



PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY



PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY | THE 73RD SEASON

Welcome to the Philharmonic Society's 73rd Season

This season we proudly present many of the world's most celebrated orchestras and artists, including a return of the Vienna Philharmonic in March 2027 led by Yannick Nézet-Séguin in two landmark performances. Additional orchestra appearances include the San Francisco Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Diego Symphony, and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Across the season, we are thrilled to welcome legendary and leading soloists such as Itzhak Perlman, Midori, Yuja Wang, Daniil Trifonov, and Francesco Piemontesi.

Recital and chamber music highlights abound, featuring pianists Simon Trpčeski, Yeol Eum Son, Louis Lortie, and George Li, along with the extraordinary trio of Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Lisa Batiashvili, and Gautier Capuçon. Beloved ensembles including the Danish String Quartet, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and Festival Strings Lucerne further enrich the season with performances of exceptional intimacy and artistry.

We also celebrate musical creativity beyond traditional boundaries in our Eclectic Orange Series, from Bang on a Can All-Stars' Reich/Glass birthday tribute and the early music "band" Ruckus with a joyful program of country dances to the irresistible charm of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Annual holiday traditions continue with returns by Canadian Brass and Voctave.

A special highlight of the season is the 25th anniversary of the Laguna Beach Music Festival, a multi-concert weekend that reflects our long-standing commitment to artistic excellence, collaboration, and community. A plethora of past artistic directors and collaborators join together to celebrate this momentous occasion!

Together with our continued diverse offerings, these concerts set the stage for a season filled with discovery, inspiration, and heart-stopping musical wonder. This concert season embodies the essence of what we all wish to experience together—world-class music at its very best.

We look forward to seeing you at these fantastic concerts!

Contents

Subscriber Benefits	4
Ways to Subscribe/ Key Dates	5
Concerts	6-21
Education/Volunteer/ Orange County Youth Symphony	22-23
Support Us	24-25
Series Packages	26-27
Create Your Own	28



Tommy Phillips
President and Artistic Director



Elaine Neuss
Chair, Board of Directors

Cover Photos (clockwise from top): Itzhak Perlman / Masterclass.com; Midori / Timothy Greenfield-Sanders; George Li / Simon Fowler; Isata Kanneh-Mason / Carolina Wieloch; San Francisco Symphony / San Francisco Symphony; Ray Chen / Decca Records; Yuja Wang / Julia Wesely; Yannick Nézet-Séguin / Paola Kudacki; Aubree Oliverson / Nick Bayless; Back Cover Photos (clockwise from top): Conrad Tao / Kevin Condon; Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain / Leisa Rea and Viola Farrington; Jean-Yves Thibaudet / E. Caren; Danish String Quartet / Caroline Bittencourt

26

SEASON CALENDAR

27

OCTOBER

- 13 Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
Lisa Batiashvili, violin
Gautier Capuçon, cello

NOVEMBER

- 10 Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano
- 13 San Diego Symphony
with Rafael Payare, music director
and Daniil Trifonov, piano
- 21 Ruckus *Strawberry Fields*

DECEMBER

- 6 George Li, piano
- 8 The Holidays with Canadian Brass
- 15 Voctave: The Spirit of the Season

JANUARY

- 15 Bang on a Can All-Stars
- 21 Itzhak Perlman, violin
- 22 National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine
with Volodymyr Sirenko, conductor
and Dmytro Udovychenko, violin

FEBRUARY

- 2-7 25th Anniversary
Laguna Beach Music Festival
All-Stars
- 17 Midori, violin
and Festival Strings Lucerne
- 26 Danish String Quartet

MARCH

- 5 Vienna Philharmonic
with Yuja Wang, piano:
Prokofiev and Mahler's Fourth
- 7 Vienna Philharmonic
with Pacific Chorale:
Mahler's "Resurrection"
- 12 Conrad Tao, piano
and Academy of St Martin in the Fields
- 30 Yeol Eum Son, piano

APRIL

- 11 Louis Lortie, piano
- 16 San Francisco Symphony
with Donald Runnicles, conductor
and Francesco Piemontesi, piano
- 27 Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

MAY

- 9 Simon Trpčeski, piano
- 29 Los Angeles Philharmonic
with Anna Handler, conductor

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

AND RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

The Best Prices

- Save up to 15% compared to ticket prices paid by non-subscribers. Plus you get 10% discount on additional tickets and you never have to pay processing fees.

Priority Seating & Access

- Get first choice to secure the best available seats in your desired seating section. Receive special pre-sale access to special events and added concerts.

Flexibility

- Life happens and schedules change. Enjoy the flexibility of free ticket exchanges into a different concert during the 2026-27 season. Subscribers exchanging into a higher priced performance will only be charged the difference in price. No extra fees!

Complimentary Parking*

- Receive parking benefits when you purchase The Works, Masterworks Gold packages, or Create Your Own Package of 10 or more concerts:

*Select seats in the Green section and receive complimentary valet parking (valued up to \$430)

*Select seats in the Purple, Red, Pink, or Blue sections and receive complimentary self-parking (valued up to \$220)

Elevate Your Experience

Receive additional benefits such as access to concert intermission receptions, and artist meet-and-greets by becoming a Donor today! Refer to page 24 for more information.





TWO WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE

1 Series Packages

Select a curated package for the ultimate Philharmonic Society experience.
View curated packages on page 26.

2 Create Your Own Packages

Build a package of 7 or more concerts* that fit your schedule and personal taste. See page 28.

**Create Your Own Package must consist of 7 or more concerts with the same number of tickets for each concert.*

Key Dates

Current Subscribers

Renew by March 30, 2026

New Subscribers

Subscribe early for the best seats.
Orders will be processed in order of receipt

Payment Plan

Pay 50% now and 50% by August 2026

Series Tickets

Mailed in September 2026

OPENING NIGHT

*Donna L. Kendall Classical Series
Henry T. and Elizabeth Segerstrom Foundation
Select Series*

Thibaudet, Batiashvili, Capuçon Trio

CHAMBER MUSIC

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
Lisa Batiashvili, violin
Gautier Capuçon, cello

Three leading classical musicians—violinist Lisa Batiashvili, cellist Gautier Capuçon, and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet—combine their individual talents in a collaborative and captivating program to open our 2026-27 season.

SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Trio No. 1 Op. 8 in C minor
DEBUSSY Piano Trio in G major
DVOŘÁK Piano Trio No. 3 in F minor, Op. 65



Jean-Yves Thibaudet / E. Caren



Lisa Batiashvili / Sammy Hart DG



Gautier Capuçon / Anoush Abrar



Isata Kanneh-Mason / Karolina Wielocho



Daniil Trifonov / Dario Acosta

*Henry T. and Elizabeth Segerstrom Foundation
Select Series*

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Isata Kanneh-Mason

HANDEL, MOZART & HAYDN

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano

HANDEL “Water Music” Suite (selections)
MOZART Piano Concerto No. 27 in B-flat major,
K. 595
Katie JENKINS OCO Commission (for strings)
HAYDN Symphony No. 91 in E-flat major, Hob.I:91

Grammy Award-winning classical ensemble Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason perform selections from Handel's “Water Music” Suite and classical-era standards by Mozart and Haydn.

San Diego Symphony and Daniil Trifonov

BRAHMS & SHOSTAKOVICH

Friday, November 13, 2026, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

San Diego Symphony
Rafael Payare, music and artistic director
Daniil Trifonov, piano

BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op. 15
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 10 in E minor,
Op. 93

Led by their energetic music and artistic director, Rafael Payare, the San Diego Symphony performs Shostakovich's powerful Tenth Symphony. “Arguably today's leading classical virtuoso” (*Boston Globe*), Grammy Award-winning pianist Daniil Trifonov joins the orchestra for Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1.



Ruckus and Emi Ferguson / Fay Fox at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts



George Li / Simon Fowler

Co-presented with Soka Performing Arts Center
Eclectic Orange Series sponsored by
Jelinek Family Trust

Featured Artist Sponsor (Emi Ferguson):
Shanbrom Family Foundation

Ruckus *Strawberry Fields*

HANDEL, SANCHO AND ENGLISH COUNTRY
DANCES FEATURING EMI FERGUSON &
RACHELL ELLEN WONG

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 8pm
Soka Performing Arts Center

Ruckus (chamber ensemble)
Emi Ferguson, flute
Rachell Ellen Wong, violin

SANCHO Lady Mary Montagu's Reel - Culford
Heath Camp - Ruffs and Rhees from *Twelve
Country Dances for the Year 1779*

HANDEL Trio Sonata in G major, Op. 5, No. 4

SANCHO Air - Bushy Park—Lord Dalkeith's Reel—
Le Douze de Decembre

HANDEL Trio Sonata in E minor, Op. 5, No. 3

SANCHO The Royal Bishop—Lindrindod Lasses—
Strawberries and Cream

HANDEL Trio Sonata in D major, Op. 5, No. 2

SANCHO Duchess of Devonshire's Reel—Trip to
Dillington—All of One Mind—Mungo's Delight—
Lady Mary Montagu's Reel

Experience the playful baroque dance music of
G. F. Handel and Ignatius Sancho in this rousing
concert with the energetic ensemble Ruckus.

Co-presented with Soka Performing Arts Center

George Li, piano

PIANO RECITAL

Sunday, December 6, 2026, 3pm
Soka Performing Arts Center

George Li, piano

SCHUMANN *Abegg Variations*, Op. 1

SCHUMANN *Davidsbündlertänze (Dances of the
League of David)*

DEBUSSY *Images* Book 1

MUSSORGSKY *Pictures at an Exhibition*

With effortless grace, poised authority, and brilliant
virtuosity far beyond his years, pianist George Li
performs a colorful solo program.

Since winning the Silver Medal at the 2015
International Tchaikovsky Competition, Li has
rapidly established a major international reputation
and performs regularly with some of the world's
leading orchestras and conductors.

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS



Canadian Brass / Chris Goulet

The Holidays with Canadian Brass

Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Chuck Daellenbach, tuba
Jeff Nelsen, horn
Keith Dyrda, trombone
Mikio Sasaki, trumpet
Joe Burgstaller, trumpet

The holidays are here, and so is Canadian Brass! For over 50 years, Canadian Brass has been spreading joy and making spirits bright. This season, experience the warmth and festive spirit of the holidays with an unforgettable evening of brilliant brass music and classic favorites that will fill your heart with cheer.



Voctave / Opus 3 Artists

Voctave The Spirit of the Season

Tuesday, December 15, 2026, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Kate Lott, soprano
Tiffany Coburn, soprano
Ashley Espinoza, soprano/alto
Sarah Whittemore, alto
Chrystal Johnson, alto
E.J. Cardona, tenor
Drew Ochoa, tenor
Jamey Ray, tenor/arranger
Kurt von Schmittou, baritone
John Hannigan, baritone/bass
Karl Hudson, bass

Ring in the season with world-renowned a cappella sensation, Voctave! Known for their breathtaking harmonies and vocal versatility, the 11-member group will fill the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall with the songs of the season in an evening filled with joy, laughter, and music that will warm your heart. From timeless classics to festive favorites, this is the perfect concert for the entire family!



Bang on a Can All-Stars / Peter Serling

*Henry T. and Elizabeth Segerstrom Foundation
Select Series*

Itzhak Perlman in Recital

ITZHAK PERLMAN, VIOLIN
ROHAN DE SILVA, PIANO

**Thursday, January 21, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall**

Experience the virtuosity of the legendary 16-time Grammy Award-winning violinist Itzhak Perlman accompanied by longtime recital partner, pianist Rohan De Silva.

Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the world who respond not only to his remarkable artistry but also to his irrepressible joy for making music.

**“Indisputably one of
the great violinists”**

—*The Guardian*

*Co-presented with Musco Center for the Arts
Eclectic Orange Series sponsored by
Jelinek Family Trust*

Bang on a Can All-Stars

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF
STEVE REICH AND PHILIP GLASS

**Friday, January 15, 2027, 7:30pm
Musco Center for the Arts**

Bang on a Can All-Stars

Bang on a Can All-Stars celebrate their unique relationship with two of the most influential composers of our time: Philip Glass and Steve Reich, who both turn 90 during the 2026-27 season.

The 90/90 concert is a two-part journey into some of Glass and Reich's most adventurous and iconic works, offering audiences an unparalleled opportunity to hear these masterpieces performed by one of today's most dynamic ensembles. One half of the program features representative works of Philip Glass, the other half shines a spotlight on Steve Reich, highlighting the innovation, energy, and enduring legacy of their music.



Rohan de Silva / John Beebe



Itzhak Perlman / Masterclass.com



Volodymyr Sirenko / nsou.com

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Friday, January 22, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine
Volodymyr Sirenko, conductor
Dmytro Udovychenko, violin

BORTNIANSKY *Il Quinto Fabio* Overture
BRUCH Violin Concerto No 1, Op. 26
SILVESTROV Silent Music
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5, Op. 67 in C minor

Formed in 1918, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine is considered to be one of the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe. Hear popular classics like Beethoven's Fifth paired with works by Ukrainian composers Bortniansky and Silvestrov. Rising star violinist Dmytro Udovychenko, first prize winner of the 2024 Queen Elisabeth Competition, joins the orchestra for Bruch's Violin Concerto.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

LAGUNA BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL

A PRESENTATION OF THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY & LAGUNA BEACH LIVE!

FEB
2-7
2027



Photos (clockwise from top): Ray Chen / Decca Records; Joyce Yang / KT Kim; Junction Trio / Shervin Lainez; Aubree Oliverson / Nick Bayless
Photos (opposite page): Angella Ahn / Montana Chamber Music; Jeremy Denk / Josh Goleman; Los Angeles Guitar Quartet / Adam Almeida

Featuring the Festival All-Stars

LED BY PAST FESTIVAL DIRECTORS & COLLABORATORS

Calder Quartet (2003)

Angella Ahn, violin (2007 with Ahn Trio)

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (2015)

Joyce Yang, piano (2019)

Ray Chen, violin (2020)

Junction Trio:

Conrad Tao (2021)

Stefan Jackiw (2026)

Jay Campbell

Aubree Oliverson, violin

Jeremy Denk, piano (2023)

For 25 years, the Laguna Beach Music Festival has brought world-class artists to our seaside community through intimate performances and meaningful educational and community engagements.

From our first Festival in 2003 with pianist Claude Frank to milestone anniversaries celebrated with artists like Joshua Bell, the Laguna Beach Music Festival has built a legacy of musical excellence and connections that linger long after the final notes.

This year's festival is a heartfelt homecoming, featuring an all-star lineup of past Artistic Directors and cherished collaborators, returning to Laguna Beach to celebrate the music that has shaped our journey.

Co-presented with Laguna Beach Live!



lagunabeachmusicfestival.com

Festival Concerts at Laguna Playhouse

Friday, February 5, 2027, 8pm

Saturday, February 6, 2027, 8pm

Sunday, February 7, 2027, 3pm



Donna L. Kendall Classical Series

Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne

Wednesday, February 17, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Festival Strings Lucerne
Midori, violin

BEETHOVEN *Egmont* Overture

TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35

RAVEL *Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn* M. 58 (1909)
(arr. for strings by Cliff Colnot)

Helena WINKELMAN Papa Haydn's Parrot,
Hommage à Haydn

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 2 in D major,
Op. 36

This concert brings together two celebrated forces in classical music: violinist Midori, revered for her rare combination of virtuosity and insight, and the Festival Strings Lucerne, one of Europe's most distinguished chamber orchestras.



Festival Strings Lucerne / Sheldon Artists





*Co-presented with Soka Performing Arts Center
Eclectic Orange Series sponsored by
Jelinek Family Trust*

Danish String Quartet

CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, February 26, 2027, 8pm
Soka Performing Arts Center

Frederik Øland, violin
Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen, violin
Asbjørn Nørgaard, viola
Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin, cello

Gabriella SMITH *Carrot Revolution*
SHOSTAKOVICH String Quartet No. 14 in
F-sharp major, Op. 142
BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 14 in
C-sharp minor, Op. 131

Rooted in friendship and Scandinavian spirit, the Danish String Quartet brings world-class chamber music to life. With three Danes and one Norwegian at the core, they combine the precision of classical tradition with the unwavering joy of playing together. Despite performances in the major concert halls of the world, they never forget that “music is a way to hang out with friends.”

Maria Manetti Shrem & Elizabeth Segerstrom
California Orchestra Residency

Vienna Philharmonic



Yannick Nézet-Séguin / Paola Kudacki

Prokofiev and Mahler's Fourth Symphony

Friday, March 5, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Vienna Philharmonic
Yannick Nézet-Séguin, conductor
Christiane Karg, soprano
Yuja Wang, piano

PROKOFIEV Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, Op. 26
MAHLER Symphony No. 4 in G major

A meeting of musical titans, pianist Yuja Wang joins Yannick Nézet-Séguin and the Vienna Philharmonic on stage for Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, a dazzling display of fire and technical brilliance. The Vienna Philharmonic follows with Mahler's Symphony No. 4, radiating warmth, humor, and transcendence, ending with a captivating soprano finale.



Vienna Philharmonic / Juliawesely Miedleres



Yuja Wang / Wei Lai



Pacific Chorale / Jamie Pham



Elina Garanča / GM Art and Music

Mahler's "Resurrection"

Sunday, March 7, 2027, 3pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Vienna Philharmonic
Yannick Nézet-Séguin, conductor
Christiane Karg, soprano
Elina Garanča, mezzo-soprano
Pacific Chorale
Robert Istad, Artistic Director

MAHLER Symphony No. 2 in C minor, "Resurrection"

In this unforgettable Orchestra Residency finale, the world-famous Vienna Philharmonic performs one of the most moving pieces ever written—Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony.



Christiane Karg / Machreigh Artists





Academy of St Martin in the Fields / Richard Lea-Hair



Yeol Eum Son / Marco Borregreave

Co-presented with Soka Performing Arts Center

Featured Artist Sponsor: Jim Carter

Conrad Tao and Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Friday, March 12, 2027, 8pm
Soka Performing Arts Center

Academy of St Martin in the Fields
Conrad Tao, piano

Ruth CRAWFORD SEEGER *Music for Small Orchestra*

MOZART Piano Concerto No. 23 in A major,
K. 488

COPLAND *Appalachian Spring*

Conrad Tao joins the Academy of St Martin in the Fields for a program spanning centuries of brilliance. From the classical elegance of Mozart to the adventurous harmonies of Ruth Crawford Seeger, culminating in the sweeping, quintessentially American *Appalachian Spring*, this program is both intimate and grand in scope.

Yeol Eum Son, piano

PIANO RECITAL

Tuesday, March 30, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Yeol Eum Son, piano

BEETHOVEN 6 Variations in F major, Op. 34

CZERNY Variations on a Theme by Rode, Op. 33
“La Ricordanza”

LISZT “Ricordanza,” from *Transcendental Etudes*

RACHMANINOFF (arr. **A. Siloti**) “Vocalise”

RACHMANINOFF Prelude Op. 32 No. 13

BACH (trans. **Rachmaninoff**) Gavotte, from
Partita for Solo Violin No. 3

BACH (trans. **M. Hess**) “Jesu, Joy of
Man’s Desiring”

A. DE LARROCHA *Sonata antigua*

A. DE LARROCHA *Cajita de música*

W. LANDOWSKA *Feu follet*

W. LANDOWSKA *Valse*

T. NIKOLAYEVA *Elegy*

W. GIESEKING 3 Dance Improvisations

E. WILD *Reminiscences of Snow White*



Louis Lortie / Key Note Artist Management



San Francisco Symphony / Brandon Patoc

Co-presented with Soka Performing Arts Center

Louis Lortie, piano

BEETHOVEN ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, April 11, 2027, 3pm
Soka Performing Arts Center

Louis Lortie, piano

BEETHOVEN Variations and Fugue for Piano
 in E-flat major, Op. 35 (*Eroica Variations*)
BEETHOVEN Piano Sonata No. 29 in B-flat major,
 Op. 106, "Hammerklavier"

In 2027, the world marks 200 years since the death of Ludwig van Beethoven, a composer whose music continues to inspire with power, innovation, and profound humanity. Experience his enduring legacy and boldest ideas through the hands of a pianist celebrated for his insight, sensitivity, and virtuosity—a rare opportunity to experience the composer's genius in its full emotional and technical range.

Donna L. Kendall Classical Series
Henry T. and Elizabeth Segerstrom Foundation
Select Series

San Francisco Symphony

Friday, April 16, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

San Francisco Symphony
 Donald Runnicles, conductor
 Francesco Piemontesi, piano

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3
 in C minor, Op. 37
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Symphony No. 5

The San Francisco Symphony returns to Orange County led by Scottish conductor Donald Runnicles in Beethoven's powerful and dramatic Piano Concerto No. 3 featuring Swiss-Italian pianist Francesco Piemontesi and conclude with the lyrical and gentle melodies of Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 5.



Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain / Leisa Rea and Viola Farrington



Simon Trpčeski / Benjamin Ealovega

*Eclectic Orange Series sponsored by
Jelinek Family Trust*

Donna L. Kendall Classical Series

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Simon Trpčeski, piano

PIANO RECITAL

Tuesday, April 27, 2027, 8pm
Irvine Barclay Theatre

Sunday, May 9, 2027, 3pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Simon Trpčeski, piano

Expect the unexpected when the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain takes the stage! With nothing more than ukuleles in hand (and a few voices raised in harmony), this world-famous ensemble delivers a witty, virtuosic, and joyfully unpredictable evening of music.

From Beethoven to Bowie, Tchaikovsky to Taylor Swift, they transform familiar tunes into something delightfully fresh, blending brilliant musicianship with deadpan British humor and irresistible charm.

RAVEL *Valses nobles et sentimentales*
TCHAIKOVSKY/PLETNEV *The Nutcracker Suite*
BUSONI Sonatina No. 6, "Carmen Fantasy"
LISZT Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11
LISZT Paraphrase from *Rigoletto*
LISZT *Rhapsodie espagnole (Spanish Rhapsody)*

Simon Trpčeski brings a tour-de-force recital program that alternates between elegance and exuberance. He begins with Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales*, a graceful tribute to the waltz tradition, followed by Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* in Mikhail Pletnev's sparkling piano arrangement, and works by Liszt.

SEASON FINALE CONCERT

Los Angeles Philharmonic MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS & MAHLER

Saturday, May 29, 2027, 8pm
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Los Angeles Philharmonic
Anna Handler, conductor
Pianist to be announced

John WILLIAMS Piano Concerto No. 2
MAHLER Symphony No. 1, "Titan"

One of today's most dynamic young conductors, Anna Handler leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic in a program that pairs John Williams' homage to legendary jazz pianists with Mahler's symphonic mastery.

Los Angeles Philharmonic / LA Phil

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

Celebrating its 70th anniversary of providing youth music education programs, the Philharmonic Society has inspired and transformed nearly seven million young lives across Orange County through a series of enriching programming and a diverse array of opportunities, all provided free of charge.

This season features dynamic concert experiences for youth with Concerts for Second Grade, Concerts for Fifth Grade, and Sounds Around the Globe, along with exciting historical and musically-enhanced field trips through the California Journeys program. The Music Mobile and Digital Music Mobile introduce thousands of individuals to the instruments of the orchestra online and in person, and local high school ensembles get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform in a professional concert hall at the 14th Annual High School Orchestra Festival.

Teens then get to attend professional concerts featured in the Philharmonic Society's season through the Tix for Teens program, with several schools also experiencing masterclasses, coaching sessions, and in-school performances by the very artists they see on stage. And the music continues to play beyond our concerts and field trips, with the Strike Up the Band grant providing instruments and materials to school music programs.

Community offerings include family concerts, sensory-friendly programming, interactive instrument experiences, and more!

Learn more at philharmonicsociety.org/education



VOLUNTEER

With 17 Committees located throughout Orange County, our nearly 450 Committees members provide nearly 50,000 hours of in-kind service each year to support the Philharmonic Society's nationally recognized youth music education programs. Committees members usher at youth concerts, docent music education programs in schools and concert halls, and organize and facilitate fundraising events—all while enjoying the camaraderie that comes from providing philanthropic service to our community. This season's fundraisers include the Annual Golf Classic, Huntington Harbour Boutique, Cruise of Lights®, and more. Please visit our website for an updated listing of fundraisers throughout the year.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY

These volunteers bring hands-on arts opportunities to community events, igniting the spark of musical curiosity for children of Orange County. Volunteers bring these experiences to events at the Bowers Museum, the Irvine Barclay Theatre, Pretend City, and more! Interested in volunteering? Call (949) 553-2422, ext. 222, or email volunteer@philharmonicsociety.org



PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S



ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY

& STRING ENSEMBLE

Founded in 1970, the Orange County Youth Symphony (OCYS) and String Ensemble (OCYSE) is one of Southern California's leading youth symphony programs. Its diverse roster includes student musicians from nearly 60 middle school, high school, and college programs spanning San Clemente to Fullerton and beyond.

Under the direction of Johannes Müller Stosch and Lucy Lu, respectively, OCYS and OCYSE musicians perform professional repertoire in world-class venues, take part in workshops with world-renowned artists and orchestras presented by the Philharmonic Society, and travel internationally for tours, while serving as musical ambassadors in their schools and communities.

Beyond rehearsing and performing, the program supports students as emerging young adults, encouraging service, leadership, and growth opportunities that help shape them into well-rounded and community-minded individuals.

Learn more at ocyouthsymphony.com



SUPPORT THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY

Your support brings world-class orchestras, ensembles, and soloists to Orange County while sustaining free music education programs that serve thousands of students each year.

For more than 73 years, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County has connected our community to extraordinary music experiences—on stage, in classrooms, and beyond.

MEMBERSHIP CIRCLES AT-A-GLANCE

By becoming a supporter, you join a vibrant community of music lovers who make transformative experiences possible.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE \$70 - \$1,199

The foundation of our donor community. Friend's Circle members help sustain concerts, youth music education programs, and community outreach initiatives that share the joy of live music across Orange County.

***Benefits Include:**

- Priority offer emails
- Discounted tickets for select concerts
- Listed program recognition, and more!

CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE \$1,200 - \$9,999

Conductor's Circle members deepen our artistic impact by further expanding programming and increasing access to music education throughout the community.

***Benefits Include:**

- Access to concert intermission receptions
- Invitations to private donor events including the annual Golden Baton celebration (levels \$3,000+)
- Priority concert seating
- VIP concierge services, and more!

BENEFACTOR'S CIRCLE \$10,000 - \$100,000+

Benefactor's Circle members play a vital role in presenting world-class artistry, creative collaborations, and distinctive education opportunities that elevate Orange County's cultural life.

***Benefits Include:**

- Artists sponsored opportunities and meet-and-greets
- Donor lounge access (levels \$25,000+)
- VIP concierge services
- Complimentary valet parking, and more!

**Benefits vary at individual giving levels*



For more information on donor benefits, scan the QR code below

Thank you for helping the Philharmonic Society of Orange County keep extraordinary music alive for generations to come.





Your IMPACT. Your COMMUNITY. Your MUSIC.

Thanks to your support, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County has donated musical instruments and materials valued at more than \$700,000 to school music programs in our community over the past decade!

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

WAYS TO GIVE

INDIVIDUAL & SUSTAINED GIVING

Make an annual one-time gift, or conveniently spread a recurring gift over the course of a season.

STOCK & DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Initiate a grant recommendation from your donor-advised fund, or use stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to support our shared vision.

LEGACY GIVING

Create a lasting legacy that inspires future generations through music by leaving a gift that ensures great music lives on.

TRIBUTE GIFT

Honor or remember someone special with a meaningful gift.

CORPORATE

Corporate partners champion the power of music while advancing their community investment goals. We offer tailored sponsorship opportunities for concerts, special events, education initiatives, and community engagement programs aligned with your company's philanthropic priorities.

For more information on supporting the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, contact the Development Department (949) 553-2422, ext. 204
development@philharmonicsociety.org

philharmonicsociety.org/support

TWO WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE

SERIES PACKAGES

Select a curated package for the ultimate Philharmonic Society experience. Select from packages below.

CREATE YOUR OWN PACKAGE

Build a package of 7 or more concerts that fit your schedule & personal taste. See page 28.

PACKAGES & PRICING

The Works Series 17 CONCERTS

Oct 13	Thibaudet, Batiashvili, Capuçon Trio
Nov 10	Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano
Nov 13	San Diego Symphony and Daniil Trifonov, piano
Dec 6	George Li, piano
Jan 21	Itzhak Perlman, violin
Jan 22	National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and Dmytro Udovychenko, violin
Feb 6	Laguna Beach Music Festival #2
Feb 17	Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne
Feb 26	Danish String Quartet
Mar 5	Vienna Philharmonic with Yuja Wang, piano: Prokofiev and Mahler's Fourth
Mar 7	Vienna Philharmonic with Pacific Chorale: Mahler's Resurrection
Mar 12	Conrad Tao with Academy of St Martin in the Fields
Mar 30	Yeol Eum Son, piano
Apr 11	Louis Lortie, piano
Apr 16	San Francisco Symphony
May 9	Simon Trpčeski, piano
May 29	Los Angeles Philharmonic

Prices per seat

●	\$3,129
●	\$1,434
●	\$1,366
●	\$1,089
●	\$970
●	\$821
●	\$703
●	\$554

Masterworks Gold A Series 10 CONCERTS

Oct 13	Thibaudet, Batiashvili, Capuçon Trio
Nov 13	San Diego Symphony and Daniil Trifonov, piano
Nov 21	Ruckus <i>Strawberry Fields: Handel, Sancho and English Country Dances</i>
Dec 6	George Li, piano
Jan 21	Itzhak Perlman, violin
Feb 7	Laguna Beach Music Festival #3
Mar 5	Vienna Philharmonic with Yuja Wang, piano: Prokofiev and Mahler's Fourth
Mar 12	Conrad Tao with Academy of St Martin in the Fields
Apr 16	San Francisco Symphony
May 9	Simon Trpčeski, piano

Prices per seat

●	\$1,746
●	\$852
●	\$808
●	\$646
●	\$587
●	\$477
●	\$420
●	\$346

Masterworks Gold B Series 10 CONCERTS

Nov 10	Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano
Dec 8	The Holidays with Canadian Brass
Jan 22	National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and Dmytro Udovychenko, violin
Feb 5	Laguna Beach Music Festival #1
Feb 17	Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne
Feb 26	Danish String Quartet
Mar 7	Vienna Philharmonic with Pacific Chorale: Mahler's Resurrection
Mar 30	Yeol Eum Son, piano
Apr 11	Louis Lortie, piano
May 29	Los Angeles Philharmonic

Prices per seat

●	\$1,786
●	\$809
●	\$783
●	\$611
●	\$544
●	\$470
●	\$404
●	\$312

CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE

Classical Series A 7 CONCERTS

Oct 13	Thibaudet, Batiashvili, Capuçon Trio
Nov 13	San Diego Symphony and Daniil Trifonov, piano
Jan 15	Bang on a Can All-Stars
Feb 17	Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne
Mar 7	Vienna Philharmonic with Pacific Chorale: Mahler's Resurrection
Apr 11	Louis Lortie, piano
May 29	Los Angeles Philharmonic

Prices per seat

- \$1,440
- \$621
- \$594
- \$486
- \$428
- \$374
- \$315
- \$248

Classical Series B 7 CONCERTS

Nov 10	Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano
Dec 8	The Holidays with Canadian Brass
Jan 22	National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and Dmytro Udovychenko, violin
Feb 26	Danish String Quartet
Mar 5	Vienna Philharmonic with Yuja Wang, piano: Prokofiev and Mahler's Fourth
Apr 16	San Francisco Symphony
May 9	Simon Trpčeski, piano

Prices per seat

- \$1,440
- \$626
- \$581
- \$477
- \$419
- \$360
- \$303
- \$221

QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR MUSICAL CONCIERGE / AFTER-HOURS ASSISTANCE

Dr. Randy Polevoi (949) 553-2422, ext. 306 | randy@philharmonicsociety.org

Mondays-Wednesdays 3pm-9pm

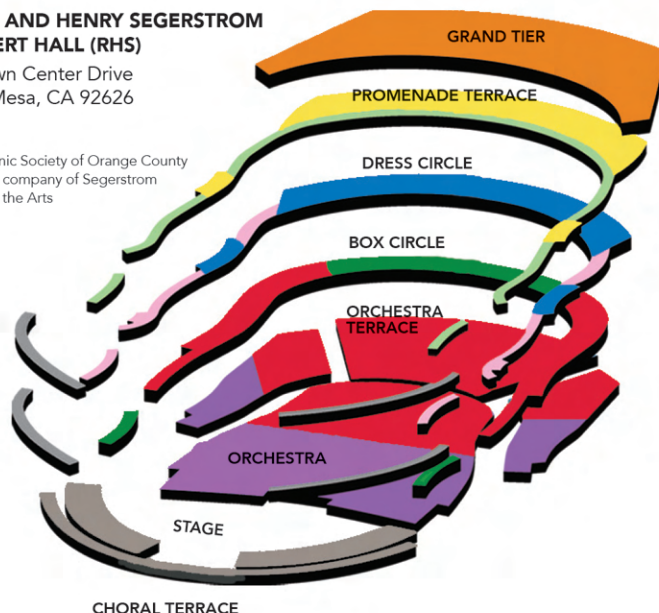
VENUES & SEATING



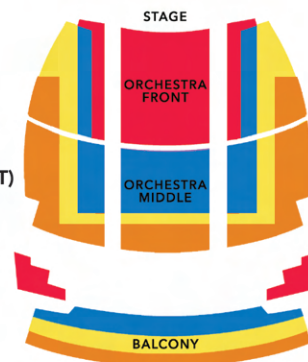
RENÉE AND HENRY SEGERSTROM CONCERT HALL (RHS)

615 Town Center Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Philharmonic Society of Orange County
A resident company of Segerstrom
Center for the Arts



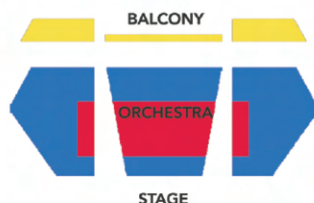
IRVINE BARCLAY THEATRE (IBT)
4242 Campus Drive
Irvine, CA 92612



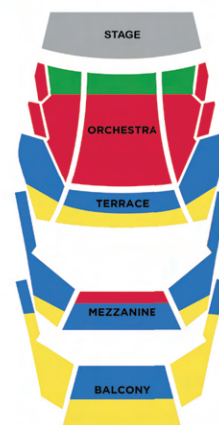
**SOKA PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER (SOKA)**
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656



LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE (LP)
606 Laguna Canyon Road
Laguna Beach, CA 92651



**MUSCO CENTER FOR
THE ARTS (MUS)**
415 North Glassell Street
Orange, CA 92866



2026/27 SEASON CREATE YOUR OWN ORDER FORM

STEP 1: CREATE YOUR OWN PACKAGE

Circle or highlight the concerts below that you want in your package, and make sure to select the color price section. Please note that a Create Your Own Package must consist of 7 or more concerts with the same number of tickets for each concert. Choose 10 or more concerts to receive complimentary parking* (Refer to the Subscriber Benefits on page 4).

DATE	TIME	VENUE	PERFORMANCE									UNIT PRICE
10-13-26	8PM	RHS	Thibaudet, Batiashvili, Capuçon Trio	\$268	\$98	\$88	\$78	\$68	\$58	\$48	\$38	
11-10-26	8PM	RHS	Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Isata Kanneh-Mason, piano	\$268	\$108	\$98	\$78	\$63	\$58	\$43	\$28	
11-13-26	8PM	RHS	San Diego Symphony and Daniil Trifonov, piano	\$268	\$113	\$103	\$83	\$68	\$63	\$48	\$33	
11-21-26	8PM	SOKA	Ruckus <i>Strawberry Fields</i>	\$75	\$60		\$45		\$35			
12-06-26	3PM	SOKA	George Li, piano	\$80	\$60		\$40		\$25			
12-08-26	8PM	RHS	The Holidays with Canadian Brass	\$168	\$68	\$68	\$48	\$45	\$38	\$35	\$23	
12-15-26	8PM	RHS	Voctave: The Spirit of the Season	\$168	\$68	\$68	\$48	\$45	\$38	\$35	\$28	
1-15-27	7:30PM	MUS	Bang on a Can All-Stars: Reich / Glass Birthday Program	\$70	\$55		\$45		\$35			
1-21-27	8PM	RHS	Itzhak Perlman, violin	\$268	\$128	\$128	\$88	\$78	\$68	\$58	\$48	
1-22-27	8PM	RHS	National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and Dmytro Udovychenko, violin	\$268	\$118	\$108	\$88	\$73	\$68	\$53	\$38	
2-05-27	8PM	LP	Laguna Beach Music Festival #1	\$88	\$73		\$53		\$38			
2-06-27	8PM	LP	Laguna Beach Music Festival #2	\$88	\$73		\$53		\$38			
2-07-27	3PM	LP	Laguna Beach Music Festival #3	\$88	\$73		\$53		\$38			
2-17-27	8PM	RHS	Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne	\$268	\$108	\$108	\$88	\$73	\$68	\$53	\$38	
2-26-27	8PM	SOKA	Danish String Quartet	\$75	\$60		\$45		\$35			
3-05-27	8PM	RHS	Vienna Philharmonic: Prokofiev & Mahler 4	\$385	\$135	\$135	\$115	\$105	\$95	\$85	\$60	
3-07-27	3PM	RHS	Vienna Philharmonic: "Resurrection"	\$368	\$128	\$128	\$108	\$98	\$88	\$78	\$58	
3-12-27	8PM	SOKA	Conrad Tao and Academy of St Martin in the Fields	\$115	\$95		\$75		\$55			
3-30-27	8PM	RHS	Yeol Eum Son, piano	\$168	\$68	\$68	\$48	\$45	\$38	\$35	\$23	
4-11-27	3PM	SOKA	Louis Lortie, piano	\$90	\$70		\$50		\$35			
4-16-27	8PM	RHS	San Francisco Symphony	\$268	\$118	\$98	\$88	\$76	\$62	\$52	\$38	
4-27-27	8PM	IBT	Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain	\$98	\$78		\$58		\$38			
5-09-27	3PM	RHS	Simon Trpčeski, piano	\$168	\$88	\$78	\$68	\$58	\$43	\$33	\$23	
5-29-27	8PM	RHS	Los Angeles Philharmonic	\$268	\$118	\$108	\$88	\$73	\$68	\$53	\$38	

Subtotal \$

Discount -

7+ concerts, 10% off | 10+ concerts, 12% off | 17+ concerts, 15% off

Package Quantity x

(How many tickets you would like for each concert)

PACKAGE SUBTOTAL \$

(Subtract discount from subtotal and multiply by package quantity)

VENUE LEGEND

RHS Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall
MUS Musco Center for the Arts
IBT Irvine Barclay Theatre
SOKA Soka Performing Arts Center
LP Laguna Playhouse

***Complete the payment information on the reverse side.**

2026/27 SEASON SERIES PACKAGE ORDER FORM

☐ STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

PACKAGES	SECTION NAME & COLOR	NO. OF SEATS	PRICE PER SEAT	PARKING (THE WORKS & MASTERWORKS GOLD)	SUBTOTAL
The Works			\$	☐ VALET (Subs in green only) ☐ SELF PARKING (Subs in green, red, purple, blue or pink)	\$
Masterworks Gold A			\$		\$
Masterworks Gold B			\$		\$
Classical A			\$		\$
Classical B			\$		\$
Create Your Own	Concert selections on reverse side				\$
Package total					\$

☐ STEP 2: SEATING REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Seating requests are not guaranteed, but we will accommodate as best we can.

- ☐ ADA seats required (please specify below) ☐ I am a subscriber, renew my seats as is.
☐ I would like aisle seats. ☐ I am a subscriber, change my seats.
☐ I would like seats as close to center as possible. (please specify below)

- ☐ **STEP 3: PAYMENT PLAN** If you would like to use our 50/50 payment plan, there is a one-time \$10 service fee. Your credit card will be charged 50% now and 50% in August 2026.

PAYMENT PLAN FEE	\$
-------------------------	----

- ☐ **STEP 4: DONATION** The Philharmonic Society is a separate organization from the venues in which we present. We rely on our subscribers and donors for financial support. Please consider supporting our artistic and educational programming by making a tax-deductible gift with your subscription. Thank you!

DONATION AMOUNT	\$
------------------------	----

- ☐ One-time gift
☐ Monthly gift
☐ Quarterly gift

- ☐ **STEP 5: GRAND TOTAL** Add steps 1, 3, and 4.

GRAND TOTAL	\$
--------------------	----

SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PAYMENT METHOD

CREDIT CARD Please contact our box office to purchase your subscription

CHECK Mail order form along with a check payable to Philharmonic Society



**PHILHARMONIC
SOCIETY**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY
1124 MAIN STREET, SUITE B, IRVINE, CA 92614

Non-Profit
US Postage

PAID
Santa Ana, CA
Permit No. 1021

2627

SEASON



PATRON SERVICES

BOX OFFICE / ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
(949) 553-2422
boxoffice@philharmonicsociety.org

CONNECT WITH US

Visit our website to purchase tickets and access the latest information on concerts, programs, artists and special events.

Sign up for our e-newsletter to receive special offers and the latest Philharmonic Society news.

EMAIL
contactus@philharmonicsociety.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

f [PhilharmonicSocietyOC](#)
@ [@PhilharmonicSocietyOC](#)
y [youtube.com/PhilharmonicSoc](#)
in [Philharmonic Society of Orange County](#)

All dates, times, artists, programs and prices are subject to change.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY (949) 553-2422 | PHILHARMONICSOCIETY.ORG