the final Music@Menlo festival led by Artistic Directors David Finckel and Wu Han. From July 17–August 8, more than 50 events showcase many of the world's most celebrated artists and ensembles.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION: David Finckel, Wu Han

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Peter Kolkay, bassoon; Dmitri Atapine, Sterling Elliot, David Finckel, Sihao He, David Requiro, Keith Robinson, Jonathan Swensen, cello; Sebastian Manz, clarinet; Nina Bernat, Scott Pingel, contrabass; Kevin Rivard, Radovan Vlatkovic, horn; Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, Stephen Hough, Gilbert Kalish, Evren Ozel, Hyeyeon Park, Gilles Vonsattel, Chelsea Wang, Wu Han, piano; Aaron Boyd, Guillermo Figueroa, Matthew Lipman, Paul Neubauer, James Thompson, viola; Benjamin Beilman, Aaron Boyd, Stella Chen, Chad Hoopes, Bella Hristova, Paul Huang, Jessica Lee, Kristin Lee, Arnaud Sussmann, James Thompson, Danbi Um, Areta Zhulla, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: The Abeo Quartet, Viano Quartet

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Ojai Music Festival

OJAI, CA

6/11/2026 to 6/14/2026

The 80th Festival focuses on the many dimensions of Esa-Pekka Salonen's artistic life—his work as composer and conductor, his rich associations with and remarkable history in Los Angeles, the formative influence of his teachers and the giant musical figures of 20th century music, his deep friendships with many peer composers, and his championing of a new generation of composers.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Ara Guzelimian

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Aleksandra Melaniuk, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Mert Yalniz

FESTIVAL ARTISTS:

Hanzhi Wang, accordion; Jay Campbell, cello; Anthony McGill, clarinet; Rose Lombardo, flute; Jonathan Hepfer, percussion; Conor Hanick, Aron Kallay, Todd Moellenberg, John Novacek, piano; Bridget Esler, soprano; Eric Finbarr Carey, tenor; Leila Josefowicz, Geneva Lewis, violin

FEATURED GROUPS:

Attacca Quartet, Colburn Orchestra, L.A. Dance Project, LA Phil New Music

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Colburn Orchestra

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San Luis Obispo Music & Arts Festival

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

7/15/2026 to 8/1/2026

Festival Mozaic presents the 2026 SLO Music & Arts Festival, featuring chamber, orchestral, and choral music, guest artists, education, film, poetry, and comedy. Celebrating America's 250th anniversary, it highlights California-connected composers.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Scott Yoo, Music Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Eric Whitacre, Scott Yoo

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Robert deMaine, Alexander Hersh, cello; Alice Dade, Isabel Hagen, comedians; Susan Cahill, double bass; Alice Dade, flute; Eric Whitacre, Guest composer/Conductor; Sergei Babayan, Adam Neiman, John Novacek, piano; James Vaughen, trumpet; Celeste Golden Andrews, Steven Copes, Eunice Kim, Siwoo Kim, Scott Yoo, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Los Angeles Master Chorale, Taimane

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Festival Mozaic Orchestra

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ASPEN, CO

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FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

AMFS Wall Family Music Director, Robert Spano

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Teddy Abrams, Matthew Aucoin, James Conlon, Stéphane Denève, Andy Einhorn, James Gaffigan, Jane Glover, Lawrence Isaacson, Delyana Lazarova, Cristian Măcelaru, Nicholas McGegan, Rafael Payare, David Robertson, Leonard Slatkin, Dima Slobodeniouk, Robert Spano, Patrick Summers, Timothy Weiss, Ken Yanigisawa

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Thomas Hampson, Ryan McKinny, baritone; Davóne Tines, bass-baritone; Abel Selaocoe, Alisa Weilerstein, cello; Anthony Roth Costanzo, Key'Mon Murrah, countertenor; Edgar Meyer, double bass; Sharon Isbin, guitar; Fleur Barron, Joyce DiDonato, Tamara Mumford, Kelley O'Connor, mezzo-soprano; David Higgs, Paul Jacobs, organ; Emanuel Ax, Inon Barnatan, Simone Dinnerstein, Akira Eguchi, Marc-André Hamelin, Eric Lu, Alexander Malofeev, Enrico Pace, Orli

Shaham, Patrick Summers, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Daniil Trifonov, Angel Stanislav Wang, Yuja Wang, Amy Yang, Joyce Yang, Tony Siqi Yun, piano; Steven Banks, saxophone; Renée Fleming, Ana María Martínez, Erin Morley, soprano; Lawrence Brownlee, Issachah Savage, tenor; Adele Anthony, María Dueñas, Augustin Hadelich, Leonidas Kavakos, Robert McDuffie, Gil Shaham, Giovanni Andrea Zanon, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Aspen Chamber Symphony, Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra, Aspen Contemporary Ensemble, Aspen Festival Orchestra, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklórico, Colorado Children's Chorale, Danish String Quartet, Kantorei, Mariachi Sol de Mi Tierra, Pacifica Quartet, People of Earth

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Bravo! Vail Music Festival

VAIL, CO

6/25/2026 to 8/6/2026

In Colorado's Rockies, the Dallas Symphony, The Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Academy of St. Martin in the Fields present signature programs across 60+ concerts with top chamber artists.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Anne-Marie McDermott

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Marin Alsop, Joshua Bell, Elim Chan, Aram Demirjian, Stéphane Denève, Fabio Luisi, Santtu-Matias Rouvali, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Jeff Tyzik

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Carter Brey, Alisa Weilerstein, cello; Emanuel Ax, Yefim Bronfman, Fei-Fei Dong, Marc-André Hamelin, Anne-Marie McDermott, Anton Nel, Illia Ovcharenko, Chaeyoung Park, Ilya Shmukler, Aristo Sham, Conrad Tao, Yuja Wang, piano; James Ehnes, Augustin Hadelich, Himari, Leonidas Kavakos, Alexander Kerr, Nemanja Radulović, violin; Manuela Custer, Evan LeRoy Johnson, Keith Jameson, Kidon Choi, Alessandro Luongo, Jennifer Rowley, voice

FEATURED GROUPS: Anderson & Roe, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic Strings, People of Earth Featuring Yuja Wang, The Philadelphia Orchestra

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Dallas Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic String, The Philadelphia Orchestra

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FLORIDA

Sarasota Music Festival

SARASOTA, FL

6/1/2026 to 6/13/2026

Every June, world-class faculty and rising fellows from around the globe gather in Sarasota for an inspiring celebration of music-making, featuring intimate chamber performances and a full symphony orchestra concert.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Nicholas McGegan

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Paul Ellison, David Allen Moore, bass; Benjamin Kamins, Peter Kolkay, bassoon; Brinton Smith, Alan Stepansky, cello; Kimberly Cole Luevano, Mark Nuccio, clarinet; Nicholas McGegan, conductors; Jasmine Choi, Julie Landsman, Carol Wincenc, flute; Jeff Scott, horn; Toyin Spellman-Diaz, Oboe; Robert Levin, Teng Li, piano; Rebecca Young, viola; David Bowlin, Ellen dePasquale, Alexander Kerr, violin

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION:
Sarasota Orchestra

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IDAHO

Sun Valley Music Festival

SUN VALLEY, ID

7/27/2026 to 8/20/2026

The nation's largest, privately supported, free classical music festival presents four weeks of orchestral and chamber performances, with Alasdair Neale leading the Festival Orchestra.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Alasdair Neale

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Stephanie Childress, Alasdair Neale, Euan Shields, Jeff Tyzik

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Benjamin Appl, baritone; Anna Clyne, composer; Alexander Malofeev, Orion Weiss, piano; Christina Pier, soprano; Gil Shaham, violin; Sutton Foster, Paul Loren, vocals

FEATURED GROUPS: American Festival Chorus

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ILLINOIS

Grant Park Music Festival

CHICAGO, IL

6/10/2026 to 8/15/2026

The Grant Park Music Festival is a free, ten-week series presenting the acclaimed Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus in Chicago's Millennium Park. The 2026 season offers classical favorites plus a Broadway tribute, an Independence Day Salute, Ben Folds with the Grant Park Orchestra, and more.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Christopher Bell, Giancarlo Guerrero

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Kedrick Armstrong, Christopher Bell, Kalena Bovell, Giancarlo Guerrero, Carlos Kalmar, Enrico Lopez-Yañez, Jeri Lynne Johnson, Edwin Outwater, Jason Seber

FESTIVAL ARTISTS:

Andrew Garland, Sankara Harouna, baritone; Kelly Markgraf, bass; Jongwon Han, bass-baritone; Oliver Herbert, cello; Dario Brignoli, clarinet; Imara Miles, Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano; Sara Davis Buechner, Michelle Cann, Ben Folds, Stewart Goodyear, Olga Kern, Garrick Ohlsson, piano; Janai Brugger, Jessica Rivera, Karen Slack, soprano; Andrew Haji, John Matthew Myers, tenor; Jeremy Black, William Hagen, Gabriela Lara, Anne Akiko Meyers, violin; Blaine Krauss, Tiffany Mann, Stephanie Jae Park, vocalists

FEATURED GROUPS:

Lookingglass Theatre Company, Third Coast percussion, Troupe Vertigo

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus

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Ravinia Festival

HIGHLAND PARK, IL

6/3/2026 to 9/23/2026

Ravinia's historic 36-acre park is home to North America's longest running outdoor music festival and serves as an enchanting place to experience concerts throughout the summer.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Marin Alsop

FEATURED ARTISTS & GROUPS:

Adam Ant, Adrian Dunn Singers, Alabama, Alabama Shakes, Alisa Weilerstein, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Ara Dinkjian, Augustin Hadelich, Billy Idol, Black Moon Trio, Bonnie Raitt, Brandi Carlile, Brenton Ryan, Brian McKnight, Bryonha Marie, Chance the Rapper, Chanticleer, Charles Berberian, Chi-Yuan Lin, Chicago Philharmonic, ConFunkShun, Daniel Lozakovich, Danish String Quartet, Darrel Walls, Deep Purple, Divi Roxx Kids, The Docksidiers, Duke Tumatote, Earl Lee, Emanuel Ax, Emmylou Harris, Fred Hersch, Frederica von Stade, Gladys Knight, Graham Nash, Gregory Alan Isakov, Harry Connick Jr., Hugh Jackman, I'm With Her, Inon Barnatan, Jacob Collier, JAM Orchestra, James Conlon, Dame Jane Glover, Jeremy Denk, Jerry Douglas, Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, Joe Bonamassa, Joshua Bell, Jules Buckley, Kansas, Karen Ouzounian, Kathryn Lewek, Kevin Murphy, Klaus Mäkelä, The Kody

Norris Show, Kool & The Gang, Kurt Elling, Kymberli Joye, Labrinth, Laura Karpman, Laurie Berkner, Lembit Beecher, Liam Kazar, Lizzo, Los Tigres del Norte, Lucía, Magic City Hippies, Maiya Papach, Marc Bamuthi Joseph, María Dueñas, Martina McBride, Micaela Diamond, Miles Mykkanen, Miranda Lambert, Misha Dichter, moe., Morris Day and The Time, Morris Robinson, Music of the Baroque Orchestra & Chorus, Noah J. Ricketts, Okee Dokee Brothers, Olga Kern, Paul Simon, Railheart, Ravi Coltrane, Ray LaMontagne, Richard Marx, Ricky Martin, Rod Stewart, Sarah Dufresne, Shawn Conley, Sheléa, Squeeze, Squirrel Nut Zippers, St. Vincent, Stella Chen, Stella Cole, Steve Hackman, Steven Isserlis, Susan Graham, Ted Sperling, Terrence Blanchard, Theo Lawrence, Thievery Corporation, Tom Jones, Umphrey's McGee, The Weather Station, Yunchan Lim, Zebulon Ellis, Ziggy Marley

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MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Early Music Festival

BOSTON, MA

6/6/2027 to 6/13/2027

Save the dates for our 2027 Festival—Dragons and Divas—featuring the fully staged North American premiere of Telemann's Emma und Eginhard, 18 Festival Concerts, Exhibition, Fringe Concerts, and more.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Robert Mealy, Orchestra Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Paul O'Dette, Stephen Stubbs

FESTIVAL ARTISTS:

Reginald Mobley, countertenor; Amanda Forsythe, soprano

FEATURED GROUPS: AGAVE, Boston Early Music Festival Orchestra, Opera Prima, Stile Antico

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NEW JERSEY

The Princeton Festival

PRINCETON, NJ

6/5/2026 to 6/21/2026

Princeton Symphony Orchestra presents its outdoor Princeton Festival with orchestral, chamber, Baroque, rock, and cabaret performances, plus a fully staged opera beneath a state-of-the-art performance pavilion at Morven Museum & Garden.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Rossen Milanov, Music Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Rossen Milanov; Lucas Waldin

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Joel Balzun, Jacob Hanes, baritone; Nan Wang, bass; Sierra Boggess, Brenna Markey, Kayla Nanto, Toni Marie Palmertree, Sondra Radvanovsky, soprano; Nicholas Nestorak, Victor Starsky, tenor; Aisha de Haas, Capathia Jenkins, vocals; Ranaan Meyer, double

bass & vocals; Nick Kendall, Charles Yang, violin & vocal

FEATURED GROUPS: American Repertory Ballet, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, Queen Nation, The Bacon Brothers, The Sebastians, Time For Three, Twelfth Night

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION:

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NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

SANTA FE, NM

7/19/2026 to 8/24/2026

An internationally acclaimed six-week summer festival that's held in a stunning Southwestern setting and hailed for its world-renowned artists, innovative programming, annually commissioned works, and year-round music education programs.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Marc Neikrug

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Benjamin Appl, Will Liverman, Lucas Meachem, baritone; Peter Kolkay, Ted Soluri, bassoon; Carter Brey, Nicholas Canellakis, Alastair Eng, Felix Fan, Clive Greensmith, Joseph Johnson, Anssi Karttunen, Harriet Krijgh, Peter Stumpf, Josué Valdepeñas, Paul Watkins, Peter Wiley, Kaja William-Olsson, cello; Laura Ardan, Julian Bliss, Danny Goldman, David Shifrin, clarinet; Harry Bicket, conductor; Anthony Manzo, Edgar Meyer, double bass; Bart Feller, Tara Helen O'Connor, flute; Roberto Capocchi, Meng Su, guitar; Grace Browning, harp; Harry Bicket, Paolo Bordignon, harpsichord; Jennifer Montone, Julia Pilant, horn; Julia DeRosa, Robert Ingliss, oboe; Daniel Druckman, Aiyun Huang, Jeffrey Milarsky, Mike Truesdell, Gregory Zuber, percussion; Ran Dank, Jeremy Denk, Kirill Gerstein, Myra Huang, Simon Lepper, George Li, Irina Meachem, Nicolas Namoradze, Enrico Pace, Juho Pohjonen, Anna Polonsky, Katia Skanavi, Orion Weiss, Haochen Zhang, piano; David Dash, Charley Lea, William Leathers, trumpet; Toby Appel, Alan Gilbert,

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FEATURED GROUPS: Dover Quartet, JACK Quartet, Verona Quartet

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American Music Festival TROY, NY | EMPAC CONCERT HALL

6/3/2026 TO 6/7/2026

The Albany Symphony's American Music Festival is a vibrant celebration of new orchestral works, featuring world premieres, innovative composers, extraordinary concerts, and free events that transform the area into a hub for new music.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: David Alan Miller

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Daniel Matsukawa, bassoon

FEATURED GROUPS: Dogs of Desire, The Albany Symphony, Sandbox percussion

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: The Albany Symphony

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Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival

BRIDGEHAMPTON, NY

7/18/2026 to 8/16/2026

Now entering its 43rd season, Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival presents How Sweet the Sound, a summer of music featuring beloved works of chamber music alongside Americana.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:

Marya Martin

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Nina Bernat, Donald Palma, bass; Gina Cuffari, bassoon; James Baik, Carter Brey, Brannon Cho, Joshua McClendon, Tommy Mesa, Paul Watkins, cello; Graeme Steele Johnson, Osmo Vänskä, clarinet; Marya Martin, flute; Leon Schelhase, harpsichord; Ian David Rosenbaum, percussion; Michael Stephen Brown, Aristo Sham, Albert Cano Smit, Gilles Vonsattel, Shai Wosner, piano; Steven Banks, Saxophone; Ettore Causa, Natalie Loughran, Matthew Lipman, Cynthia Phelps, Masumi Per Rostad, Cong Wu viola; Benjamin Baker, Joshua Brown, Stella Chen, William Hagen, Chad Hoopes, Paul Huang, Ani Kavafian, Erin Keefe, Kristin Lee, David McCarroll, Julian Rhee, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, violin; Jennifer Johnson Cano, voice

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FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: David Alan Miller

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Albany Symphony

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NORTH CAROLINA

An Appalachian Summer Festival

BOONE, NC

6/27/2026 to 8/1/2026

An Appalachian Summer Festival, called a "cultural hotspot and one of America's biggest summer arts celebrations" by Southern Living Magazine, celebrates 42 years of

acclaimed chamber, orchestral, classical, and multidisciplinary arts programming.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS:

Christopher James Lees

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Aaron Diehl, piano

FEATURED GROUPS: Calidore String Quartet, Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Darren Criss, Gladys Knight, The Jayhawks, Merz Trio, "The Other Mozart," Punch Brothers, Rick Springfield, Straight No Chaser Beach Bash, WindSync

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Eastern Festival of Music GREENSBORO, NC

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5-week classical music festival with Gerard Schwarz as Music Director. Professional orchestra in residence who teach and coach 250 students from across the country and from several foreign countries. Orchestral and chamber music concerts, piano recitals, and master classes nightly.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Gerard Schwarz

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Grant Cooper, Yo-Hin Kwok, Jose Luis Novo, Gerard Schwarz

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Misha Dichter, piano; Leonidas Kavakos, Pinchas Zukerman, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Eastern Philharmonic Orchestra, Eastern Youth Orchestra, Guilford Youth Orchestra

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OHIO

Summermusik Festival CINCINNATI, OH

8/4/2026 to 8/29/2026

The 12th Summermusik Festival with resident ensemble the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will feature three world premieres, numerous award-winning local artists, and two internationally acclaimed guest artists making their Summermusik debuts.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Eckart Preu

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Eckart Preu

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Zuill Bailey, cello; Fabiola Méndez, Cuatro; Simone Muhammad, dancer; Roger Klug, guitar; Darren Thompson, Native American flute; Victoria Okafor, soprano

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OREGON

Sunriver Music Festival

SUNRIVER & BEND, OR

8/10/2026 to 8/20/2026

Sunriver Music Festival presents its 49th season in two spectacular, historic Central Oregon venues—the Tower Theatre in downtown Bend and the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. Performances feature world-class orchestra musicians and renowned soloists, led by Artistic Director & Conductor Brett Mitchell. Programs include four classical concerts, a pops concert, and a family concert.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Brett Mitchell

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Brett Mitchell

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Timothy Jone, bass-baritone; Michelle Cann, piano; William Hagen, Tessa Lark, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Central Oregon Mastersingers

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VERMONT

VSO Summer Festival Tour: America 250

BURLINGTON, VT

7/1/2026 to 7/5/2026

VSO's annual outdoor Summer Festival Tour celebrates America 250 in Shelburne, Stowe, Grafton, South Pomfret, and East Burke, VT.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
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VIRGINIA

Wintergreen Music Festival

WINTERGREEN, VA

7/2/2026 to 7/26/2026

From a blusy opening night to a thrilling patriotic concert to intimate in-home performances, the Wintergreen Music Festival provides opportunities to discover beloved classics and new favorites across multiple genres.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Erin Freeman, Artistic Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Tamara Dworetz, Erin Freeman, Robert Moody, Nicoletta Moss, Vinay Parameswaran, Awadagin Pratt

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Jacob Wilder, french horn; Kelly Mozeik, oboe; Awadagin Pratt, piano; Elisabeth Adkins, Rachel Lee Priday, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Desirée Roots Trio, Mike Tash and Bad Influence with special guest Mary Shaver, The Adrian Duke Project, Trey Hensley Band

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WASHINGTON

Bellingham Festival of Music

BELLINGHAM, WA

7/1/2026 to 7/25/2026

Every July, during the most glorious summer weather, the Bellingham Festival of Music has added to the delight of hikers, golfers, gardeners, boaters, swimmers, bikers, and beer aficionados, whether residents or tourists. Five orchestra concerts feature an ensemble composed of North America's finest symphony musicians. Guest artists of international renown add virtuoso dazzle to concerto performances. And Artistic Director Marcelo Lehninger brings a fresh brilliance and expressivity to well-loved and new repertoire.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION: Marcelo Lehninger, Artistic Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Marcelo Lehninger, Michael Palmer

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Zuill Bailey, cello; Key'mon Murrah, countertenor; Andrew von Oeyen, piano; Maria Valdes, soprano; Tessa Lark, Blake Pouliot, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Bellingham Festival Orchestra, Calidore String Quartet

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Vancouver USA Arts and Music Festival

VANCOUVER, WA

8/7/2026 to 8/9/2026

The Vancouver Arts & Music Festival creates meaningful connections through the power of music, art, and culture, fostering a stronger, more inclusive Vancouver by celebrating local communities and welcoming global perspectives.

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Salvador Brotons, Gerald Schwarz

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Julian Schwarz, cello; Shelly Berg, piano; Pinchas Zukerman, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Vancouver Symphony Orchestra USA

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION: Vancouver Symphony Orchestra USA

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Concerts on the Square

MADISON, WI

6/24/2026 to 7/29/2026

For over 40 years, the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra has been bringing music to tens of thousands of people each week on the Wisconsin Capitol Square with Concerts on the Square.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Andrew Sewell

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Andrew Sewell

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Karl Lavine, cello; Rob Dz, DJ; Angelina Chang, Stewart Goodyear, piano; Suzanne Beia, Tim Kliphuis, violin

FEATURED GROUPS: Jeans 'n Classics

ORCHESTRA AFFILIATION:
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WYOMING

Grand Teton Music Festival

JACKSON HOLE, WY

7/2/2026 to 8/15/2026

Grand Teton Music Festival unites over 250 world-class orchestral musicians from over 80 orchestras worldwide. In 2026, GTMF celebrates its 65th anniversary season and the 20th anniversary of Music Director Sir Donald Runnicles.

FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTION:
Sir Donald Runnicles, Music Director

FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS: Donato Cabrera, Timothy Constable, Andy Einhorn, Sir Donald Runnicles

FESTIVAL ARTISTS: Silver Animonãe, cello; José González Granero, clarinet; Elisabeth Remy Johnson, harp; Tanner Jorden, piano; Eleni Calenos, soprano; Daniel

Luis Espinal, tenor; Susan Gulkis Assadi, viola; Madeline Adkins, David Coucheron, Maria Ioudenitch, Caroline Jorden, violin; Cassandra James, Capathia Jenkins, Kate Loprest, Andrea Ross, vocals

FEATURED GROUPS: Grand Teton Music Festival Orchestra, Punch Brothers, The King's Singers

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