



The 2026 Guide

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Editor's Note



For those in search of the new and unusual, our 2026 Festivals Guide contains an impressive number of off-the-beaten-path operas scheduled for the coming months. Bard SummerScape, for one, mounts the first performance of *Suddenly Last Summer*, a new opera by Courtney Bryan, with libretto by Gideon Lester and Daniel Fish, based on the Tennessee Williams play. Berkshire Opera revives the rarely performed 18th-century opera comique *Zémire et Azor* by André Grétry, part of a season balanced by Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Yuval Sharon's new staging of Janáček's satirical opera *The Excursions of Mr. Brouček* is set to bow at Austria's Bregenzer Festival, which celebrates its 80th season next summer. Among less high-profile festivals, Festival Napa Valley will premiere *The Judgment of Paris*, a new opera by Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, inspired by the legendary 1976 blind tasting that transformed the world of wine. Kent Nagano conducts a cast headlined by Danielle De Niese and Quinn Kelsey. And speaking of lower profile—geographically at least—the Des Moines Opera will mount a new coproduction of Carlisle Floyd's 1970 opera *Of Mice and Men* (1970) in June, honoring the late composer's centennial and conducted by his mentee, Christopher James Ray. The staging is the first known new one since 1985.

The Aix-en-Provence and Salzburg festivals collectively offer one new and one unusual work. At the former, Italian composer Francesco Filidei's *Accabadora*, based on the novel by Michela Murgia, gets its world premiere under the baton of Lucie Leguay. Salzburg mounts a new production by Romeo Castellucci of Olivier Messiaen's monumental *Saint François d'Assise*; the Festival notes that 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the patron saint of animals' death.

Moving to the mountains of New Mexico, the Santa Fe Opera will mount the Stateside premiere of *Lili Elbe*, by Tobias Picker and Aryeh Lev Stollman, about one of the first people to undergo gender affirmation surgery. Lili before transition was known as the acclaimed Danish landscape painter Einar Wegener. The new opera will star Lucia Lucas, a trans baritone whose early career included singing the title role of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* in drag. Lucas was a Musical America [New Artist of the Month](#).

Regards,

Susan Elliott
Editor, Special Reports

COVER PHOTO: Josh McClendon, cellist and founding member of the Isidore String Quartet, beside Maroon Lake in the glacial valley surrounded by the Maroon Bells peaks in Aspen, CO.

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ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Aldeburgh Festival brings together outstanding musicians from around the world. The Festival has special significance in 2026: it marks 50 years since Benjamin Britten's death and reflects the legacy he and Peter Pears built, especially their commitment to supporting and celebrating young artists. Featured artist Ryan Wigglesworth will collaborate with fellow artists such as James Baillieu, Nicolas Altstaedt, Vilde Frang, Steven Osborne, and Lise Davidsen, alongside the next generation of emerging talent, in the spirit that has shaped the Festival since 1948.

LOCATION

Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, United Kingdom
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 12-28, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Britten Pears Arts

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE £7 to £10
Additional ticket information: Prices vary by performance, date, and venue; half price for under 25 years old; [£10 tickets available](#) at a later date

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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BOOKING CONTACT

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Booking cycle date range:
Typically six to 18 months in advance

SOCIAL LINKS



ARENA DI VERONA OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The festival's 103rd season takes place over 50 nights this summer. Central to the 2026 offerings are six classic Italian operas by Verdi and Puccini: a new production of *La traviata*, two contrasting treatments of *Aida*, and stagings of *Nabucco*, *Turandot*, and *La bohème*. These will be complemented by a performance of Orff's *Carmina Burana*, two evenings of ballet, and a pair of immersive multimedia concerts. Roberto Alagna, Erin Morley, Anna Netrebko, Lisette Oropesa, and Ludovic Tézier are among the host of returning stars, while those making festival debuts include Operalia winner Mihai Damian and LA Opera's James Conlon.

LOCATION Arena di Verona, Verona, Italy
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 12 – September 12, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

GENERAL MANAGER Stefano Trespidi

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €28 to €365
Additional ticket information: A variety of flexible offers are available, [see here for details](#).

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
Official call centre +39 045 8005151

BOOKING CONTACT

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SOCIAL LINKS



AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL (ADF)

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The season includes performances by new and established companies, highlighting the breadth and excellence of today's modern dance field, from the classic to the experimental.

LOCATION Durham, NC
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 17 – July 25, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jodee Nimerichter

GENRE Modern Dance

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$18 to \$70
Additional ticket information: See Ticket Purchase Link below for a variety of ticket offers and discounts.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
919-684-4444

BOOKING CONTACT

[Jodee Nimerichter](#)

SOCIAL LINKS



ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Music Director Robert Spano leads a season marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with music that reflects—and has redefined—the American sound. Featured events include a Latin-infused evening with alumna Yuja Wang and People of Earth, Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* directed by Simon Godwin, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, and Sarah Kirkland Snider's *Hildegard*. Artists include Emanuel Ax, Anthony Roth Costanzo, and Joyce DiDonato; as well as Steven Banks, Fleur Barron, Lawrence Brownlee, Danish String Quartet,

Simone Dinnerstein, María Dueñas, Renée Fleming, Augustin Hadelich, Marc-André Hamelin, Thomas Hampson, Leonidas Kavakos, Eric Lu, Alexander Malofeev, Ana María Martínez, Ryan McKinny, Edgar Meyer, Erin Morley, Abel Selaocoe, Gil Shaham, Orli Shaham, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Davóne Tines, Daniil Trifonov, Alisa Weilerstein, Joyce Yang, and more.

LOCATION Aspen, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 1 – August 23, 2026

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ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL (cont'd)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Robert Spano

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$175

Additional ticket information: Tickets go on sale in April; the Aspen Music Festival and School offers many free events throughout the summer.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

970-925-9042

BOOKING CONTACT

[Katie Brill](#)

Booking cycle date range:
May 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



BALTIC SEA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Andrés Orozco-Estrada, newly appointed chief conductor of the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, leads the first concert, joined by internationally acclaimed soprano Malin Byström. The Baltic Sea Festival is known for its wide-ranging, imaginative programming, and 2026 is no exception. Audiences can expect a rich blend of orchestral concerts, chamber music, choral works, jazz explorations, contemporary premieres, and boundary-pushing collaborations. The festival brings together virtuoso soloists like Yunchan Lim, Jakub Józef Orliński, Daniel Lozakovich, and Asya Fateyeva, chamber ensembles like Opus13, and exciting contemporary composers like Jacob Mühlrad and Molly Kien, as well as international orchestras like the Czech Philharmonics and world-renowned conductors like Semyon Bychkov and festival co-founder Esa-Pekka Salonen. Alongside established names, the festival proudly showcases emerging voices and new talent, creating a dynamic and forward-looking musical experience.

LOCATION

Various venues in Stockholm, Sweden
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 21-29, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Esa-Pekka Salonen

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €8 to €61

Additional ticket information: Ticket prices will be in SEK (Swedish krona)/ Euro prices are estimated.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

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BOOKING CONTACT

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Booking cycle date range:
Spring 2026 for fall 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



THE AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights include:

- Opening night world premiere by composer Sam Wu celebrating Cairns' 150th anniversary
- Completion and performance of Czech composer Gideon Klein's unfinished work January 27, 1945, completed by Australian composer Lee Bradshaw
- A new commissioned work by Australian composer Alex Turley for flute and string quartet
- Performances by leading Australian and international chamber musicians including the Sitkovetsky Trio, and the Orpheus Quintet
- The popular Ray Golding Sunset Series and informal Concert Conversations
- Special events, including a chamber concert aboard a luxury yacht off the Cairns coast.

DATES July 24 – August 1, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jack Liebeck

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE AUD\$50 to AUD\$100

Additional ticket information: Prices vary according to event.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

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BOOKING CONTACT

[Colin Day](#)

Booking cycle date range:
Two to three years in advance

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LOCATION

Locations in Cairns, Queensland, Australia
[Festival Website](#)

BANG ON A CAN'S LOUD WEEKEND FESTIVAL AT MASS MOCA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

"LOUD Weekend" is three days of today's most exciting and adventurous new music in the beautiful Berkshire mountains. The lineup includes some of today's most exciting composers and performers of new music, plus the many musicians of the Bang on a Can Summer Music Institute, a residency program taking place for the previous three weeks.

LOCATION

Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 30 – August 1, 2026

CO-FOUNDERS & ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Michael Gordon, David Lang, Julia Wolfe

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BANG ON A CAN'S LOUD WEEKEND FESTIVAL AT MASS MOCA (cont'd)

GENRE

New/Contemporary/Avant Garde Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$49 to \$225

Additional ticket information: \$49 for a day pass; \$225 for a "preferred" three-day pass, which includes priority seating. \$129 for early-bird tickets; \$159 for a week of tickets is also available.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

413-662-2111

SOCIAL LINKS



BARD MUSIC FESTIVAL/BARD SUMMERSCAPE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Fisher Center at Bard presents SummerScape 2026 in New York's idyllic Hudson Valley. In two weekends of themed concerts and panels, the 36th Bard Music Festival offers an intensive reexamination of "Mozart and His World" (August 7-16), complemented by *The Egyptian Helen*, Richard Strauss's rarely staged opera based on the Helen of Troy myth (July 24 – August 2). Other festival highlights include the world premiere of *Suddenly Last Summer*, a new opera by MacArthur Fellow Courtney Bryan, with libretto by Gideon Lester and Daniel Fish, based on the seldom performed Tennessee Williams play (June 25 – July 19); *Lucinda Childs: Momentary Reprise*, a program of premiere and revived works from celebrated choreographer Lucinda Childs (June 26-28); and the return of Bard's beloved *Spiegeltent*.

LOCATION

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES

June 25 – August 16, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Leon Botstein, Christopher H. Gibbs, Gideon Lester

GENRES

Classical • Opera • Theater • Dance

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$150

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

845-758-7900

SOCIAL LINKS



BAYREUTH BAROQUE OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Händel: *Floridante* with Max Emanuel Cencic, Eva Zalenga, Sonja Runje, Bruno de Sá and others
- Julia Lezhneva
- Christophe Dumaux
- Emöke Baráth and Andreas Scholl
- Federico Fiorio, Maayan Licht and Dennis Orellana

LOCATION

Margravier Opera House, Bayreuth, Germany
[Festival Website](#)

DATES

September 4-13, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Max Emanuel Cencic

GENRES

Classical • Baroque • Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE

€29 to €345

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+49 921 508 9908

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BERGEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Festival opens on May 27 with Olivier Messiaen's *Turangalila-Symphonie*, conducted by artist-in-residence Esa-Pekka Salonen and performed by the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and soloists. On May 28, cultural icon Mari Boine brings her distinct voice to *Håkonshallen*. The following evening, May 29, soprano Lise Davidsen joins pianist James Baillieu exploring Schubert's most introspective and emotionally profound songs. On June 6, the Festival presents the world premiere of *The Night People*, an adventurous new Norwegian family opera. The Festival culminates on June 10 in a vibrant finale uniting rapper Lars Vaular,

this year's concerto soloist Yulianna Avdeeva, and the Festival musicians of the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Bjarni Frimann Bjarnason, artistic director of the BIT20 Ensemble.

LOCATION

Outdoor and indoor venues in Bergen, Norway
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 27 – June 10, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CEO Lars Petter Hagen

GENRES Classical • Theater/Dance

TICKET PRICE RANGE €8 to €80

BERGEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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BOOKING CONTACT

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Booking cycle date range:
One to five years in advance



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BERKELEY FESTIVAL & EXHIBITION

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Festival mainstage lineup of over 20 concerts includes leading ensembles in early music from the Bay Area and beyond, including Chanticleer, Philharmonia Baroque, Voices of Music, and other groups. There will also be special events and a three-day exhibition featuring vendors from across the United States.

LOCATION

Locations in Berkeley, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 6-14, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Derek Tam

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$75

Additional ticket information: Tickets are now pay-what-you-can; patrons may choose the price they want.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
510-560-6921

BOOKING CONTACT

[Derek Tam](#)
Booking cycle date range:
18 to 24 months in advance

SOCIAL LINKS  

BERKSHIRE CHORAL INTERNATIONAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Choral programs for amateur singers include a Tanglewood program of African-American music, Andre Thomas conducting; a cappella workshop with Deke Sharon at Endicott College; choral orchestral works of Smyth and Britten with Beth Willer at UMass Amherst; Mozart, Martines, and Nunez-Garcia under the baton of Anthony Trecek-King at University of Denver; Brahms Requiem and music of Eriks Esenvalds at Alexela Concert Hall, Tallinn, Estonia.

LOCATION

Lenox, and Amherst, MA; Denver, CO; Tallinn, Estonia
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 21 – August 2, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Anthony Trecek-King

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$45

Additional ticket information: Most events are

BERKSHIRE CHORAL INTERNATIONAL (cont'd)

general admission. Reserved tickets in Tallinn must be purchased at the venue. Ticket links will be posted in spring 2026.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
413-229-8526

BOOKING CONTACT

[Steven Smith](#), president & CEO
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

BERKSHIRE OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Berkshire Opera Festival's 2026 summer season is anchored by a new production of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, starring Christine Lyons (Lucia), Terrence Chin-Loy (Edgardo), Dean Murphy (Enrico), and Stefan Egerstrom (Raimondo), conducted by Brian Garman and directed by Jonathon Loy. The season also launches the Resident Artist Program with a fully staged production of Grétry's *Zémire et Azor*, conducted by Garman and directed by Mo Zhou. Together, these projects highlight Berkshire Opera Festival's commitment to emerging artists and world-class opera.

LOCATION

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Great Barrington, MA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 31 – August 28, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Brian Garman

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$135

Additional ticket information: Berkshire Opera Festival participates in Card to Culture (a Massachusetts Cultural Council program), which provides EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders free or steeply discounted admission to all ticketed events throughout the year. If you are eligible and would like to learn more about your discount options, contact events@berkshireoperafestival.org.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
413-528-0100 for *Lucia di Lammermoor*

BOOKING CONTACT

info@berkshireoperafestival.org
Booking cycle date range:
Booking cycle varies; typically booked one year in advance

SOCIAL LINKS   

BESANÇON INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 79th Besançon International Music Festival will take place from September 11-20, 2026. More than 30 concerts are on offer in Besançon and the surrounding area. With symphonic music, chamber music, vocal music, contemporary music, world music, and jazz, the Festival offers 10 days of music.

LOCATION

Locations in France: Besançon, Baume-les-Dames, Luxeuil-les-Bains, Dole
[Festival Website](#)

DATES September 11-20, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jean-Michel Mathé

GENRES Classical • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE €0 to €52

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+33 38 12 50 585

BOOKING CONTACT

[Jean-Michel Mathé](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Spring 2026 for autumn 2027

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BLOSSOM MUSIC FESTIVAL —

SUMMER HOME OF THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

As Franz Welser-Möst enters his 25th and final season as music director, The Cleveland Orchestra returns to Blossom Music Center for its summer festival with a program inspired by the spirit of Vienna. Idina Menzel joins the orchestra for a career-spanning evening of her greatest hits, while two programs celebrate the magic of film: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* in concert and a tribute to the music of John Williams. The season also features exciting conducting debuts, including Kevin John Edusei leading Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* and Tabita Berglund conducting Prokofiev's Suite No. 2 from *Romeo and Juliet*.

LOCATION

Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 3 – September 6, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Franz Welser-Möst

GENRE Classical • Pop/Folk

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$100

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

800-686-1141

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BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2027 Boston Early Music Festival will be presented June 6-13, 2027. Themed "Dragons and Divas," the week will feature the fully staged North American premiere of Georg Philipp Telemann's *Emma und Eginhard*, with a libretto by Christoph Gottlieb Wend, and a revival of our 2023 production of John Frederick Lampe's *The Dragon of Wantley*. Eighteen festival concerts will continue the celebration with such luminaries as Stile Antico, Opera Prima with Grammy Award-winning soprano Amanda Forsythe, the Boston Early Music Festival Orchestra, AGAVE with countertenor Reginald Moble, and more, along with lectures, master classes, an exhibition, and a Fringe Series. Tickets and subscription packages will be available in the fall of 2026.

LOCATION Boston, MA, and online
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 6-13, 2027

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS
Paul O'Dette and Stephen Stubbs

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$250

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
617-661-1812

BOOKING CONTACT
[Kathleen Fay](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Typically, two years in advance, e.g., summer and fall of 2027 for June 2029 Festival

SOCIAL LINKS   

BOWDOIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Bowdoin International Music Festival is one of the world's premier music institutes, providing an intensive and in-depth exploration of chamber and solo music. Every summer, 275 students make life-long connections with peers, enhance musicianship through study and performance, and engage with world-renowned faculty. During the six-week Festival, audiences gather for nearly 100 performances, master classes, lectures, and more. The 2026 season will include appearances by

Frank Huang, Zlatomir Fung, Jon Nakamatsu, Brentano Quartet, Ensemble Dal Niente, Lysander Piano Trio, Jupiter String Quartet, Shanghai Quartet, Ying Quartet, among many other renowned artists.

LOCATION Brunswick, ME
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – August 8, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS David Ying and Phillip Ying

BOWDOIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$920
Additional ticket information: The Festival offers hundreds of free events. Ticketed event prices include: individual tickets (\$55); six-concert flex pass (\$306); 12-concert flex pass (\$591); and full season passes, 20 Concerts (\$920). [See here for more details.](#)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
207-373-1400

SOCIAL LINKS    

BRAVO! VAIL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Bravo! Vail celebrates Anne-Marie McDermott as she concludes her 16-year tenure as artistic director. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, The New York Philharmonic, and Academy of St. Martin in the Fields headline the orchestral series led by conductors including Marin Alsop, Elim Chan, Stéphane Denève, Fabio Luisi, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, and Santtu-Matias Rouvali.

McDermott plays all five Beethoven Piano Concertos and premieres music by Aaron Jay Kernis. Illia Ovcharenko, Ilya Shmukler, Fei-Fei Dong, and Chaeyoung Park perform Beethoven's complete Piano Sonatas. Luisi conducts Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* in concert. Emanuel Ax, Marc-André Hamelin, Himari, Leonidas Kavakos, and Aristo Sham debut at Bravo! Vail; returning artists include Joshua Bell, Carter Brey, Yefim Bronfman, James Ehnes, Augustin Hadelich, Nemanja Radulović, Conrad Tao, Yuja Wang, and Alisa Weilerstein.

LOCATION
Locations in Colorado: Vail, Beaver Creek, Eagle, Avon, Edwards, Leadville, Gypsum
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 25 – August 6, 2026
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Anne-Marie McDermott
GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$600
Additional ticket information: Youth Lawn Tickets start at \$10 for the Orchestral Series season. Children four and younger are free on the lawn; Pavilion is paid for all ages and requires a ticket. Free events require a reservation, and free events will be available for reservations.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
877-812-5700

BOOKING CONTACT
[Parker Owens](#), vice president of marketing; or Info@BravoVail.org
Booking cycle date range:
Fall/winter 2026 for summer 2027 & 2028

SOCIAL LINKS    

BREGENZER FESTSPIELE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Bregenz Festival celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2026. It opens with a spectacular new production of Giuseppe Verdi's *La traviata* on the iconic open-air stage on Lake Constance, directed by Damiano Michieletto. At the Festspielhaus, Leoš Janáček's satirical opera *The Excursions of Mr. Brouček* returns in a new staging by Yuval Sharon. The Vienna Symphony Orchestra performs the festival's orchestral concert series, joined by international soloists and conductors. Additional highlights include chamber music concerts and contemporary opera productions on the Werkstattbühne. As a special anniversary event, the festival presents its first "Singalong at the Lake," where audiences join the festival chorus to perform famous opera choruses together.

LOCATION Venues in Bregenz, Austria
[Festival Website](#)





DATES July 22 – September 23, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Lilli Paasikivi

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €30 to €484

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+43 5574 4076

SOCIAL LINKS    

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Brevard Music Center's 2026 Summer Festival celebrates its 90th anniversary featuring internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma in concert (August 2), a performance by jazz icon Branford Marsalis (June 11), and a family-friendly presentation of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* with live orchestra (July 25). Artistic Director Keith Lockhart will conduct major works including Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony (June 26), Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé* (July 12), Mahler's Symphony No. 4 (July 24), and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 (July 31). Opera productions include Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* (July 25 & 27). Additional

highlights include Béla Fleck's Blue Ridge Banjo Concert (August 15), revolutionary wind quintet Imani Winds (July 6), and GRAMMY Award-winning singer-songwriter Jason Isbell (July 19).

LOCATION Brevard, NC
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 30 – August 22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Keith Lockhart

GENRES Classical • Jazz • Symphony • Opera • Chamber • Bluegrass • Broadway

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$150
Additional ticket information: Subscriptions to the 2026 BMC Summer Music Festival are currently on sale; single tickets go on sale on April 23 to the general public.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
828-862-2105

BOOKING CONTACT
[Jason Posnock](#), president & CEO
[Nicholas Tzavaras](#), senior director of artistic planning & educational programs

SOCIAL LINKS   

BRIDGEHAMPTON CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

BCM's 43rd season will present 12 concerts over five weeks, including a BCM commission by Steven Banks, a program featuring Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, and an outdoor concert celebrating folk music throughout the ages. Led by flutist and Artistic Director Marya Martin, Festival artists include pianists Michael Stephen Brown, Albert Cano Smit, Gilles Vonsattel, and Aristo Sham; violinists Ben Baker, Stella Chen, Paul Huang, Ani Kavafian, Erin Keefe, Kristin Lee, David McCarroll, Julian Rhee, Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Josh Brown, and Chad Hoopes; violists Natalie Loughran, Matthew Lipman, Cindy Phelps, Masumi Per Rostad, Ettore Causa, and Cong Wu; cellists Carter Brey, Brannon Cho, Josh McClendon, James Baik, Paul Watkins, and Tommy Mesa; bassists Nina Bernat and Donald Palma; clarinetists Graeme Steele Johnson and Osmo Vänskä; bassoonist Gina Cuffari; percussionist Ian David Rosenbaum; and harpsichordist Leon Schelhase.

LOCATION
Locations in Bridgehampton and Sagaponack, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 19 – August 16, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Marya Martin

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$175
Additional ticket information: Concert prices vary depending on venue; student tickets are \$10.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
212-741-9403

BOOKING CONTACT
[Michael Lawrence](#), executive director
Booking cycle date range:
Spring 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

CABRILLO FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music sounds a resolute season that reckons with America at an historic crossroads. Marking the nation's 250th anniversary, the Festival centers bold new works by today's leading voices, with music by Philip Glass, Clarice Assad, Jerod Impichchaachaaha'Tate, James Lee III, Sarah Hennies, and many others shaping a vivid, urgent portrait of our time. This is a season comprised entirely of global, U.S., and West Coast premieres, affirming Cabrillo Festival's singular commitment to music of the moment. An orchestra comprised of new music specialists, led by internationally acclaimed conductor Cristian Măcelaru brings these boundary-pushing works to life, illuminating questions of identity, power, belonging, and possibility through the full spectrum of contemporary orchestral sound.

LOCATION Santa Cruz, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 26 – August 9, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Cristian Măcelaru

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$95

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
831-420-5260

BOOKING CONTACT
info@cabrillomusic.org

SOCIAL LINKS   

CARAMOOR CENTER FOR MUSIC AND THE ARTS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening night: Orchestra of St. Luke's and Kelli O'Hara
- Yuja Wang and People of Earth
- Charpentier's *Les Arts Florissants* and *La Descente d'Orphée aux enfers*
- Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra: Handel's *Tolomeo*
- The Knights and Conrad Tao: *Rhapsody in Blue*
- Sandbox Percussion and Young People's Chorus

- of New York City: Christopher Cerrone world premiere
- Poiesis Quartet: Jeff Scott world premiere
- Hélène Grimaud: Brahms, Busoni, Bach
- Aristo Sham
- VOCES8
- Mark Morris Dance Group
- Orchestra of St. Luke's and Gil Shaham: Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

CARAMOOR CENTER FOR MUSIC AND THE ARTS (cont'd)

LOCATION Katonah, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 20 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Kathy Schuman

GENRES
Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Dance

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$249

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
914-232-1252

BOOKING CONTACT
info@caramoor.org
Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for summer 2027 and 2028

SOCIAL LINKS     

CARMEL BACH FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Set in the stunning coastal town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Carmel Bach Festival returns for its 89th season with a program themed "the nature of sound," exploring music's deep connections to the natural world and the expressive possibilities of sound itself. Highlights include Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Handel's *Water Music*, and Haydn's *The Seasons*, alongside contemporary works by featured composer Angélica Negrón. The Festival also welcomes pianist and composer Conrad Tao with his innovative ensemble Counterpoint.

LOCATION Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 11-25, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR
Grete Pedersen

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$156
Additional ticket information: Some concerts and events are free; check website for details.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
831-624-1521

BOOKING CONTACT
[Nathan Lutz](#), executive director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

CENTRAL CITY OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Central City Opera's 2026 Festival featuring *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, *Master Class*, and CCO in Concert promises a delightful blend of comedy, drama, and inspirational moments that can be enjoyed by all—opera newcomers and season patrons alike.

- *The Marriage of Figaro*—delight in schemes of romance, jealousy, and mistaken identities, while savoring Mozart's most effervescent melodies.
- *The Ballad of Baby Doe*—celebrate our state's 150th birthday and the 70th anniversary of the world premiere of this epic love triangle, set against the backdrop of the Colorado silver age.
- *Master Class*—Maria Callas challenges vocal students and confronts her own turbulent past in Terrence McNally's Tony-Award winning play, featuring arias by Verdi, Puccini, and Bellini.

LOCATION Central City, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS Scott Finlay

GENRE Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$149
Additional ticket information: Subscriptions to two or three operas start at \$51 and provide a discount of 20% or more off public ticket prices. The schedule allows all three operas to be enjoyed over a single weekend. Groups of 10 or more can save 20% on tickets.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
303-292-6700

SOCIAL LINKS    

CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Chamber Music Northwest, in beautiful Portland, Oregon, hosts its 56th annual Summer Festival June 25 to July 19, 2026. Themed "Confluence: Our Shared Voices," it is designed by Artistic Directors Gloria Chien and Soovin Kim to transcend cultural, geographical, and political borders, and celebrate musical traditions that shape the music we love. Highlights include: historic and 21st-century masterpieces by J. S. Bach, Lembit Beecher, Leonard Bernstein, Brahms, Dvořák, George Gershwin,

Kodály, Mozart, Maurice Ravel, Robert Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and Heitor Villa-Lobos; and exciting world premieres by some of America's most exciting emerging composers, including Steven Banks, Reena Esmail, and Donghoon Shin. Superstar musicians this summer include Kit Armstrong, David Shifrin, Anthony McGill, Gloria Chien, Soovin Kim, Viano Quartet, and more.

LOCATION
Locations in Portland and Beaverton, OR

CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST SUMMER FESTIVAL (cont'd)

[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 25 – July 19, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS
Gloria Chien and Soovin Kim

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$71
Additional ticket information: [See here for ticket prices](#)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
503-294-6400

BOOKING CONTACT
info@cmnw.org
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

CINCINNATI MAY FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- An Eclectic Opening Night, Friday, May 15, 2026, 7:30 pm: Anton Bruckner, Psalm 150; Songs from Alexander von Zemlinsky and Margaret Bonds; Eclectic Mass with selections from Carlos Simon, Palestrina, J.S. Bach, Margaret Bonds, and Handel
- The Water's Journey, Saturday, May 16, 2026, 7:30 pm: Duke Ellington, *The River*; Ralph Vaughan Williams, Symphony No. 1, *A Sea Symphony*
- On Love and Lust, Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:30 pm: Igor Stravinsky, *Les noces ("The Wedding")*; Carl Orff, *Catulli Carmina ("Songs of Catullus")*
- *Porgy and Bess*, Festival Finale, Saturday, May 23, 2026, 7:30 pm: Selections from *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin, DuBose and Dorothy Heyward, and Ira Gershwin; works from William Grant Still, Stephen Paulus, Bernstein, and Handel.

LOCATION Music Hall, Cincinnati, OH
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 15-23, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY
[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR Julia Bullock

GENRES Classical • Choral

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$16 to \$126

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
513-381-3300

BOOKING CONTACT
[Anthony Paggett](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Two years in advance, e.g., spring 2026 for spring 2028

SOCIAL LINKS   

CINCINNATI OPERA SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Salome featuring Kathryn Lewek, Chad Shelton, Alfred Walker, Michelle DeYoung, Zach Borichevsky, Conductor Robert Spano, Director Jose Maria Condemí; *Lalovavi* (world premiere) by Kevin Day and Tifara Brown, featuring Brittany Olivia Logan, Talise Trevigne, Morris Robinson, Adrienne Danrich, Zoie Reams, Terrence Chin-Loy, Conductor Kevin Miller, director Kimille Howard; *Carmen* featuring J’Nai Bridges, Matthew White, Ryan McKinny, Teresa Perrotta, conductor Ramon Tebar, Director Paul Curran; *Orpheus and Euridice* featuring Heidi Middendorf, Christopher Pell (clarinet), Conductor Stephen Mulligan, Director Audrey Chait; studio sessions featuring season artists.

LOCATION Cincinnati, OH
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 18 – August 2, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Evans Mirageas

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$267
Additional ticket information: Subscribers receive a discount on tickets. Special pricing is also available for students, educators, seniors, U.S. veterans, and SNAP cardholders.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
513-241-2742

BOOKING CONTACT

[Jane Hulburt](#)

SOCIAL LINKS    

THE COLORADO COLLEGE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Colorado College Summer Music Festival will present five Festival Artists Concerts, two Festival Orchestra Concerts, performed by the Festival Fellows and conducted by Scott Yoo, two Children’s Orchestra Concerts, conducted by our Fellow Assistant Conductors, two or three outreach concerts, seven Music at Midday Fellow Chamber group concerts, and Concerto Readings. The

Colorado College Summer Music Festival, now in its 42nd season, provides the highest caliber, inclusive educational experience for pre-professional musicians, connecting them with preeminent performance faculty as they prepare to launch rewarding careers, while simultaneously providing vibrant and diverse concerts celebrating legacy, contemporary, and underrepresented classical music.

THE COLORADO COLLEGE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont’d)

LOCATION

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 6-26, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Susan Grace

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$5 to \$40
Additional ticket information: \$5 students; \$35 orchestra concerts; \$40 festival artists; donors to the festival receive ticket discount prices

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
719-389-6552

BOOKING CONTACT

Susan Grace, music director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2025 for June 2026 (by invitation only)

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COLORADO MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Every July, the Colorado Music Festival transforms Boulder into a vibrant celebration of summer and sound. More than a series of concerts, it's an immersive experience that brings world-class music to life in an unforgettable setting. Nestled in the heart of Boulder, the historic all-wood Chautauqua Auditorium provides a stunning backdrop for performances led by internationally acclaimed Music Director Peter Oundjian. This year, we celebrate four extraordinary milestones: the Festival's 50th anniversary, the Center's 30th, Colorado's 150th, and our nation's 250th. These remarkable occasions will be honored with world premieres, expanded educational programming, and special events throughout the season. Festival highlights for 2026 include appearances by Conductor Leonard Slatkin, violinist Himari, pianist Yuja Wang, and many more.

LOCATION

Chautauqua Auditorium, Boulder, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 9 – August 9, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Peter Oundjian

GENRES Classical • Chamber Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$31 to \$113
Additional ticket information: The Festival offers \$10 tickets for youth (ages 18 and under) and students (with current school identification). All Family Concert tickets are free.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
303-440-7666

BOOKING CONTACT

[Alberto Gutierrez](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Currently booking for summers of 2027 and 2028

SOCIAL LINKS



COPENHAGEN SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights include: Maxim Vengerov, violin recital and trio; David Khrikuli, piano recital; Novo Quartet, string quartet; piano trio Itai Navon, Michael Shaham, Clara Friedensburg; Nicholas Swensen; Kronberg String Trio; Absalon String Quartet; Copenhagen Summer Festival Talent Prize; and more. [See here for details.](#)

LOCATION

Royal Danish Arts Academy, Festival Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 19 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Poul Rosenbaum

GENRES Classical

COPENHAGEN SUMMER FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE RANGE €25 to €46
Additional ticket information: Reduced price for juniors and seniors

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+45 38 48 16 30

BOOKING CONTACT

[Poul Rosenbaum](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

International choirs will present choral music representative of their musical and ethnic backgrounds in a celebratory final Closing Gala Concert. The week will draw to a close and our international choirs will mark the end of a superb festival with a joyful and colorful celebration of song.

LOCATION Cork City & County, Ireland
[Festival Website](#)

DATES April 29 – May 3, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Peter Stobart

GENRES Classical • Choral Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE €0 to €32

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+353 214 215 125

BOOKING CONTACT

[Elaine Fitzgerald](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for spring 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



DES MOINES METRO OPERA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Des Moines Metro Opera's 2026 Festival Season features the return of Puccini's *Tosca*, a new production of Carlisle Floyd's *Of Mice and Men* presented with the Carlisle Floyd Centennial, and a new production and company premiere of Szymanowski's *King Roger*. Featured artists include Laura Wilde, Brian Michael Moore,

Norman Garrett, Wei Wu, Alan Williams, Lucas van Lierop, John Findon, John Moore, Cadie J. Bryan, Adrian Kramer, Kevin Deas, Dean Murphy, Alexander Birch Elliott, Lydia Grindatto, and Christopher Sokolowski. David Neely and Christopher James Ray will conduct the 2026 season operas; Kristine McIntyre, Chas Rader-Shieber, and Joshua Borths will direct.

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DES MOINES METRO OPERA (cont'd)

LOCATION Indianola, IA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 26 – July 19, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Michael Egel

GENRES Classical • Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$200

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
515-209-3257

BOOKING CONTACT
[Michael Egel](#), general & artistic director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027 and summer 2028

SOCIAL LINKS   

DRESDNER MUSIKFESTSPIELE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Dresdner Musikfestspiele (May 14 – June 14, 2026) will bring a wave of optimism to the concert halls in 2026. Artistic Director Jan Vogler has given the 49th edition of the festival the theme, “The Lightness of Being”—and this year he is expanding the festival’s range of genres to include theater and comedy.

The “Lightness of Being” runs like a common thread through all 64 events, which span not only classical music and opera but also jazz, world music, crossover, dance, theater, readings, and performance art. Nearly 30 artists and ensembles will make their Dresdner Musikfestspiele debuts in 2026, including Austrian actor Tobias Moretti, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Joja Wendt & Bastian Pastewka, and pianist and YouTube star Hayato Sumino, known as “Cateen.”

LOCATION
Locations in Dresden, Germany
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 14 – June 14, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jan Vogler

GENRES
Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE €9 to €149

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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BOOKING CONTACT
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SOCIAL LINKS      



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DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

A rich and diverse music program of the 77th Festival will bring together top domestic and international artists. Highlights include violinist Renaud Capuçon, Baroque ensemble Barokkanerne, great young pianist David Khrikuli, the Philharmonix ensemble—composed exclusively of members of the Vienna and Berlin philharmonics—and many other world-renowned musicians. Featured Croatian talents include pianist Martina Filjak, Zagreb Soloists, bass baritone Krešimir Stražanac, and many others. This season will close with a spectacular Opera Gala, led by opera stars soprano Pretty Yende, Croatian soprano Darija Auguštan and tenor Tomislav Jukić, accompanied by the Croatian Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sebastian Lang Lessing.

LOCATION Old City of Dubrovnik, Croatia
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 10 – August 25, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Martina Filjak

GENRES Classical • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE €17 to €80

Additional ticket information: Use MasterCard to get 10% off tickets. • Buy tickets for two premiere theatrical or three musical events and get a complimentary ticket for one repeat theatrical or musical performance of your choice. • Installment payments (up to three) are provided for MasterCard cardholders when spending over €70. • Students with the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) can get 10% discount for up to two tickets per event. • Daily DU PASS enables 10% discount, three-day enables 30%, while seven-day DU PASS enables a discount of 50% for two tickets per event. Dubrovnik Summer Festival Gift Card is available in amounts from €40 to €300.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+385 (0)20 326 123

BOOKING CONTACT

info@dubrovnik-festival.hr

Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS     

EARLY MUSIC DAYS — 2026

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

“The 42.” Early Music Days series of events organized by Filharmonia Hungary will take place June 27 – July 4, 2026, in Vác. The master courses—together with the festival concerts featuring world renowned performers—offer splendid developmental opportunities both for professional Hungarian and

foreign musicians as well as for students in any academy of music.

LOCATION Vác, Hungary
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – July 4, 2026

EARLY MUSIC DAYS — 2026 (cont'd)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR György Vashegyi

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €10 to €30

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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BOOKING CONTACT

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SOCIAL LINKS   

EASTERN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The five-week 2026 festival with orchestral and chamber music concerts and piano recitals every night begins June 30 and continues through August 1 on the beautiful Guilford College campus. A professional orchestra is in residence and two student orchestras perform difficult works each night during the season. Guest artists include violinists Pinchus Zukerman and Leonidas Kavakos, and pianist Misha Dichter. Two hundred fifty students come from all over the U.S. and several countries to study with the faculty orchestra, guest artists, and Maestro Schwarz.

LOCATION Guilford College, Greensboro, NC
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – August 1, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Gerard Schwarz

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$60

Additional ticket information: Tickets are available for the season as well as the Saturday night series and individual concerts.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
336-908-4941

BOOKING CONTACT

[Gerard Schwarz](#)

Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS  

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Edinburgh International Festival presents 24 days of opera, music, theatre, and dance with a focus on American artists marking the 250th anniversary of American Independence in 2026. Highlights include the first jazz residency of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, featuring *All Rise*, Ellington's *Black, Brown and Beige*, and a special concert with Yuja Wang; a residency from the LA Philharmonic with Gustavo Dudamel; celebrations for Steve Reich; and the world premiere of Missy Mazzoli's opera *The Galloping Cure*. Other highlights include Zurich Opera's *A Masked Ball*, performances of *Don Giovanni* and *Elektra*, a residency by the Berliner Philharmoniker and Kirill Petrenko; the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal with Rafael Payare; Jordi Savalland, and appearances by Vilda Frang, Víkingur Ólafsson, Alisa Weilerstein, and many others.

LOCATION

Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 7-31, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Nicola Benedetti

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Opera • Dance • Theatre • Contemporary

TICKET PRICE RANGE £10 to £100

Additional ticket information: 50 percent of tickets for the 2026 International Festival will be sold at £30 or less; free tickets are available for young musicians, and £10 affordable tickets will be available for all performances.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+44 131 473 2099

BOOKING CONTACT

performing@eif.co.uk

Booking cycle date range:

Ongoing; usually six months to several years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS      

GEORGE ENESCU INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 28th edition of the George Enescu International Festival, widely recognized as one of the world's largest gatherings of major orchestras, will once again bring together the global classical music community for an extraordinary celebration of

artistic excellence. Over four weeks, many of the most distinguished orchestras, conductors, and soloists will share the stage, making the festival one of the world's most important. Artistic Director Cristian Măcelaru returns for the third festival of his tenure with an ambitious program blending

GEORGE ENESCU INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION (cont'd)

tradition and innovation, featuring international premieres alongside landmark interpretations of masterpieces from across the classical repertoire, performed by some of the world's most celebrated ensembles.

LOCATION Bucharest, Romania
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 27 – September 26, 2027

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Cristian Măcelaru

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$59

Additional ticket information: Tickets for the concerts and recitals organized as part of the Enescu Festival & Competition can be [found here](#).

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

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BOOKING CONTACT

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[Artists' Booking and Production Assistant](#)

[General inquiries](#)

Booking cycle date range:

2026 for 2027 and 2029 editions

SOCIAL LINKS    

FESTIVAL D'AIX-EN-PROVENCE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Die Zauberflöte by Mozart: Leonardo García-Alarcón, conductor; Clément Cogitore, stage director
• *Die Frau Ohne Schatten* by Strauss: Klaus Mäkelä, conductor; Barrie Kosky, stage director
• Requiem by Mozart: Raphaël Pichon, conductor; Romeo Castellucci, stage director • *Accabadora* by Francesco Filidei (world premiere): Lucie Leguay, conductor; Valentina Carrasco, stage director
• *El Cimarrón* by Henze: Elayce Ismail, stage director

Concert Versions • *Les Vêpres Siciliennes* by Verdi: Daniele Rustioni, conductor • *Bluebeard's Castle* by Bartók: Klaus Mäkelä, conductor. Concerts with Pygmalion, Capella Mediterranea, Pierre-Laurent Aimard, Sonya Yoncheva, Benjamin Bernheim, Michael Spyres, Ailyn Pérez, Samara Joy, Karim Sulayman

LOCATION Aix-en-Provence, France
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 2-22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Ted Huffman

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €8 to €312

Additional ticket information: Full price tickets range: €312 - €32; youth tickets (under 30 years old): €93 - €10. [See full details here](#), including pricing for each performance.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+33 (0)4 34 08 02 17

SOCIAL LINKS     

FESTIVAL DANS LES JARDINS DE WILLIAM CHRISTIE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Concerts on the Miroir d'eau (the reflecting pool): great open-air baroque music concerts with the singers and the orchestra of Les Arts Florissants, conducted by William Christie and Paul Agnew • Candlelit concerts: sacred baroque music in the peaceful setting of the medieval church of Saint-Juire-Champgillon • Musical promenades: short baroque music concerts by the musicians and singers of Les Arts Florissants in the gardens of William Christie

LOCATION Thiré (Vendée), France
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 22-29, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS
William Christie and Paul Agnew

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €10 to €25

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
+33 (0)2 28 85 85 70

SOCIAL LINKS   

FESTIVAL DE LANAUDIÈRE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

[See here for highlights and details.](#)

LOCATION

Amphitheatre Fernand-Lindsay, Joliette, QC; churches in the Lanaudière region, Canada
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 3 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Renaud Loranger

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE CAD\$25 to CAD\$130
Additional ticket information: Applicable taxes not included

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
800-245-7636

BOOKING CONTACT

[Renaud Loranger](#), artistic director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2025 for summer 2026

SOCIAL LINKS   

FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

2026 highlights include:

- The world premiere of *The Judgment of Paris*, a new opera by Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer, commissioned by Festival Napa Valley, conducted by Kent Nagano and directed by Jean-Romain Vesperini. Stars Danielle De Niese, Quinn Kelsey, Nicholas Phan, Simone McIntosh, Brenda Rae, and Fellows from the Manetti Shrem Opera Program.
- Wynton Marsalis to headline the Arts for All Gala.
- Renée Fleming as keynote speaker for the Music and Wellness Summit and headliner in "Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene."
- Uytensu Family Opening Night: From Beethoven to Getty to Dylan with Time for Three and the Young People's Chorus of New York City.
- Grand Cru performance with violinist Ray Chen and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

- A Night at the Ballet: From *Swan Lake* to The Stones, directed by Live Arts Global's Melanie Hamrick.

LOCATION

Locations throughout Napa Valley, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 4-19, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Charles Letourneau

GENRES Classical • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$12,500
Additional ticket information: Daytime concerts are free. New "Choose Your Price" ticketing for select evening concerts. Patron Passports range from \$3,750 to \$12,500.



LJUBLJANA FESTIVAL MASTERCLASSES

26th July – 9th August 2026, Ljubljana, Slovenia

General and Artistic Director: **Darko Brlek**
Artistic director of masterclasses: **Branimir Slokar**



Application deadline: **25th May 2026**
Price per class: **500 EUR**

Felix Renggli , flute	26. 7. – 31. 7. 2026	Rick Stotijn , double bass	3. 8. – 8. 8. 2026
Epifanio Comis , piano	27. 7. – 2. 8. 2026	Ole Kristian Dahl , bassoon	3. 8. – 9. 8. 2026
Eldar Sapaar , cello	27. 7. – 2. 8. 2026	Harri Mäki , clarinet	4. 8. – 9. 8. 2026
Radovan Vlatković , horn	28. 7. – 2. 8. 2026	Reinhold Friedrich , trumpet	4. 8. – 8. 8. 2026
Latica Honda-Rosenberg , violin	2. 8. – 7. 8. 2026	Emanuel Abbühl , oboe	5. 8. – 9. 8. 2026
Hartmut Rohde , viola	3. 8. – 7. 8. 2026		

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FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY (cont'd)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

707-346-5052

SOCIAL LINKS



BOOKING CONTACT

[Sienna Peck](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Six to 12 months in advance

THE GILMORE PIANO FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Shifting from a biennial to an annual event, this year's Festival builds on the success of the 2026 Gilmore Larry J. Bell Jazz Artist Awards by bookending the Festival with performances by its inaugural winner Sullivan Fortner. Other highlights include a commissioned world premiere monodrama with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra; piano recitals by Brad Mehldau, Kirill Gerstein, Stewart Goodyear, Marc-Andre Hamelin, Bill Charlap, and Renee Rosnes; performances by 2024 Gilmore Artist Alexandra Kantorow; family-friendly performances as well as master classes, film screenings, and more.

LOCATION

Various locations in Michigan: Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, and East Lansing

[Festival Website](#)

DATES April 30 – May 10, 2026

EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Pierre van der Westhuizen

GENRES Classical • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$115

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

269-250-6984

BOOKING CONTACT

[Pierre van der Westhuizen](#), executive and artistic director

Booking cycle date range:

Spring 2026 for spring 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



THE GLIMMERGLASS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

As the nation approaches its 250th birthday, The Glimmerglass Festival brings a season that explores our American journey—its promises, its contradictions, its joys, and its challenges. Through iconic musical theater, beloved opera classics, and contemporary American works, we'll reflect on the stories we've inherited and those we're still writing. The 2026 Festival will feature a new production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* directed by Francesca Zambello; Puccini, Illica, and Giacosa's *Madame Butterfly*; Mozart and Da Ponte's *Così*; and Gregory Spears and Greg Pierce's *Fellow Travelers*, alongside special Pavilion events and the youth opera *Robin Hood* by Ben Moore and Kelley Rourke. Together, we'll explore the complexities of a nation in motion, one story at a time.

LOCATION Cooperstown, NY

[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 10 – August 17, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

DIRECTORS

Robert Ainsley, artistic & general director;
Joseph Colaneri, music director

GENRES Classical • Opera • Musical Theater

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$38 to \$200

Additional ticket information: The Glimmerglass Festival's single-ticket prices will fluctuate based on sales demand. The prices above are the starting prices (with service fees) for each seating level. [See here](#) for the most up-to-date prices for each performance. Ticket package prices are fixed and offer the best benefits.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

607-547-2255

BOOKING CONTACT

[Lauren Bailey](#), director of artistic administration

Booking cycle date range:

Two years in advance of each Festival season, e.g., summer 2026 for summer 2028

SOCIAL LINKS



THE GOLANDSKY INSTITUTE SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Every summer, hundreds of participants from all over the world converge for interactive sessions with preeminent faculty of the Taubman Approach. On top of engaging lectures, presentations, and master classes, participants immerse themselves in technique clinics, problem-solving sessions, one-

on-one work, Q&A sessions, and performances by world-renowned guest artists.

LOCATION SUNY Fredonia, NY

[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 26 – August 1, 2026

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THE GOLANDSKY INSTITUTE SUMMER SYMPOSIUM (cont'd)

FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Edna Golandsky

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$1,950

Additional ticket information: Registration price may be subject to change; [see here](#) for more details.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

646-389-8648

SOCIAL LINKS



GRAFENEKG FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Grafenegg Festival celebrates 20 years of exceptional music, starting on August 14 with the Philharmonia Orchestra London, conducted by Cristian Măcelaru, performing Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* and Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Other highlights include the European Union Youth Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Wiener Philharmoniker, and more, alongside world-renowned artists like Yuja Wang, Martha Argerich, and Piotr Beczala. Special events feature opera performances, premieres by Composer-in-Residence Olga Neuwirth, and appearances of stars like Joyce DiDonato and Daniil Trifonov. The Festival also offers preludes, late-night sessions, and expert music talks, making it a true celebration of classical music.

LOCATION

Grafenegg Castle, Grafenegg, Austria

[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 14 – September 6, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Rudolf Buchbinder

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €15 to €180

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+43 (0)1 5868383

SOCIAL LINKS



GRAND TETON MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand Teton Music Festival welcomes musicians and audiences to the majestic Teton Mountains to celebrate its 65th-anniversary season with seven weeks of world-class performances. Guest artists include violinist Maria Loudenitch; vocalist Capathia Jenkins; pianist Tanner Jorden; clarinetist José González Granero; violinist Madeline Adkins; soprano Eleni Calenos; tenor Daniel Luis Espinal; a cappella sensations The King's Singers; GRAMMY-winning folk ensemble the Punch Brothers; and "Give Our Regards to Broadway" featuring iconic divas of musical theater led by Andy Einhorn. At the heart of the festival are the extraordinary musicians who make up the Festival Orchestra, under the leadership of Music Director Sir Donald Runnicles, and serve as featured soloists as part of the weekly Festival Orchestra and chamber music series.

LOCATION Jackson Hole, WY

[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 2 – August 15, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

MUSIC DIRECTOR Sir Donald Runnicles

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$105

Additional ticket information: Tickets for children/students are \$5 for most performances.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

307-733-1128

BOOKING CONTACT

[Jeff Counts](#)

Booking cycle date range:
Spring 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



GREEN MOUNTAIN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

GMCMF audiences can enjoy Festival Artist Series concerts featuring distinguished artist faculty, student fellows, and guest artists, including the Balourdet & Verona Quartets in 2026. Student participants in our intensive five-week program of solo and chamber music energize the audience for our Festival Artist concerts. Up to 200+ string players, ages 8-28, are immersed in the Festival's atmosphere of focused professionalism, with

four hours of daily individual practice, daily chamber music rehearsals, lessons, ensemble coachings, master classes, and extensive student performance opportunities in the concert hall and in unconventional venues in the Burlington community.

LOCATION

Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester, VT

[Festival Website](#)

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

DATES June 30 – July 25, 2026

DIRECTORS

Elizabeth Chang, artistic director; Amanda Stenroos, general manager

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$50

Additional ticket information: Concert event pages, including ticketing links, are posted in spring 2026. Concerts take place on Tuesday and Friday evenings, except for July 2. Pre-concert performances, lectures, and receptions take place before most concerts.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

802-503-1220

BOOKING CONTACT

[Amanda Stenroos](#), general manager

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2025 for summer 2026

SOCIAL LINKS



HEIFETZ 2026 FESTIVAL OF CONCERTS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Audiences can expect a robust schedule of 50+ concerts of vital, compelling music-making in the unique Heifetz style, from the flagship Stars of Tomorrow to the masterful Celebrity Series and Sunday matinées, presented in venues across Staunton and throughout the Shenandoah Valley.

LOCATION Staunton, VA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 25 – August 1, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Nicholas Kitchen

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$40

Additional ticket information: Admission is free to all events for children 12 and younger.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

540-907-4446

BOOKING CONTACT

heifetz@heifetzinstitute.org

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



HANDEL FESTIVAL HALLE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Händel-Festspiele (Handel Festival) in Halle (Saale) 2026 will take place June 5-14, 2026. Under the direction of new Artistic Director Florian Amort, the 2026 festival focuses on the theme “Mannsbilder: Helden, Herrscher, Herzensbrecher” (Images of Men: Heroes, Rulers, Heartbreakers), exploring historical and contemporary depictions of masculinity in Handel’s works. With more than 80 events and numerous accompanying events in 17 venues in and around Halle, the tradition-steeped Handel Festival once again guarantees an excellent and varied program in 2026.

LOCATION Halle (Saale), Germany

[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 5-14, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Florian Amort

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €0 to €75

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+49 345 565 27-06

SOCIAL LINKS



HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 45th anniversary season will commence with a special concert featuring the Zukerman Trio on June 28 followed by a July 5 celebratory concert, "American Salute" with the American String Quartet. Other highlights are the debuts of Chelsea Guo (Whitehead Young Pianist Concert), the Neave Trio, the Formosa Quartet (Battle of the Bands with the Erinys Quartet), and the Borromeo Quartet. Watch for the "Sizzling Sextets" with Zuill Bailey, Amy Moretti, and Friends, Atlanta Chamber Players 50th Celebration, and much more. The Final Gala concert, "Concerto Night," will be performed by pianist Anton Nel, violinist Abigel Kralik, and the Festival Chamber Orchestra.

LOCATION Highlands and Cashiers, NC
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 5 – August 9, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR William Ransom

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$40 to \$200
Additional ticket information: [See here](#) for special event ticket pricing

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
828-526-9060

BOOKING CONTACT
[William Ransom](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Spring 2026 for summer 2027

HIGHMARK MANN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Experience a thrilling array of cultural and musical events during Highmark Mann's milestone 50th-anniversary season in 2026. The TD Pavilion (14,000 capacity) and Skyline Stage (6,500) host world-class artists spanning diverse genres. The Philadelphia Orchestra's annual summer residency includes: a world premiere oratorio about the 1876 Centennial Exposition commissioned by Highmark Mann, titled "A Hundred Years On," 50 Years of Music in the Park, conducted by Marin Alsop; Tchaikovsky

Spectacular; and more to be announced. The Philly Pops return for a series of performances with renowned popular artists. Downstage @ Highmark Mann features intimate performances with on-stage seating, including Jazz Under the Stars. BalletX, Philadelphia's premier contemporary ballet company, brings two extraordinary nights of dance with *The Four Seasons Reimagined* world premiere. [See the full lineup here](#). Artists and programs are subject to change.

HIGHMARK MANN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (cont'd)

LOCATION

Highmark Mann Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 30 – October 17, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

DIRECTORS

Toby Blumenthal, vice president of artistic planning and chief innovation officer

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$18.76 to \$220
Additional ticket information: Pricing is subject to change; please [check here](#) and click on each performance to see and buy tickets.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

BOOKING CONTACT

[Toby Blumenthal](#), vice president of artistic planning and chief innovation officer, Highmark Mann Center for the Performing Arts

SOCIAL LINKS     

HITZACKER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

This year's musical focus is on Joseph Haydn, especially on his role as a musical innovator. With inspiration and courage, he broke new ground and had a formative influence on an entire era and beyond. Great artists will embrace Haydn's spirit, humor, and creative power, develop their own program ideas, and forge connection. Antje Weithaas, Kristian Bezuidenhout, Ian Bostridge, Dorothee Röschmann, the Grau-Schumacher Piano Duo, and the Kuss Quartet; instruments such as the baryton, theorbo, and fortepiano will convey the impressions of historical sound.

Haydn in jazz will be featured in a concert by Till Brönner and Frank Chastenier, and Haydn's sacred work *The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the*

Cross will be accompanied by ballet; there will also be the world premiere of a new piece by Matthew Slomowitz.

LOCATION Hitzacker (Elbe), Germany
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 25 – August 2, 2026

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR Oliver Wille, violinist

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €21 to €54
Additional ticket information: A subscription is offered to attend all concerts and events: A festival card for the nine festival days (all together) costs between €380 and €480, depending on the seating category. In addition, 10 special concerts are offered

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HITZACKER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

from €235 to €335, depending on the seating category.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+49 (0)5862 / 941 430

BOOKING CONTACT

organisation@musiktage-hitzacker.de

Booking cycle date range:

Summer 2026 for summer 2028

SOCIAL LINKS



HOLLYWOOD BOWL 2026 SEASON

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Hollywood Bowl summer season begins in June and concludes in September. This year's lineup reflects the excitement audiences experience each year returning to the Los Angeles Philharmonic's summer home. Gustavo Dudamel returns to celebrate his 17th Hollywood Bowl season as music and artistic director of the LA Phil with a week of performances that brings together the Philharmonic and a stellar roster of guest artists. Chance The Rapper headlines Juneteenth while the film music from Wes Anderson and Joe Hisaishi get their spotlight. Other highlights include Salsa Spectacular, The Classical World Cup, Blue Note Jazz Festival, July Fourth Spectacular with The Beach Boys, and nights dedicated to jazz, blues, R&B, Hip-Hop, classical, rock, and more.

LOCATION Los Angeles, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 13 – September 27, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

MUSIC & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Gustavo Dudamel

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$1 to \$289

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

323-850-2000

SOCIAL LINKS



2026 HONENS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Honens, home of Canada's international piano competition, presents its 2026 Festival—Echoes and Transformations. Curated by 2003 Honens laureate Winston Choi, this year's Festival is an exploration of how music reflects, distorts, and reinvents across time, culture, and genre. Featured performers include five Canadian pianists: Honens Artistic Director Jon Kimura Parker, 2025 Honens gold and silver laureates Élisabeth Pion and Carter Johnson, jazz pianist Chris Andrew, and Winston Choi himself, as well as 2018 Honens Prize laureate Nicolas Namoradze and violinist MingHuan Xu. Through recitals, collaborative concerts, teacher training, workshops, and free events for the community, the 2026 Honens Festival is a true celebration of the piano in all its forms.

LOCATION Calgary, AB, Canada
[Festival Website](#)

DATES September 10-13, 2026

DIRECTORS

Jon Kimura Parker, artistic director; Winston Choi, festival curator

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE CAD\$0 to CAD\$66

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

403-299-0130

BOOKING CONTACT

[Catherine McClelland](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Spring 2026 for fall 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



INTERNATIONAL KEYBOARD INSTITUTE & FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Jerome Rose, Llewellyn Sánchez-Werner, Dudana Mazmanishvili, Massimiliano Ferrati, David Khrikuli, Martín García García; recitals will also be recorded for viewing on the IKIF YouTube channel.

LOCATION

New York, NY: Merkin Hall at Kaufman Music Center and Klavierhaus
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 7-12, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jerome Rose

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$20

Additional ticket information: Student and senior discount with ID

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

212-501-3330

BOOKING CONTACT

[Julie Kedersha](#), festival director

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



KISSINGER SOMMER

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Festival celebrates its 40th-anniversary season in 2026 under the motto “Mazel Tov,” honoring the important Jewish history of the town of Bad Kissingen with high caliber offerings, including symphony orchestras, chamber music, and recitals. Visiting orchestras include the Bamberger Symphoniker, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Budapest Festival Orchestra, and Czech Philharmonic. Longstanding featured collaborators include Cecilia Bartoli, Lisa Batiashvili, Igor Levit, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Kent Nagano, and Grigory Sokolov. Sir Simon Rattle and his Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks will present Carl Orff’s *Carmina Burana* in an open-air spectacular with over 500 choristers from all over Bavaria.

LOCATION Bad Kissingen, Bavaria, Germany
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 11 – July 18, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Alexander Steinbeis

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €15 to €167

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+49 (0)971 8048 444

BOOKING CONTACT

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Booking cycle date range:

Summer/fall 2026 for 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

THE 46TH KUSATSU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The theme for the 46th Kusatsu International Summer Music Academy & Festival is “Bach is Cool.” Artists include Johanna Malangré, conductor; Anthony Spiri, piano; Christopher Hinterhuber, piano; Karin Adam, violin; Enrico Bronzi, cello/violoncello; Thomas Indermühle, oboe; Claudio Brizi, organ/cembalo; and Reinhold Friedrich, timpani.

The program includes:

- J.S. Bach: Harpsichord Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052

- G. Mahler: Suite based on Bach’s Orchestral Suites (from “Orchestral Suite No. 2 & No. 3”)
- J. Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98
- J. Brahms: A German Requiem
- Additional works

LOCATION Kusatsu and Nagano, Japan
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 17-31, 2026

ARTISTIC ADVISOR Michael Haefliger

THE 46TH KUSATSU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL (cont’d)

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE ¥2,000 to ¥5,000

Additional ticket information: Daily concert 4 pm-6 pm—adult: ¥5,000 / under 25: ¥2,500 / balcony: ¥6,000

Morning concert 11 am—adult: ¥2,000 / under 25: ¥1,000 / balcony: unavailable

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

SOCIAL LINKS    

LA JOLLA MUSIC SOCIETY SUMMERFEST

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Musicians from across the globe converge on La Jolla’s sunny coast for four exciting weeks of performances led by celebrated pianist and Music Director Inon Barnatan. Centered around the theme of “Making History,” our stages will feature acclaimed artists in classical music, jazz, and folk, including Karen Gomyo, George Li, Alisa Weilerstein, Jonathan Biss, Randall Goosby, James Ehnes, Tessa Lark, and the GRAMMY-winning ensemble Imani Winds, among others. From intimate jazz sets to epic classical experiences—like performances of the complete Brandenburg Concertos—there is something for everyone at SummerFest. One of Southern California’s biggest musical events, SummerFest is now in its 40th year.

LOCATION

The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, La Jolla, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 31 – August 29, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

MUSIC DIRECTOR Inon Barnatan

GENRES Classical • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$40 to \$145

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

858-459-3728

BOOKING CONTACT

[Grace Smith](#), artistic planning & operations director
Booking cycle date range:

Ongoing, through February prior to the festival

SOCIAL LINKS    

LAKE GEORGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, we gather a dynamic spectrum of musicians made up of undergraduate and graduate students, early-career freelancers, professional orchestra members, college faculty, and renowned touring artists. Participants come not only to perform, but to grow intellectually, artistically, and professionally. The Festival offers a networking opportunity like no other, where new connections spark inspired collaborations, and meaningful mentorships lead to lifelong artistic partnerships. Programming is led by Barbora Kolářová, Alyssa Weinberg, and Roger Kalia, in collaboration with a core committee of longstanding alumni.

LOCATION Lake George, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 31 – June 11, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS
Barbora Kolarova and Roger Kalia

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$30

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
518-791-5089

BOOKING CONTACT
[Alexander Lombard](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Two years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS    

74TH LJUBLJANA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- July: T. Rice, Andrew Lloyd Webber: *Evita*, musical; T. Blanchard & R. Coltrane, Miles Davis & John Coltrane; Charles Dutoit, Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra: C. Saint-Saëns *Samson and Delilah*, concert version; Jazz: We Want Miles
- August: A. Piazzolla: *Maria de Buenos Aires*, concert version; ADDA Simfonica Alicante, Prokofiev: *Romeo and Juliet*, ballet; John Eliot Gardiner, The Constellation Choir & Orchestra; ADDA Simfonica Alicante, P. Zukerman
- September: Y. Wang, Mahler Chamber Orchestra; London Symphony Orchestra, A. Pappano, Yunchan Lim, London Symphony Orchestra, A. Pappano; Berliner Symphoniker, G. Emilson, Khatia Buniatishvili; Staatskapelle Dresden, D. Gatti; Baltic Sea Philharmonic, R. Trevino, Lana Trotovsšek

LOCATION Locations in Ljubljana, Slovenia
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 21 – September 8, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Darko Brlek

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €24 to €79

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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LUCERNE FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring the theme “American Dreams,” the summer festival will bring the very top musicians of the classical music world to Lucerne for nearly five weeks. It’s the first summer festival of new Artistic and Executive Director Sebastian Nordmann. Enjoy the world’s finest orchestras, acclaimed stars, and outstanding soloists. Violinist Augustin Hadelich will appear as “artiste étoile,” and the composer-in-residence will be Mark Andre. The Lucerne Festival Orchestra will appear in six major symphonic programs, with Music Director Riccardo Chailly, Klaus Mäkelä, and Jakub Hrůša. Jörg Widmann, the new artistic director of the Lucerne Festival Academy, will conduct Wolfgang Rihm’s spectacular *Tutuguri* with the Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra.

LOCATION

Churches, Luzerner Theater, and Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre, Lucerne, Switzerland
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 13 – September 13, 2026

EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sebastian Nordmann

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$320

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+41 (0)41 226 44 00

SOCIAL LINKS



MAINLY MOZART ALL-STAR ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL 2026

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Festival highlights include Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5 and Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*; Mozart’s Symphony No. 41 *Jupiter*, and Piano Concerto No. 9; and Copland’s *Appalachian Spring*. Anne Marie McDermott performs Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3, and James Ehnes appears in Schumann’s Violin Concerto and Brahms’s Double Concerto with cellist Robert DeMaine. Additional programs feature Prokofiev’s Classical Symphony, Rodrigo’s *Concierto de Aranjuez*, with guitarist Mak Grgic, and Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4 (*Italian*), alongside Mozart’s ballet music from *Idomeneo* and selections including the “Turkish March,” presenting a range

of well-known orchestral and concerto repertoire across the festival.

LOCATION Locations in San Diego, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 17-27, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Michael Francis

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$250

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

619-239-0100 x305

MAINLY MOZART ALL-STAR ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL 2026 (cont’d)

BOOKING CONTACT

[Jackie Marcum](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



MANCHESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Get ready for “Journey: America,” a musical adventure celebrating 250 years of our nation. From the wide-open landscapes of Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* to the city rhythms of Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue*, and the Broadway brilliance of Bernstein’s *West Side Story*, the 2026 Festival brings America’s rich sounds and stories to life. The internationally renowned guest artists hail from some of the world’s most prestigious stages, including the New York Philharmonic and Wigmore Hall in London. Past festival audiences have also enjoyed performances by Grammy and Emmy Award-winning artists, making each summer an experience to remember.

DATES July 7 – September 6, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Philip Setzer

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$15 to \$80

Additional ticket information: Tickets go on sale this spring. Single tickets and subscriptions may be purchased throughout the season. Family events are free.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

802-362-1956

SOCIAL LINKS



LOCATION

Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, VT
[Festival Website](#)

MARLBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Led by Co-Artistic Directors Mitsuko Uchida and Jonathan Biss, some of the world’s most acclaimed solo and chamber music artists and outstanding young professional musicians explore chamber music with unlimited rehearsal time and in the kind of depth only possible at Marlboro. The artists share

their discoveries in five weekends of public concerts *The New York Times* has called “extraordinary.”

LOCATION Marlboro, VT
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 18 – August 16, 2026

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MARLBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Mitsuko Uchida and Jonathan Biss

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$40

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

215-569-4690 until June 21; 802-254-2394 from June 22

BOOKING CONTACT

jloux@marlbormusic.org for audition information for outstanding young professional musicians

SOCIAL LINKS



MATA FESTIVAL 2026

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Drawing on the centenary of Morton Feldman—a pioneer of indeterminacy whose compositional practice was influenced by abstract expressionism—this year's festival engages with music that strives for purity of expression, quietude, and mysticism. Programs will feature compositions that include, but are not limited to, works that resonate with Feldman's ethos, inviting one to consider listening as an act of discovery: Music that challenges formal conventions, embraces introspection, explores the ephemeral and the tactile, and cultivates an intimate relationship with sound. Special interest will be focused on works that emphasize acoustic instruments, utilizing natural resonance, subtle gestures, and the tangible presence of sound in space. Featured selections will reflect on Feldman's approaches as points of departure rather than prescription—not calling for imitation, but for works that show his musical spirit.

LOCATION

DiMenna Center for Classical Music, New York, NY, and Ridgewood, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 20-23, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Pauline Kim Harris

GENRE

Classical • World/Ethnic • Contemporary Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$45 to \$150

Additional ticket information: Tickets to the concerts include access to all events as well as to the exhibitions; bundles are also available for all four nights of the festival.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

BOOKING CONTACT

[Pauline Kim Harris](#)

Booking cycle date range:

One year from the end of the festival

SOCIAL LINKS



MENUHIN FESTIVAL GSTAAD

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 70th anniversary season opens with a landmark celebration: Zubin Mehta and Pinchas Zukerman lead the Zurich Chamber Orchestra in works by Mozart, Haydn, and Offenbach. Jaap van Zweden continues his collaboration with the Menuhin Festival Orchestra in Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Elgar's Violin Concerto with Daniel Hope, ahead of a major European tour. Operatic focus comes with Puccini's *La bohème*, starring Benjamin Bernheim under Marco Armiliato. Leading orchestras include the Budapest Festival Orchestra with Iván Fischer and Isata Kanneh-Mason, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Vasily Petrenko, and the Royal Danish Orchestra with Marie Jacquot and Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider. Intimate highlights feature Sir András Schiff, Gabriela Montero, Hayato Sumino, and Daniil Trifonov.

LOCATION

Gstaad and Saanenland, Switzerland
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 16 – September 5, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Daniel Hope

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE CHF30 to CHF235

Additional ticket information: With Festival-Pass "Your Top 10," you can choose 10 of your favorite concerts from the entire Festival program at a total discount of 20%—giving you a truly customized subscription.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+41 33 748 81 82

SOCIAL LINKS



MINNESOTA BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

June 28: Stephen Hough, piano; June 30 – July 1: Joshua Bell and Academy of St. Martin in the Fields; July 7: Alisa Weilerstein, cello and Inon Barnatan, piano; July 9: The King's Singers; July 11: Minnesota Orchestra Pops Concert; July 12: Leonidas Kavakos, violin and Enrico Pace, piano; July 14: Aristo Sham, piano; July 16: Ariel String Quartet; July 19: Minnesota Orchestra.

LOCATION Winona, MN

[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 28 – July 19, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Ned Kirk

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$28 to \$45

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

507-474-9055

BOOKING CONTACT

[Shanna Sherwood](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Booking now for summer 2028 and 2029

SOCIAL LINKS



MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA'S "SUMMER AT ORCHESTRA HALL"

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Grammy Award-winning musician Chris Thile and countertenor John Holiday each headline a week of concerts and curate programs that highlight different sides of their musical personalities. Thile makes his Minnesota Orchestra debut bringing his autobiographical mandolin concerto to Orchestra Hall, plus an evening of indie music. Holiday sings Carlos Simon's *Songs of Separation* and selections from the American songbook with Jearlyn and Jevetta Steele. The summer also includes Stephanie Childress conducting Beethoven's Triple Concerto with violinist Sarah Grimes, associate principal cello Silver Ainomäe and pianist Alessio Bax; trumpeter Charles Lazarus in a program of bossa nova, Cuban jazz, and 1960s tiki lounge music; and an original program celebrating John Williams's film scores led by Sarah Hicks, principal conductor of Live at Orchestra Hall.

LOCATION Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, MN
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 16 – August 8, 2026

DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTIONS & ENGAGEMENT
Grant Meachum

GENRES
Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$100
Additional ticket information: The summer festival offers free concerts; check website for details.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
612-371-5656

BOOKING CONTACT
[Kari Marshall](#), director of artistic planning

SOCIAL LINKS     

MIZZOU INTERNATIONAL COMPOSERS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Mizzou International Composers Festival will feature Grammy award-winning ensemble-in-residence Alarm Will Sound. Hailed by *The New York Times* as "one of the most vital and original ensembles on the American scene," the group will work intensively with eight resident composers—selected from an international pool of applicants—to premiere eight new works. Additionally, this year's Festival will feature distinguished guest

composers Jlin and Karola Obermüller, who will have several works performed and will coach the resident composers. There will also be performances by the Mizzou New Music Ensemble, and University of Missouri faculty. All events are free and open to the public.

LOCATION Columbia, MO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 21-25, 2026

MIZZOU INTERNATIONAL COMPOSERS FESTIVAL (cont'd)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Stefan Freund

GENRES Classical • New Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE
Additional ticket information: Events are free and open, no tickets are required.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
651-468-6027

BOOKING CONTACT

[Tiffany M. Skidmore](#)
Booking cycle date range:
One year in advance

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MONTEUX SCHOOL AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Monteux School and Music Festival, founded as a school for conductors in 1943 by internationally renowned conductor Pierre Monteux, is one of the finest summer training programs and festivals of its kind. The school offers an intensive six-week program that includes a series of symphonic, chamber, and children's concerts in a creative, supportive environment. Monteux is also an orchestra and chamber music festival for all orchestral instrumentalists. Weekly concerts are supplemented by master classes and audition workshops with musicians from major symphony orchestras. Conducting faculty includes Dr. Tiffany Lu, Kyle Ritenauer, Tito Muñoz, and Ming Luke. Instrumental faculty includes violinist Irina Muresanu, oboist Emily Tsai, and cellist Eric Kutz.

LOCATION Hancock, ME
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 14 – July 26, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Tiffany Lu

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$35
Additional ticket information: Mainly Chamber Music Concerts are \$20 for general admission; The Monteux Festival Orchestra Concerts are \$35 for general admission; the Children's Concert is free and open to the public with advance reservation.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
207-813-4914

BOOKING CONTACT
[Stan Renard](#)
Booking cycle date range:
One to two years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS   

MONTREAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

"One of Canada's premiere celebrations of musical collegiality" (*Toronto Star*), the Montreal Chamber Music Festival proudly celebrates its 31st Anniversary Season.

LOCATION Locations in Montréal, QC, Canada
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 9-21, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Denis Brott, C.M., C.Q.

GENRE Classical • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE CAD\$20 to CAD\$85

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
514-489-7444

BOOKING CONTACT
[Denis Brott](#), C.M. C.Q., founder & artistic director
514-489-7444
Booking cycle date range:
Spring 2026 for spring 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

MORITZBURG FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Every August, internationally renowned soloists and outstanding young artists from all over the world meet in Moritzburg near Dresden. Star cellist Jan Vogler founded the Festival in 1993 inspired by America's Marlboro Music Festival. Internationally acclaimed musicians and promising talents work on new interpretations of chamber music pieces, presenting them in transitional ensembles in open-air concerts in the fairytale setting of the Moritzburg Castle. For the 34th edition in 2026, we welcome soloists such as Mira Wang, Nils Mönkemeyer, Lars Anders Tomter, Andreas Brantelid, Lise de la Salle, and Albrecht Meyer.

LOCATION

Locations in Germany: Moritzburg, Meißen, Dresden
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 7-23, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Jan Vogler

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €6 to €56

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
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MUSIC ACADEMY SUMMER FESTIVAL & SCHOOL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Set against the stunning backdrop of Santa Barbara—"The American Riviera"—the Music Academy of the West's Summer Music Festival offers an unparalleled blend of world-class performance and musical discovery. The 2026 Summer Festival presents more than 100 orchestra and chamber concerts, public master classes, premieres, and family-friendly events, featuring internationally acclaimed artists alongside the Academy's exceptional fellows, students, and teaching artists. Anchored by the theme "American Mosaic," the season celebrates the diverse voices, stories, and traditions shaping American classical music today, with tributes to iconic composers including George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, Charles Ives, and Samuel Barber, alongside premiere works by Missy Mazzoli, Kevin Puts, Jasmine Barnes, Christopher Cerrone, and others—making the Festival a must-see for music lovers of all ages.

LOCATION Santa Barbara, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 17 – August 8, 2026

PRESIDENT & CEO Shauna Quill

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$100
Additional ticket information: Series subscriptions on sale April 9; individual tickets on sale April 30

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
805-969-8787

SOCIAL LINKS     

MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss Music in the Vineyards' 32nd annual chamber music festival in Napa Valley. Concerts are hosted by Artistic Director Michael Adams, whose irreverent live introductions are a beloved feature. In celebration of America250, this season highlights the diverse voices of composers around the world who have made the United States their home and contributed to our rich musical landscape. Hear the Isidore and Miró Quartets; tenor Nicholas Phan; violinists Eunice Kim, Cindy Wu, Owen Dalby, Jason Issokson, Susie Park; violists Rebecca Young, Matthew Lipman, Masumi Rostad, Jordan Bak;

cellists Edward Arron, Rainer Eudeikis; pianist Evren Ozel. Special events include an evening of jazz and classical chamber music under the stars and a Gala benefit concert.

LOCATION Vineyards and locations in Napa Valley, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 2-23, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS Michael and Daria T. Adams

MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS (cont'd)

GENRES Classical • Chamber Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$95 to \$120
Additional ticket information: Above prices are for winery concerts only. [See here](#) for education and special event pricing.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
707-258-5559

BOOKING CONTACT
[Rebecca Blum](#), executive director
Booking cycle date range:
Spring/fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

MUSIC@MENLO

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Music@Menlo's 2026 summer festival, "Redux," marks a celebratory moment in the life of the festival: the final season led by founding Artistic Directors David Finckel and Wu Han. Over the past 24 summers, their leadership has transformed Music@Menlo into one of the world's most distinguished chamber music festivals, renowned for artistic rigor and imaginative programming. The 2026 festival features seven mainstage concert programs, each inspired by a past season. The summer also serves as a bridge to Music@Menlo's 25th anniversary, launching Gilles Vonsattel's monumental, multi-season presentation of Beethoven's complete cycle of 32 piano sonatas. Running from July 17 to August 8, the festival presents more than 50 events across three stages in Atherton, CA, showcasing many of the world's most celebrated artists and ensembles.

LOCATION Atherton, CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 17 – August 8, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS David Finckel and Wu Han

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$90
Additional ticket information: Discounts for audience members under age 30

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
650-331-0202

BOOKING CONTACT
[Daphne Wong](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Summer/fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

NATIONAL REPERTORY ORCHESTRA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The NRO's 2026 season theme, "American Adventures," will be a vibrant journey through the landscapes, stories, and spirit that define the United States. In honor of the nation's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th, we will invite audiences to experience the sound of discovery, the open road, and the enduring promise of adventure. Music Director Michael Stern will be joined by guest conductors Teddy Abrams, Damon Gupton, Carlos Miguel Prieto, Jason Seber, Leonard Slatkin, and Carl Topilow. Highlights include "Dreams of a New World" (June 20): Bernstein, Weill, Dvořák, "A Night at the Opera" (June 27); *Jurassic Park* in Concert (July 18); "Scenes from the City" (July 22): Bernstein, Adams, Gershwin; NRO Finale (August 9): "The Land that Shapes Us," Schuman, Porter: TBD Commission, Respighi

LOCATION Breckenridge, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 20 – August 8, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Michael Stern

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$23 to \$62

Additional ticket information: Save more than 40% with a Season Pass or up to 20% with one of the Ticket Bundle packages; tickets and passes on sale April 1.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
970-453-5825

BOOKING CONTACT

info@nromusic.org

Booking cycle date range:
Autumn 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

NEWPORT CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Newport Classical Music Festival runs July 2-19, featuring 30 concerts in Newport's historic mansions and venues, including The Breakers, The Elms, Castle Hill, and Redwood Library & Athenaeum, as well as outdoor performances at King Park and Norman Bird Sanctuary. Highlights include Opening Night with Chamber Orchestra Delirium Musicum; a "Golden Age of Opera" celebration with Lawrence Brownlee and Erin Morley; solo piano performances by Michelle Cann and Dmitry Shishkin, plus a two-piano recital with Pavel Kolesnikov and Samson Tsoy; a new

co-commission by Vivian Fung performed by Sandbox Percussion and Kristin Lee; VOCEs8, Apollo's Fire, and more; two evenings with Broadway's Jeremy Jordan; and Closing Night with the GRAMMY award-winning Harlem Quartet.

LOCATION Locations in Newport, RI
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 2-19, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Trevor Neal

GENRE Classical

NEWPORT CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$150

Additional ticket information: Tickets prices vary based on artist, program, and venue.

SOCIAL LINKS    

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
401-84-61133 x1

NORFOLK CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Continuing a 100-plus year musical tradition, the Yale School of Music's Norfolk Chamber Music Festival is a leader in the study and performance of chamber music. Each summer the Festival offers stellar concerts performed by the acclaimed chamber musicians from across the globe. Simultaneously, Norfolk offers fully funded (tuition, housing, and meals) programs, each featuring intensive study with Festival artists and weekly performance opportunities. In addition to being featured on their own concert series, Norfolk fellows have the opportunity to perform alongside their mentors on Norfolk's Festival Artist Series concerts.

LOCATION Norfolk, CT
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 3 – August 22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Melvin Chen

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$70
Additional ticket information: Children 18 and younger attend free; tickets for young adults 19-35 are \$10.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
860-542-3000

BOOKING CONTACT

[Robert Whipple](#), general manager
Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for summer 2027 and 2028

SOCIAL LINKS    

OJAI MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Ojai Music Festival celebrates eight decades, and it marks this milestone year, June 11-14, 2026, with a look back at its extraordinary history and leaps forward with the newest music. Led by Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen, Ojai will feature an array of guest artists, including the Colburn Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic New Music Group, Attacca Quartet, Leila Josefowicz, Geneva Lewis, Jay Campbell, Anthony McGill, and Conor Hanick, collaborating in ever-changing combinations that are, as always, unique to Ojai.

LOCATION Libbey Bowl, Ojai CA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 11-14, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

DIRECTORS

Ara Guzelimian and Esa-Pekka Salonen

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$185
Additional ticket information: Student discounts available.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
805-646-2053

SOCIAL LINKS



OPERA HOLLAND PARK

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Marking 30 years since Opera Holland Park was founded, new productions include Puccini's *La fanciulla del West*, Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Johann Strauss II's *Die Fledermaus*, and a United Kingdom premiere of Ryusuke Numajiri's *The Bamboo Princess*. Marking the centenary of its premiere in 1926, a concert staging of *Turandot* completes Opera Holland Park producing all of Puccini's operas. Rodula Gaitanou's production of Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* returns, alongside Will Todd's enchanting production of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

LOCATION

Opera Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London, United Kingdom
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 26 – August 22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR James Clutton

GENRES Classical • Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE £15 to £195

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+44 0300 999 1000

BOOKING CONTACT

info@operahollandpark.com

Booking cycle date range:

One to two years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS



OPERA IN THE OZARKS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Opera in the Ozarks is a unique summer music festival in beautiful Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Founded in 1950, it has earned the reputation of being a prominent training program for emerging opera professionals who get extensive stage time and the chance to sing with a professional orchestra. The 2026 season will feature 21 opera performances of *Candide*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and a double bill of *Suor Angelica* and *Gianni Schicchi*. In addition, emerging artists will perform a children's opera, *Monkey See, Monkey Do*, at over a dozen locations throughout northwest Arkansas. With 300 seats, full climate control, no sightline obstructions, and outstanding acoustics, the new

theater delivers a new level of comfort to our audiences while preserving intimacy.

LOCATION

Inspiration Point, Eureka Springs, AR
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 26 – July 24, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Thomas Cockrell

GENRES Classical • Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$50
Additional ticket information: Special pricing also available for children and students under 18. Tickets available after March 15, 2026, on the website.

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TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

479-253-8595

BOOKING CONTACT

[Nancy Preis](#), general director

SOCIAL LINKS



OPERA THEATRE OF SAINT LOUIS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 festival season features *The Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert & Sullivan, conducted by Darryl Archibald, directed by Seán Curran; *The Light in the Piazza*, book by Craig Lucas, music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, conducted by Rob Berman, directed by Crystal Manich; *A Streetcar Named Desire* by André Previn, conducted by Daniela Candillari, directed by Patricia Racette; *Romeo and Juliet* by Charles Gounod, conducted by Ramón Tebar, directed by Keturah Stickann. Center Stage: A Young Artist Showcase, conducted by Daniela Candillari, curated by Patricia Racette; Our Songs: A Free Community Concert

LOCATION St. Louis, MO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 23 – June 28, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

DIRECTORS

Andrew Jorgensen, general director;
Patricia Racette, artistic director;
Daniela Candillari, principal conductor

GENRES Classical • Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$153
Additional ticket information: To help make opera accessible for all, Opera Theatre offers free seats at every performance. Named “Phyllis’ Seats” in honor of the late Phyllis Brissenden, one of Opera Theatre’s dearest friends and most generous supporters, this program provides at least 50 free tickets per performance. Phyllis’ Seats may be reserved online or by phone in weekly lotteries at 10:30 am every Monday during our festival season.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

314-961-0644

SOCIAL LINKS



OPERAMAYA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gala de Opera and Musica Mexicana concerts are performed in multiple venues. Artist faculty include tenor Simon Lee and soprano Joanna Ruzsala.

LOCATION

Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico

[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 15-29, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Piotr Wisniewski, Lyric Opera of Kansas City

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$20

Additional ticket information: Most concerts are free, open-air concerts. We are focused on exposing opera to people throughout the region of the Maya who have not had the opportunity to experience opera and classical music in general.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

812-332-0853

BOOKING CONTACT

[Mary Grogan](#)

Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



ORCAS ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

August 2026 marks the 29th season of the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival. Once more, Founder and Artistic Director Aloysia Friedmann gathers the very finest musicians from around the world to present a wonderful mix of old and new chamber music. Ten mainstage concerts offered both in person and via livestream, a children’s concert, a performance on neighboring Lopez Island, and many other events will make it another memorable season of music and good times in Washington State’s San Juan Islands.

LOCATION Orcas Island, WA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 7-22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Aloysia Friedmann

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$40 to \$45
Additional ticket information: In addition to several free events, complimentary tickets are available to ticketed events for students 6-18 years old and their families.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

360-376-6636

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OREGON BACH FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Featuring Jos van Veldhoven, Ken-David Masur, Chris Thile, Dan Tepfer, Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, Roomful of Teeth, Emi Ferguson, Paul Jacobs, Gemma New, Anton Armstrong, Jenny Wong, Conrad Tao

LOCATION Eugene, OR
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – July 12, 2026

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$5 to \$70

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

541-682-5000

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OXFORD INTERNATIONAL SONG FESTIVAL (FORMERLY OXFORD LIEDER)

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 25th Oxford International Song Festival celebrates a landmark year with a timeless, fundamental theme: "Love Songs." An international roster of artists will explore love through poetry and music, with an approach that is by turns passionate, witty, and ironic. We are also delighted to announce three special Festival events in the inaugural season of Oxford's new Schwarzman Centre. Artists performing at this year's festival include Benjamin Appl, Juliane Banse, Helen Charlston, Dame Sarah Connolly, Alice Coote, Konstantin Krimmel, Christoph Prégardien, Anna Prohaska, Brindley Sherratt, Camilla Tilling, Roderick Williams, and many more.

LOCATION Locations in Oxford, United Kingdom
[Festival Website](#)

DATES October 9-24, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Sholto Kynoch

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE £0 to £45

Additional ticket information: See Ticket Purchase Link below for any changes in price.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+44 (0)1865 591276

BOOKING CONTACT

[Taya Smith](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for fall 2027

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OXFORD PIANO FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Oxford Piano Festival was founded in 1999 by Marios Papadopoulos, renowned pianist and music director of the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra. Each year, the Festival welcomes piano players and pedagogues, experts, and enthusiasts to some of Oxford's most historic venues, such as Christopher Wren's Sheldonian Theatre, the Holywell Music Room, and Christ Church Cathedral.

LOCATION

Locations in Oxford, United Kingdom
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 25 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Marios Papadopoulos, MBE

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE £5 to £48

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+44 1865 980 980

SOCIAL LINKS    

PACIFIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ryan Bancroft will conduct Sibelius's *Tapiola*, Stravinsky's *Petrushka*, and more with the PMF Orchestra. David Robertson will conduct Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 and more with the PMF Orchestra. Thirty concerts will be presented at PMF 2026, including orchestra concerts, chamber music, various outreach concerts, and more.

LOCATION Sapporo, Japan
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 2-28, 2026

PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR David Robertson

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE ¥0 to ¥9,000
Additional ticket information: Tickets can be purchased from outside Japan. A designated URL will be announced in the spring. Discounts are available for select concerts for listeners 25 and younger.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+81 11 242 2211 (Monday-Friday, 10 am-5 pm Japan Time)

BOOKING CONTACT
[Nick Akers](#), PMF artistic manager
Booking cycle date range:

One to two years in advance, e.g., spring 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Led by esteemed cellist and teacher Merry Peckham, PMP's Chamber Music Workshop (CMW) continues to grow into one of the country's most prestigious summer chamber music programs. Open to violinists, violists, cellists, pianists, and ensembles, the CMW is led by an all-star artist-faculty: Natasha Brofsky, Molly Carr, Kirsten Docter, Kim Kashkashian, Merry Peckham, Itzhak Perlman, Patrick Romano, Laurie Smukler, Donald Weilerstein, Vivian Hornik-Weilerstein, and Areta Zhulla.

LOCATION Shelter Island, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 29 – June 21, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Merry Peckham

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$50
Additional ticket information: Tickets vary by event; see Ticket Purchase Link below for more information.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

212-877-5045

BOOKING CONTACT

[Merry Peckham](#), director

SOCIAL LINKS   

PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Perth Festival of the Arts celebrates a diverse range of arts showcasing musicians from across Scotland, the United Kingdom, and beyond. Season classical highlights include the legendary Lesley Garrett in "A Diva and a Piano," VOCES8 performing "Give Me Your Stars," an immersive theatrical concert "Secret Byrd" performed by The Gesualdo Six and Fretwork viol consort, and bite-sized operas with Scottish Opera. A new Jazz Weekend features Seonaid Aitken, Ben Shankland and nine-piece strings in "An Afternoon of Gershwin," followed by a headline jazz show with guitarist Martin Taylor. Pop and indie are featured in Scotland Trending—a one-day mini-festival showcasing the rising stars in music in Scotland,

while Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra return on July 21.

LOCATION Locations in Perth City, Scotland
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 21-30, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Helen Band

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE £5 to £46.50
Additional ticket information: Ticket prices vary per concert; under 18 years old can attend a classical concert for £5; a number of concerts and events are free.

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PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS (cont'd)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+44 01738 621031

SOCIAL LINKS



BOOKING CONTACT

[Helen Band](#), festival director

Booking cycle date range:

Through end of 2026 for 2027

PRAGUE SPRING INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 81st Prague Spring International Music Festival stands out for its major vocal-instrumental projects. The Festival will also welcome a number of leading orchestras, including the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra. After 52 years, Martha Argerich returns to Prague Spring, while Finnish conductor Klaus Mäkelä will be back after three years. The program includes a recital by Eric Lu, the recent winner of the International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, as well as many festival debuts, particularly among the world's foremost vocal stars. Appearing at the festival for the first time will be Elina Garanča, Benjamin Bernheim, Kang Wang, and, above all, the Canadian soprano and conductor Barbara Hannigan, the Prague Spring 2026 Artist-in-Residence and, finally, the Prague Offspring's 2026 Composer-in-Residence, Unsuk Chin.

LOCATION

Locations in Prague, Czech Republic

[Festival Website](#)

DATES

May 12 – June 4, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Josef Třeščík

GENRE

Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE

€20 to €500

Additional ticket information: All tickets can be bought online directly at the Ticket Purchase Link below.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

SOCIAL LINKS



PUCCINI FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Puccini Festival are:

- *Turandot*: July 17, 24 and August 1, 9
- *Tosca*: July 18, 31 and August 8, 21
- *La bohème*: July 25 and August 6, 28
- *Madama Butterfly*: August 7, 22 and September 4
- *La fanciulla del West*: August 29 and September 5
- Lyrical Gala with Jonas Kaufmann: July 22
- Eleonora Abbagnato Dances Puccini: July 27
- Plácido Domingo Gran Gala: August 30

LOCATION

Torre del Lago Puccini, Tuscany, Italy

[Festival Website](#)

DATES

July 17 – September 5, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Angelo Taddeo

GENRE

Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE

€21 to €195

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+39 0584 359322

BOOKING CONTACT

ticketoffice@puccinifestival.it

Booking cycle date range:

Summer 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



RAVENNA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Eight hundred years after the death of Francis of Assisi, the Ravenna Festival dedicates the title of its 37th edition to Italy's patron saint, drawing on Dante's verse "Nacque al mondo un sole" (A sun was born into the world). Opening on May 21, 2026, with a concert featuring Anne-Sophie Mutter, the program continues through July 11. Guest artists include Riccardo Muti, Kent Nagano, Nicola Piovani and Toni Servillo, Giorgio Battistelli, the Münchener Kammerorchester with Enrico Onofri and Arsenii Moon, Stefano Bollani, Enrico Rava, Pat Metheny, Jeff Mills, Sadeck Berrabah, and Yoann Bourgeois.

LOCATION

Former monasteries, natural sites, and locations in Ravenna, Italy

[Festival Website](#)

DATES

May 21 – July 11, 2026

DIRECTORS

Honorary President Cristina Mazzavillani Muti; Artistic Directors Anna Leonardi and Angelo Nicastro

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Opera • Ballet • Contemporary Dance • Theatre • Musical Theatre • Sacred Music • More

TICKET PRICE RANGE

€5 to €80

Additional ticket information: €5 for under 18 years old

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+39 0544 249244

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RAVENNA FESTIVAL (cont'd)

BOOKING CONTACT

[Segreteria Ravenna Festival](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Autumn 2026, at the latest, for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



RAVINIA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ravinia Festival's 2026 season highlights include the 90th Chicago Symphony Orchestra Residency, Paul Simon, and other stars across musical genres.

LOCATION Highland Park, IL
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 11 – September 23, 2026

CHIEF CONDUCTOR Marin Alsop

GENRES
Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Rock • Hip-Hop • R&B • Electronic • Children's • More

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$15 to \$200

Additional ticket information: Ticket prices vary by concert and by lawn vs. pavilion seating. See Ticket Purchase Link below for more information.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

847-266-5100

BOOKING CONTACT

[Erik Soderstrom](#)

Booking cycle date range:

As early as summer 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



ROCKPORT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Rockport Chamber Music Festival opens on June 12 with a celebration of Brahms featuring pianist Jon Kimura Parker and violinist Chee-Yun. Artistic Director Barry Shiffman has assembled an intriguing blend of some of the most exciting artists of today. The Festival brings a number of established world-class artists such as pianists Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Simone Dinnerstein, Piers

Lane, Jeremy Denk, Jonathan Biss, and more; violinists Augustin Hadelich, Ray Chen, and Joshua Bell; cellist Steven Isserlis; the Balourdet, Terra, Brentano, and Poiesis quartets; as well as chamber orchestras Delirium Musicum and A Far Cry. In addition, the Festival features many of today's most exciting competition winners, including the Poiesis Quartet, the Galvin Quartet, and many more.

ROCKPORT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

LOCATION

Shalin Liu Performance Center, Rockport, MA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 12 – July 12, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Barry Shiffman

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$29 to \$145

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

978-546-7391

BOOKING CONTACT

[Barry Shiffman](#)

Booking cycle date range:

August-December for following summer

SOCIAL LINKS



ROME CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Rome Chamber Music Festival, founded in 2003 by esteemed American violinist Robert McDuffie, is one of Rome's most anticipated cultural events. This year the Festival will present an exciting program featuring chamber music favorites as well as Barber, Gershwin, and a version of "A Night of Georgia Music," featuring Chuck Leavell, keyboardist for the Rolling Stones and the Allman Brothers, and Mike Mills of the iconic rock band, R.E.M.

LOCATION

Teatro Argentina, Rome, Italy
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 18-21, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Robert McDuffie

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €25 to €40

Additional ticket information: Group discounts available

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

SOCIAL LINKS



ROSSINI OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Festival will open with a new production of *Le Siège de Corinthe*, conducted by Carlo Rizzi and directed by Davide Livermore. There will be two revivals of iconic productions in the history of the Festival: *L'occasione fa il ladro*, the only but unforgettable appearance at the ROF by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, one of the masters of 20th-century opera direction, conducted by Alessandro Bonato; *La scala di seta*, staged by Damiano Michieletto, one of the most significant contemporary directors who made his international debut in Pesaro, conducted by Iván López-Reynoso. The concert program includes the Flórez 30 concerts, celebrating the 30th anniversary of Juan Diego Flórez's debut at the ROF and, finally, the *Stabat Mater* conducted by Domingo Hindoyan, which will close the 2026 edition.

LOCATION Teatro Rossini, Pesaro, Italy
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 11-23, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Juan Diego Florez

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €1 to €180
Additional ticket information: [Ticket pricing information](#)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+39 0721 3800294

BOOKING CONTACT
[Sabrina Signoretti](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Two years prior

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ROUND TOP FESTIVAL INSTITUTE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

2026 conductors: Stefan Asbury, Eivind Gullberg Jensen, Perry So, Charles Olivieri-Munroe, Jerry Junkin, Elizabeth Askren, Carl St. Clair. Repertoire includes Barber, *Symphony No. 1*; Beethoven, *Piano Concerto No. 4*; Beethoven, *Triple Concerto*; Berlioz, *Benvenuto Cellini Overture*; Copland, *Appalachian Spring*; Elgar, *In The South*; Elgar, *Symphony No. 1*; Frank, *Apu*; Higdon, *blue cathedral*; Mahler, *Symphony No. 5*; Mozart, *Violin Concerto No. 5*; Ravel, *Piano Concerto in G*; Saint-Saens, *Symphony No. 3*; Tchaikovsky, *Manfred Symphony*; Tchaikovsky, *Symphony No. 6*; Wagner, *Prelude to Parsifal*; Wineglass, *Alone Together*.

LOCATION Round Top, TX
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 1 – July 11, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR James Dick

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$40
Additional ticket information: Concert tickets: \$35; gala concert tickets: \$40; student tickets: \$10

ROUND TOP FESTIVAL INSTITUTE (cont'd)

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
979-249-3129

BOOKING CONTACT
[Iverson Eliopoulos](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

SALZBURG EASTER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The opera *Das Rheingold* with the Berliner Philharmoniker will be featured under the baton of Kirill Petrenko, directed by Kirill Serebrennikov, and starring Christian Gerhaher as Wotan, Gihoon Kim as Donner, Catriona Morison as Fricka and many other distinguished artists. There will be two Choral Concerts featuring masterworks by Haydn and Mahler, performed by the Berliner Philharmoniker alongside vocalists Jacquelyn Wagner, Golda Schultz, Konstantin Krimmel and others. Two orchestral concerts will showcase virtuoso performances with violinists Janine Jansen and Noah Bendix-Balgley as well as cellist Bruno Deleplaire. There will be the Austrian premiere of the dance performance *Planet* [wanderer], a production by choreographer Damien Jalet and visual artist Kohei Nawa. In addition, Electro Night Heartbroken will be an immersive electronic music event with Anja Schneider and Sven Marquardt.

LOCATION Locations in Salzburg, Austria
[Festival Website](#)

DATES March 27 – April 6, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Nikolaus Bachler

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €10 to €570

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+43 662 80 45-361

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SALZBURGER FESTSPIELE 2026

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Salzburg Festival (July 17 – August 30) will feature highlights such as Bizet's *Carmen* (Asmik Grigorian/Teodor Currentzis) and Richard Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Elina Garanča, directed by Ersan Mondtag). A centerpiece is Olivier Messiaen's *Saint François d'Assise*. Theater highlights include world premieres by Peter Handke (*Schnee von gestern*, *Schnee von morgen*) and Elfriede Jelinek (*Unter Tieren*) as well as the classic *Jedermann*.

LOCATION Venues in Salzburg, Austria
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 17 – August 30, 2026

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €10 to €485

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+43 662 8045 500

SOCIAL LINKS



SANTA FE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival's 53rd season offers an international lineup of nearly 100 artists performing in 42 concerts featuring centuries-spanning repertoire, including five Festival-commissioned works. Highlights include violinist Leonidas Kavakos and pianist Enrico Pace in a pre-season Gala Recital; Jeremy Denk, Kirill Gerstein, and Orion Weiss giving solo piano recitals; Alan Gilbert performing a trio arrangement of Bach's *Goldberg Variations*; baritone Benjamin Appl singing song cycles by Schubert; Santa Fe Opera Music Director Harry Bicket conducting Bach Orchestral Suites; return appearances by bassist Edgar Meyer, New York Philharmonic principal cellist Carter Brey, baritones Lucas Meachem and Will Liverman, and the Dover, JACK, and Verona quartets; plus the return of our lecture series, BAM!! Insights on the Brain & Music.

LOCATION Locations in Santa Fe, NM
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 19 – August 24, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Marc Neikrug

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$20 to \$118

Additional ticket information: Discounts are available for purchases of multiple tickets, packages of multiple concerts, groups of 10+, and people under 35 years of age. Prices for all concerts are subject to change and may be adjusted before or during the Festival season based on ticket demand.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

505-982-1890

BOOKING CONTACT

[Valerie Guy](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Winter 2025 and spring 2026 for summer 2027

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The all-professional Santa Fe Desert Chorale performs an incredible range of exceptional choral music. This summer, the Desert Chorale continues its tradition of performing Rachmaninoff's *Vespers*. Marking America250, the Desert Chorale sings American roots choral commissions by Moira Smiley and Shawn Kirchner, and music by Shavon Lloyd, commissioned at the selection of its Commissioning Club. Also programmed are Alex Berko's Sacred Place, interweaving the structure of a Jewish service with environmental texts, and new music by Taja Astar. With *Incantare*, they'll explore Early Music of Spain and Italy, including Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir*, Victoria's *Vidi speciosam*, and also Allegri's *Miserere*. Through the Artist Spotlight, audiences enjoy an art song recital by select Desert Chorale artists. Through Insights & Sounds, generations connect through the joy of choral music.

LOCATION

Locations in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, NM
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 12 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Joshua Habermann

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$124
Additional ticket information: 50% discount available for students; call for more information

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
505-988-2282

BOOKING CONTACT

[George Case](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

THE SANTA FE OPERA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Santa Fe Opera's 69th Festival Season features 38 performances of two new productions, two celebrated revivals, and an American premiere. Opening weekend begins July 3 with Lee Blakeley's acclaimed production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, followed on July 4 by a new international co-production with Garsington Opera of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, directed by Christopher Luscombe. The season continues July 18 with Alessandro

Talevi's striking production of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*. On July 25, Handel's *Rodelinda* is presented for the first time at the Santa Fe Opera, led by Music Director Harry Bicket and directed by R.B. Schlather. Opening August 1 is the American premiere of *Lili Elbe*, a new opera by Tobias Picker and Aryeh Lev Stollman, starring former Apprentice singer Lucia Lucas.

LOCATION Santa Fe, NM
[Festival Website](#)

THE SANTA FE OPERA (cont'd)

DATES July 3 – August 29, 2026

GENRE Classical

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

DIRECTORS

Robert K. Meya, general director; Harry Bicket, music director

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$37 to \$409

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
505-986-5900 or 800-280-4654

SOCIAL LINKS     

SARATOGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Saratoga Performing Arts Center welcomes its resident companies—New York City Ballet, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center—to Saratoga Springs, NY, as part of its celebratory 60th anniversary season. New York City Ballet returns from July 8-11. The Philadelphia Orchestra returns from August 5-22 with Music & Artistic Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS) will bring five programs July 12-26 that traverse a remarkable spectrum of chamber music—from Mozart to Marsalis, with works by Dvořák, Beethoven, Barber, Villa-Lobos, and more.

LOCATION

Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 11 – August 22, 2026

DIRECTORS

Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Philadelphia Orchestra; Jonathan Stafford & Wendy Whelan, NYC Ballet; David Finckel & Wu Han, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center; Elizabeth Sobol, CEO of Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Christopher Shiley, President

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Dance

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35.75 to \$255
Additional ticket information: Ticket prices are subject to change based on demand.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
518-584-9330

BOOKING CONTACT

[Hina Price](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

SCHUBERTIAD FESTIVAL, SCHWARZENBERG/HOHENEMS

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

To mark its 50th anniversary, the Schubertiade will launch the celebrations with a special opening: a reconstruction of the program of the very first Schubertiade in 1976. From April 29 to May 3, 2026, Markus Sittikus Hall will host five lieder recitals, two chamber concerts, one piano recital, and one choral concert, presenting precisely that “bouquet of famous and well-known works by Schubert” with which festival founder Hermann Prey introduced the Schubertiade Hohenems to the public for the first time since 1976.

LOCATION

Schwarzenberg and Hohenems, Austria
[Festival Website](#)

DATES April 29 – October 4, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Gerd Nachbauer

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €35 to €89

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+43 (0)5576 72091

BOOKING CONTACT

kuenstler@schubertiade.at

Booking cycle date range:

Two years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS



SEAGLE FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 111th annual 2026 Seagle Festival Season will include productions of *H.M.S. Pinafore* by Gilbert & Sullivan, *Così fan tutte* by Mozart, *Dead Man Walking* by Jake Heggie, and *The Sound of Music* by Rodgers & Hammerstein, plus several other concerts and events. Some will be live-streamed, [see here](#) for performance and schedule details. All performances feature the 32 Seagle Festival 2026 emerging artists accompanied by piano.

LOCATION Schroon Lake, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – August 22, 2026

DIRECTORS

Tony Kosteki, general director; Darren K. Woods, artistic director

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$40 to \$55

Additional ticket information: Discounted tickets for children 12 and younger, and groups over 10 booked together

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

518-532-7875

SOCIAL LINKS



SEATTLE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY 2026 SUMMER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Renowned artists gather in Seattle for an America250 themed festival in which every program has a piece connected to the U.S. Artists appearing include violinists James Ehnes, Erin Keefe, Alex Kerr, and Tessa Lark; pianists Inon Barnatan, Alessio Bax, and Orion Weiss, cellists Ani Aznavoorian, Efe Baltacigil, and Mark Kosower, violists Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt and Jonathan Vinocour. Highlights include new works by Juhi Bansal and Kian Ravaei, John Adams’s *Shaker Loops* for String Septet, Amy Beach’s Piano Trio, the Barber String Quartet, Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* (“Ballet for Martha”), George Walker’s String Quartet No. 1, and masterpieces by Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Schumann.

Free festival events include recitals, open rehearsals, and sight reading parties. Performances can be streamed through SCMS’s Virtual Concert Hall.

LOCATION

Locations in Seattle, Bellevue, Vashon, and Bainbridge Island, WA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 18 – July 26, 2026

DIRECTORS

James Ehnes, Seattle Chamber Music Society; Gilbert Omenn; Martha Darling, artistic director

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$75

Additional ticket information: SCMS Summer Festival offers a range of free concerts, concert hall performances, and virtual concert hall access. More information, including subscriptions and tickets, is [available here](#).

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

206-283-8808

BOOKING CONTACT

[Andrew Collins](#), artistic operations director

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027 or 2028

SOCIAL LINKS



SHENANDOAH VALLEY BACH FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The festival theme, “Creative Inventions,” draws inspiration from Bach’s keyboard Inventions and from the boundless imagination that shaped his music; the phrase “creative inventions of the mind” fits him perfectly. Bach continually reimagined sound-transforming sacred choral movements

into dazzling instrumental concertos, reshaping a concerto for four violins into one for four harpsichords, each version alive with new brilliance. His artistry was invention in motion. The theme also embraces human ingenuity beyond music. In Bach’s era, the Newtonian telescope expanded the heavens and clockmaking refined the measure of

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY BACH FESTIVAL (cont'd)

time. Centuries later, Voyager I carried The Golden Record into space, featuring more music by Bach than any other composer. Now traveling beyond our solar system, it bears witness to a genius that is, quite literally, out of this world.

LOCATION Locations in Harrisonburg, VA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 8-14, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR David Berry

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$50

Additional ticket information: Tickets are all listed as “pay as you’re able” with a suggested price of \$10 per ticket.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
540-246-6020

BOOKING CONTACT

[David Berry](#)
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

SITKA MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 55th Sitka Music Festival features evening subscription concerts at Harrigan Centennial Hall with stunning Crescent Harbor views on Fridays and Saturdays in June. Enjoy community events like Bach’s Lunch (Thursdays), Mean Queen Café Concerts, and Midweek at Miner Music Center (Tuesdays and Wednesdays, dates to be announced). Special events: Sea Mart Family Concert, June 7; Allen Marine Classical Music Cruise, June 14; and Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal Community Crab Feed, June 21. This anniversary season highlights the Balourdet Quartet, pianist Awadagin Pratt, Artistic Director and Grammy-winning cellist Zuill Bailey, and more world-class artists. Check website for full lineup and repertoire.

LOCATION Various locations in Sitka, AK
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 1-28, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Zuill Bailey

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$130

Additional ticket information: Most evening concerts are priced between \$27 and \$32. Bach’s Lunch concerts are free, and Mean Queen Café Concerts are \$10. Special events often have the highest ticket prices due to included food and beverage.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
907-747-6774

BOOKING CONTACT

[Alexander Serio](#), executive director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS    

SKANEATELES FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 summer season of the Skaneateles Festival will include dynamic and decorated fiddlers Jason Carter and Michael Cleveland; composer, singer, and visual artist Cécile McLorin Salvant; the Grammy-winning Silkroad Ensemble with Rhiannon Giddens; an orchestral performance of Beethoven Under the Stars; and more. Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Festival will additionally explore how the founders’ revolutionary spirit lives on in American arts and culture, and include themes celebrating trailblazing women who have helped shape our nation. This season, running July 30 through August 22, includes 14 main-series concerts, two KidsFest performances, a free music lecture series with Juilliard professor Aaron Wunsch, and several free community outreach performances.

LOCATION Locations in Skaneateles, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 30 – August 22, 2026

DIRECTORS

Aaron Wunsch and Julia Bruskin, artistic directors; Susan Mark, executive director

GENRES Classical • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$35 to \$70

Additional ticket information: Prices listed above are for a single show ticket; individual tickets go on sale May 6. Also offered are season passes, Vineyard Concert Series passes, week passes, and VIP tickets. Check website for more information.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
315-685-7418

SOCIAL LINKS   

SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 season brings the America250 theme into focus through programs reflecting the nation’s history, artistic voices, and enduring spirit of expression. Highlights include Renée Fleming and Béla Fleck, *The Fiddle and the Drum*; “An Evening with Ken Burns”; *George + George*, a world-premiere comedy; Martha Graham Dance Company’s “Graham 100”; Aaron Copland’s *Appalachian Spring*; “Storytelling Through American Composers” by the Festival Chorus; and

a robust slate of jazz performances honoring jazz as a defining American art form rooted in freedom, innovation, and cultural exchange.

LOCATION Charleston, SC
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 22 – June 7, 2026

GENERAL DIRECTOR & CEO

Mena Mark Hanna

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • Opera

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SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE RANGE

Check website for information about ticket availability and prices.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

843-579-3100

BOOKING CONTACT

info@spoletousa.org

Booking cycle date range:
Summer 2026 for spring 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



STOCKHOLM EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Stockholm Early Music Festival 2026 celebrates its 25th anniversary and opens on June 3 with French ensemble Il Caravaggio, an operatic concert performing rediscovered *Les Génies* by Mlle Duval and excerpts of *Les Indes Galantes* by Rameau. On June 4, The Sixteen (London) appear with Flemish polyphony, followed by Cappella Neapolitana (Italy) on June 5. On June 6, world premiere of Swedish troubadour C. M. Bellman's song-play *Bacchi Tempel*. The festival closes on June 7 with Spanish ensemble Opera Omnia. Further highlights include vocal ensemble Ordo Virtutum (Germany), countertenor Leandro Marziotte and Gracia Barroca (Uruguay/Spain), AnonymA/Sollazzo (France), and Hamburger Ratsmusik (Germany), presenting programs from medieval polyphony to Italian baroque arias and French baroque salon music, performed on period instruments.

LOCATION Locations in Stockholm, Sweden
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 3-7, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Peter Pontvik

GENRES Classical • Early Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE €11 to €50
Additional ticket information: The SEMFestivalpass, valid for almost all performances, costs 2,690 SEK (approximately €245).

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+46 7 072-224 42 42 (Tuesday 10 am-12 pm CET, Thursday 1 pm-3 pm CET)

BOOKING CONTACT

info@semf.se

Booking cycle date range:
Six months to two years in advance.

SOCIAL LINKS



STRESA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 edition of Stresa Festival, in its 65th year of activity, consists of 27 events divided as usual into a first part in July and a second in August and September. The availability of exclusive spaces on the islands of the Borromean Gulf is a privilege that characterizes the Stresa Festival evenings: concerts are scheduled at the Loggia del Cashmere on Isola Madre, Isola Bella (Piazzale delle Armi and Salone Nuovo of Palazzo Borromeo), and Isola dei Pescatori. A major new development this year will be the closing concert, which will be held exceptionally on September 9 at the Teatro alla Scala in Milan.

LOCATION

Locations in Italy: Stresa, Verbania, Arona, Angera, Leggiano
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 16 – September 9, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Mario Brunello

GENRES

Classical • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Electronic

TICKET PRICE RANGE €10 to €100

Additional ticket information: The ticket office will open in April; see Ticket Purchase Link below for more information.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+39 0323 31095

BOOKING CONTACT

artistica@stresafestival.eu

Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



STRINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The year 2026 marks the 39th annual Strings Music Festival and the 12-year anniversary of Music Director Michael Sachs. For nearly four decades, the Festival has welcomed musicians from 25 of the top orchestras across the United States. Alongside its classical roots, Strings continues a long-standing commitment to contemporary programming—presenting everything from national touring acts and beloved legacy artists to forward-thinking new voices. More than 100 Grammy-winning artists have taken the stage at the Strings Pavilion, the

Festival's 569-seat concert hall and the centerpiece of a summer season that extends into more than 80 performances year-round.

LOCATION

Strings Pavilion, Steamboat Springs, CO
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 27 – August 18, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Michael Sachs

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STRINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Country • Bluegrass • Americana • Family • Comedy • Theatre • More

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$150

Additional ticket information: Ticket prices will be finalized April 2026

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

970-879-5056 x105

BOOKING CONTACT

[Katie Carroll](#), director of programs

[Elissa Greene](#), executive director

Booking cycle date range:

Six to 12 months in advance; summer 2026 for fall/winter 2026/27

SOCIAL LINKS



STYRIARTE — DIE STEIRISCHEN FESTSPIELE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Joseph Haydn: *The Creation* with Tetiana Miyus, Mario Lerchenberger, Philipp Schöllhorn, baritone, Styriarte Festspiel-Orchester and Patrick Hahn
- Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 2, *Resurrection*, with Miriam Kutrowatz, Maria Hegele, chor pro musica graz; mondo musicale, Styriarte Youth Orchestra and Mei-Ann Chen
- Mozart Requiem with Arnold Schoenberg Chor, Styriarte Festspiel-Orchester & Michael Hofstetter
- Hymn to Freedom (Oscar Peterson) with Kristina Miller Trio
- *Zauberflöte* with Ensemble Zefiro
- Schubertiade with Daniel Johannsen and Florian Birsak
- Beethoven *Moonlight Sonata* and Symphony No. 5 with Bernd Glemser

- A Symphonic Tribute to The Beatles with Monika Ballwein, Styriarte Festspiel-Orchester and Elisabeth Fuchs
- *De Profundis* with La Capella Reial de Catalunya, Le Concert des Nations, Jordi Savall
- Le Nuove Musiche, Hespèrion XXI, Jordi Savall
- Di goldene Medine with Styrian Klezmore Orchestra, Moritz Weiß and Clara Montocchio

LOCATION

Locations in Austria: Graz, Stainz, Poellau
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 6 – July 26, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

STYRIARTE — DIE STEIRISCHEN FESTSPIELE (cont'd)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Mathis Huber

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz

TICKET PRICE RANGE €6 to €156

Additional ticket information: 50 percent discounted tickets for young persons up to 27 years old

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+43 316 825000

BOOKING CONTACT

Artists: [Irmgard Heschl Sinabell](#)

Bookings: [Margit Kleinburger](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



SUMMER FOR THE CITY

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Summer for the City will return in 2026 from June through August, with hundreds of free or choose-what-you-pay events. The festival features a multitude of offerings and citywide collaborations.

LOCATION Lincoln Center, New York, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 10 – August 8, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

CHIEF ARTISTIC OFFICER Shanta Thake

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Family Programs • Dance • More

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0 to \$5

Additional ticket information: The majority of performances are free, with select events being "Choose-What-You-Pay," starting at \$5.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

212-721-6500

SOCIAL LINKS



SUMMIT MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Founded in 1991, Summit Music Festival assembles a faculty of the highest caliber, representing the finest traditions of Europe, Asia, and the American continents, to offer concentrated study in ensemble and orchestral programs to talented students from all over the world. As the largest and most comprehensive event of this kind in the New York Metro area, participants from more than 20 different countries have the opportunity to work and learn from faculty and guest artists in an atmosphere of friendship and mentoring. SMF exposes the student to the highest level of artistry and mastery of instrumental playing, and is an ideal environment for young professionals to connect with and learn from established professionals and preeminent musicians.

LOCATION

University of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 2-16, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Efreem Briskin

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE Free admission

BOOKING CONTACT
[Kalin Ivanov](#), manager

SOCIAL LINKS 

SUN VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Admission-free performances by world-class musicians led by Music Director Alasdair Neale and Associate Conductor Euan Shields at Idaho's Sun Valley Pavilion. Highlights include Orion Weiss performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Alexander Malofeev playing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, Gil Shaham as soloist for Barber's Violin Concerto, and Brahms's *A German Requiem* with Christina Pier, Benjamin Appl, and the American Festival Chorus. The 2026 Gala Concert, the only event that is not free, will be announced in the spring. Orchestra performances

include Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, Mahler's Symphony No. 1, Anna Clyne's *Woman of the Mountain*, a festival co-commission, and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. Both Orion Weiss and Gil Shaham will also join Festival Orchestra musicians in chamber concerts.

LOCATION Sun Valley Pavilion, Sun Valley, ID
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 27 – August 20, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Alasdair Neale

GENRE Classical

SUMMIT MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE Free admission
Additional ticket information: All tickets are free with the exception of the Gala Concert.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
208-622-5607

BOOKING CONTACT
[Deanna Harned](#), artistic planning director
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027 or 2028

SOCIAL LINKS   

SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Artistic Director and Conductor Brett Mitchell will lead world-class orchestra musicians and acclaimed soloists in the Festival's 49th season, which will celebrate American music and more as part of our country's 250th anniversary. Four classical concerts, a pops concert, a solo recital, and a family concert will be presented. Performances are at two historic Oregon venues: the Tower Theatre in Bend and the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. Featured artists include pianist Michelle Cann, violinists Tessa Lark and William Hagen, bass-baritone Timothy Jones, and the Central Oregon Mastersingers. The Festival season also includes music education events, master classes, and free chamber concerts. Many orchestra rehearsals are free and open to the public.

LOCATION Bend and Sunriver, OR
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 10-20, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Brett Mitchell

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$95

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
541-593-9310

BOOKING CONTACT
Meagan Iverson, executive director
541-593-1084
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

TANGLEWOOD

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 Tanglewood season will feature more than 100 performances, including 11 weeks of concerts and other events by the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO), Boston Pops, Tanglewood Music Center, and Tanglewood Learning Institute; chamber music, recital, and concert opera presentations in Ozawa Hall; and a series of Popular Artist concerts. The BSO and Music Director Andris Nelsons open their 89th summer season with an all-Tchaikovsky program featuring pianist Seong-Jin Cho and dancers from the Boston Ballet. Esa-Pekka Salonen directs the annual Festival of Contemporary Music (July 23-27), and Yo-Yo Ma curates a weeklong residency "We the People" (August 4-9). "E Pluribus Unum" programs throughout the summer celebrate American music.

LOCATION Lenox, MA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES June 21 – September 2, 2026

MUSIC DIRECTOR Andris Nelsons

GENRES Classical • Pop/Folk

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$17 to \$225
Additional ticket information: Ticket prices are subject to change; [see here](#) for current pricing.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
888-266-1200

BOOKING CONTACT
[Anthony Fogg](#)
Booking cycle date range:
The booking cycle is the preceding summer or earlier

SOCIAL LINKS       

TEATRO NUOVO

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Teatro Nuovo presents innovative, period-style Bel Canto opera in New York City and New Jersey. This summer brings a tribute to Italian opera's arrival in America 200 years ago. Two titles brought by Manuel García in 1826 are revived: Rossini's *Il Turco in Italia* and Mozart's *Il Don Giovanni* in the edition supervised by librettist Lorenzo da Ponte. Baritone Ricardo José Rivera returns as the Don; other artists include Elizabeth Novella, Simona Genga, Sedona Libero, Kresley Figueroa, Martin Luther Clark, Max Alexander Cook, Vincent Graña, Mattia Venni, Daniel Mobbs. Musical directors are Elisa Citterio, Derrick Goff, Geoffrey Loff. The operas are preceded, on performance days and during the weeks before, by entertaining mini-recitals, talk events, public master classes and concerts devoted to the music of the García family.

LOCATION
Lincoln Center, New York, NY; Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 11-16, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Will Crutchfield

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$200
Additional ticket information: New Jersey tickets range from \$30 to \$175 (fees may apply, senior discount available); New York tickets range from \$30 to \$200 (fees may apply). Student discounts are available at both venues.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
929-888-7158

BOOKING CONTACT
info@teatronuovo.org
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

TIME:SPANS FESTIVAL 2026

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Earle Brown Music Foundation is pleased to announce TIME:SPANS 2026, scheduled August 8-22, 2026. Now in its 11th season, T:S 2026 will present a broad spectrum of contemporary compositions, ranging from full sinfonietta instrumentation to quartet as well as duo and solo works with electronics.

Talea Ensemble opens and closes the festival with music by two of the most influential composers, Rebecca Saunders and Wolfgang Rihm. Chicago's Grossman Ensemble brings selections from its recent commissioning initiatives, and International Contemporary Ensemble will present a selection of works from different countries.

Alarm Will Sound and JACK Quartet will each feature music by Georg Friedrich Haas. Experimentalstudio Freiburg (SWR, Germany) returns for two programs, working with performers Ning Yu (piano), the GrauSchumacher Piano Duo, Sarah Saviet (violin), and Ty Bouque (baritone).

WHAT DISTINGUISHES THIS FESTIVAL?

TIME:SPANS is dedicated primarily to the presentation of 21st-century music. The festival is produced and presented by The Earle Brown Music Foundation Charitable Trust (EBMF).

TIME:SPANS 2026

LOCATION

New York City, NY
[Festival Website](#)

DATES

August 8-22, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Thomas Fichter

GENRE

Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE

\$10 to \$20

Additional ticket information: General admission: \$20; students/seniors: \$10

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

314-580-3041

BOOKING CONTACT

[Kayleigh Butcher](#), program coordinator

Booking cycle date range:

One to two years in advance

SOCIAL LINKS



All events take place at:
The DiMenna Center for Classical Music
Mary Flagler Cary Hall, 450 W 37th Street, NY, NY

- World premiere
- US premiere
- NYC premiere
- Commissioned by The Earle Brown Music Foundation Charitable Trust

Artistic Director for TIME:SPANS is Thomas Fichter. For more information about The Earle Brown Music Foundation Charitable Trust (EBMF) and TIME:SPANS 2026, please visit timespans.org

Sat, Aug 8, 7:30 pm

Talea Ensemble (James Baker, conductor)
Wolfgang Rihm *Jagden und Formen, Zustand 2008* (2008) •

Sun, Aug 9, 7:30 pm

JACK Quartet
Cenk Ergün *Celare* (2014-15)
Georg Friedrich Haas *String Quartet No. 8* (2014)
Cenk Ergün *Sonare* (2014-15)

Mon, Aug 10, 7:30 pm

Parker Quartet
György Kurtág *12 Microludes* (1977)
György Kurtág *Officium breve* (1989)
György Kurtág *Aus der Ferne III* (1991)
György Kurtág *Aus der Ferne V* (1999)
György Kurtág *Six Moments Musicaux* (2005)
Suzanne Farrell *New Work* (2026) ••

Wed, Aug 12, 7:30 pm

Ning Yu
Experimentalstudio Freiburg (SWR)
Mark Andre *...selig ist...* (2024) •

Fri, Aug 14, 7:30 pm

GrauSchumacher Piano Duo,
Experimentalstudio Freiburg (SWR)
Kelley Sheehan *New Work* (2026) •
Philippe Manoury *Le temps, mode d'emploi* (2014) •
featuring Sarah Saviet and Ty Bouque, soloists

Sat, Aug 15, 7:30 pm

Grossman Ensemble (Timothy Weiss, conductor)
Melinda Wagner *Limbic Fragments* (2024) •
Sean Shepherd *Simple Machines—Air, Churn, Hover* (2024) •
Ramon Lazkano *A Glitch at the Edge* (2023) •
Frédéric Durieux *Theater of Shadows I* (2022) •
Augusta Read Thomas *Solstice Ritual—Homage to Varèse and Ravel* (2024)

Sun, Aug 16, 7:30 pm

Saviet/Houston Duo
Sarah Hennies *The Blue Hour* (2025) •

Mon, Aug 17, 7:30 pm

International Contemporary Ensemble
Njabulo Phungula *ochre song* (2024) •
Imsu Choi *Pop* (2023) •
Farzia Fallah *I did not paint the war. I lived the war—une Aubade* (2025) •
Márton Illés *Forajzok* (2021) •

Tues, Aug 18, 7:30 pm

Pamela Z
Solo voice and electronics

Wed, Aug 19, 7:30 pm

American Modern Opera Company
Salvatore Sciarrino *Stupori* (2017)
Michael Hersch *Carrion—Miles to Purgatory: thirteen pieces after texts of Robert Lowell* (2014) •
featuring Ty Bouque, soloist

Fri, Aug 21, 7:30 pm

Alarm Will Sound (Alan Pierson, conductor)
Georg Friedrich Haas *in vain* (2000)

Sat, Aug 22, 7:30 pm

Talea Ensemble (James Baker, conductor)
Rebecca Saunders *Scar (Triptych II)* (2018-19) •
Rebecca Saunders *Skull (Triptych III)* (2022/23) •

TIME:SPANS 2026

A Contemporary Music Festival August 8-22, 2026
Presented by The Earle Brown Music Foundation Charitable Trust

TIPPET RISE ART CENTER

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Set against Montana's Beartooth Mountains on a 12,500-acre working ranch, Tippet Rise presents concerts—indoors and out—by internationally acclaimed musicians and exhibits large-scale sculptures by some of the world's foremost artists and architects. The 2026 concert season features more than 30 performers, including Yulianna Avdeeva, Jonathan Biss, Danny Driver, Yekwon Sunwoo, Pedja Mužijević, Anderson & Roe, Alexi Kenney, Camille Thomas, Yura Lee, Jesse Blumberg, Mireille Asselin, Radu Ratoi, the Westerlies, and the Takács Quartet, performing repertoire ranging from Franz Schubert, Frederic Chopin, Allison Loggins-Hull, Jessica Meyer, and Franz Liszt to George Gershwin, John Lennon, Fleet Foxes, Cole Porter, and Sigur Rós.

LOCATION Fishtail, MT
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 14 – September 13, 2026

ARTISTIC ADVISOR Pedja Muzijevic

GENRES Classical • New Music

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10
Additional ticket information: Tickets for the 2026 season are available through a randomized drawing, for which registration is required. The registration period opens on Tuesday, March 17, and closes on Monday, April 6.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
406-328-7820

BOOKING CONTACT
Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027 and beyond

SOCIAL LINKS    

TRONDHEIM CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The festival program will be presented mid-June 2026; [check here for details](#).

LOCATION Various venues in Trondheim, Norway
[Festival Website](#)

DATES September 20-27, 2026

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR Sigmund Tvette Vik

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE €0 to €40
Additional ticket information: All tickets are sold in Norwegian Kroner (NOK).

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
+47 4004 1120

SOCIAL LINKS   

TSINANDALI FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Tsinandali Festival takes place at the historic Tsinandali Estate located in the heart of the Georgian region of Kakheti, known for its internationally awarded wines. The Festival draws some of the greatest performers, conductors, composers, music scholars, and artists from around the globe to Tsinandali. The Festival is designed to create rare opportunities for young musicians from the Caucasus and the neighboring countries to explore the world of music and advance their musical education through professional seminars and master classes taught by some of the brightest names in today's classical music.

LOCATION
Tsinandali Estate, Kakheti, Georgia
[Festival Website](#)

DATES September 3-13, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Gianandrea Noseda

GENRE Classical

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION
[Ticket Purchase Link](#)
+995 322 25 35 81

BOOKING CONTACT
team@tsfest.ge
Booking cycle date range:
Autumn 2026 for autumn 2027

SOCIAL LINKS   

VANCOUVER USA ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, led by Gerard Schwarz and Salvador Brotons, performs free evening concerts in the park during this all-ages, multi-disciplinary festival from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra USA (VSO-USA) and the City of Vancouver. VAMF celebrates film music with a program featuring John Williams's *Star Wars Suite*, and selections from Disney's *Fantasia* (1940). Pinchas Zukerman performs Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, paired with Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and a performance by VSO Youth Virtuosi. VAMF closes by honoring America250 and American

musical voices; pianist Shelly Berg solos Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, cellist Julian Schwarz presents Arthur Foote's Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in G minor, and VSO-USA performs Valerie Coleman's *Umoja: Anthem of Unity* and Gershwin's *An American in Paris*.

LOCATION Vancouver, WA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 7-9, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Dr. Igor Shakhman

GENRE Classical

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VANCOUVER USA ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL (cont'd)

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$0

Additional ticket information: The entire festival is free and open to the public.

TICKET INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

360-735-7278

BOOKING CONTACT

[Dr. Igor Shakhman](#)

Booking cycle date range:
Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



VERBIER FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Another summer of extraordinary classical music in the heart of the Swiss Alps with a program featuring some of the world's greatest musicians. From July 16 to August 2, 2026, the Festival offers more than 60 concerts, 100 master classes, and 80 free events. This year's lineup features leading international soloists such as Yunchan Lim, Evgeny Kissin, Martha Argerich, Khatia Buniatishvili, András Schiff, Alexandre Kantorow, Nikolaï Lugansky, Mao Fujita, Lucas Debargue, Bruce Liu, Minsoo Sohn, Nonuyuki Tsujii. The 33rd edition also features conductors Simon Rattle, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Lahav Shani, Gianandrea Noseda, Daniel Harding, Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider, Mikhaïl Pletnev, Gábor Takács-Nagy, James Gaffigan, and Vasily Petrenko. Other soloists include Janine Jansen, Joshua Bell, Leonidas Kavakos, Daniel Lozakovich, Mischa Maisky, Steven Isserlis, as well as singers Renée Fleming, Bryn Terfel, Gerald Finley, Magdalena Kozena, Peter Mattei, and many more.

LOCATION Locations in Verbier, Switzerland

[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 16 – August 2, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Martin T:son Engstroem

GENRES Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE CHF30 to CHF220

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+41 (0)848 771 882 (M-F, 13:00-17:00)

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VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

VAF's 29th season features stunning dance from BalletX, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Dorrance Dance. Classical music: violinist Joshua Bell and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, pianist Olga Kern, Orava Quartet, and cellist Alisa Weilerstein. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra will be featured in several curated programs: a salute to composer Adolphus Hailstork with *Performance Today* radio host Valerie Kahler as emcee. Other highlights include: live orchestra with screening of *Top Gun: Maverick*, *Music of Queen - A Rock Symphony*, Christian McBride, Adrienne Warren, Meow Meow. Rob Fisher's "Love, George & Ira: The Gershwins on Broadway." The Virginia International Tattoo will salute 250 years of American Independence. Also, there will be the four-day weekend finale at Williamsburg Live, featuring singer-songwriter Alison Krauss with Union Station.

LOCATION

Locations in southeastern coastal Virginia: Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Newport News, Williamsburg

[Festival Website](#)

DATES March 5 – June 28, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Robert W. Cross

GENRES

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic • Chamber • Dance • Vocal • Broadway

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$25 to \$145

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

757-282-2822

SOCIAL LINKS



WEST EDGE SUMMER OPERA FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Turn of the Screw* by Benjamin Britten—artists include: Laura Bohn, Alex Boyer, Erin Neff, Alexa Sessler, James Ramm, Siena Ramm, Roya Agarwal; conducted by Jonathan Khuner, directed by Mark Streshinsky
- *Rinaldo* by Handel—artists include Kyle Tingzon, Shawnette Sulker, Nikki Einfeld, Efrain Solis, Gabi Esquenazi; conducted by Emily Senturia; directed by Keturah Stickann
- *American Apollo* by Damien Geter and Lil Palmer—artists include Markel Reed, John Bellemer, Marnie Breckenridge, Alexandra

Armantrading, Matt Hidalgo, Leberta Lorál, Phillip Harris, Wilford Kelly, Michael Belle, Alex Taite, Jason Sarten; conducted by Kedrick Armstrong; directed by Nataki Garret

LOCATION

Oakland Scottish Rite Center and Lake Merit, Oakland, CA

[Festival Website](#)

DATES August 1-16, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Mark Streshinsky

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WEST EDGE SUMMER OPERA FESTIVAL (cont'd)

GENRE Opera

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$10 to \$170

Additional ticket information: Series tickets for set dates are offered for three shows—make your own series. Single tickets are also offered, as are \$10 rush tickets.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

510-841-1903

BOOKING CONTACT

[Kenneth Kellogg](#), director of marketing and engagement

Booking cycle date range:

One year in advance

SOCIAL LINKS



WINTERGREEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

From a bluesy opening night to a thrilling patriotic concert and intimate in-home concerts, the 2026 Wintergreen Music Festival offers daily opportunities to experience extraordinary music in an unforgettable mountain setting. From July 2-26, enjoy performances spanning orchestral masterworks, chamber music, jazz, blues, Gospel, and bluegrass. Weekend programs are anchored by the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra in four MountainTop Masterworks concerts featuring music by Mozart, Beethoven, Florence Price, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Copland, and more. Saturday night Pops bring laid-back American sounds, while weeknights offer chamber music in unique venues. Coffee Talks, Sing with Us!, trail performances, LEAD student showcases, and other special events invite audiences to connect deeply with the music, the artists, and one another—where mountains and music meet.

LOCATION

Wintergreen Resort and partner locations, Blue Ridge Mountains, VA

[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 2-26, 2026

HEALTH & SAFETY

[Health and safety policies and procedures for this festival](#)

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Erin Freeman

GENRE Classical

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$42 to \$95

Additional ticket information: Tickets go on sale in April; save the dates now and visit the Ticket Purchase Link below to check out season highlights.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

434-361-0541

SOCIAL LINKS



WOLF TRAP

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wolf Trap combines music and nature to offer an unforgettable summer lineup in a majestic setting. Visitors can enjoy Wolf Trap's many stages, including the stunning Filene Center and charming Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods. Conveniently located just outside of Washington D.C., Wolf Trap offers free parking and picnic overlooks. Plan to spend summer with your favorite artists at Virginia's beloved outdoor music venue.

LOCATION Vienna, VA
[Festival Website](#)

DATES May 21 – September 19, 2026

GENRE

Classical • Pop/Folk • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE \$30 to \$350

Additional ticket information: Ticket prices vary per show; check website for details.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

703-255-1868

BOOKING CONTACT

[Sara Beesley](#)

Booking cycle date range:

Fall 2026 for summer 2027

SOCIAL LINKS



YOUNG EURO CLASSIC

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Young Euro Classic features 17 of the world's finest youth orchestras, five outstanding ensembles showcasing their musical traditions alongside the orchestral tradition—and a special Kid's Day packed with concerts and workshops for families and children. The complete program for the Young Euro Classic festival will be announced April 16, when ticket sales officially begin.

LOCATION Konzerthaus Berlin, Berlin, Germany
[Festival Website](#)

DATES July 31 – August 15, 2026

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Alban Gerhardt and Mathias Hinke

GENRES Classical • Jazz • World/Ethnic

TICKET PRICE RANGE €16 to €39

Additional ticket information: Ticket sale start on April 16, 2026.

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION

[Ticket Purchase Link](#)

+ 49 30 841 089 09

BOOKING CONTACT

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Booking cycle date range:

Summer/fall 2026 for summer 2027

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