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The Philadelphia Orchestra

Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30

Andy Einhorn Conductor Audra McDonald Soprano

With

Jeremy Jordan Piano Gene Lewin Drums Mark Vanderpoel Bass

Tonight's program will be announced from the stage.

This program runs approximately 2 hours, including one intermission.

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Yannick Nézet-Séguin is now in his 12th season with The Philadelphia Orchestra, serving as music and artistic director. His connection to the ensemble's musicians has been praised by both concertgoers and critics, and he is embraced by the musicians of the Orchestra, audiences, and the community.

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Conductor



Einhorn most recently served as music supervisor and musical director for the Broadway productions of *Hello*, *Dolly!* starring Bette Midler (GRAMMY nomination) and *Carouse!* starring Renée Fleming (GRAMMY nomination). His previous Broadway credits include *Holiday Inn*, *Bullets Over Broadway the Musical*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Brief Encounter*, *Sondheim on Sondheim*, *Evita*, and *The Light in the Piazza*.

Since 2011 Mr. Einhorn has served as music director and pianist for six-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald, performing with her and such ensembles as the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Pops, the San Francisco Symphony, the National Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Cincinnati Pops, the Chicago Symphony, and Los Angeles Opera; at such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Walt Disney Concert Hall; and in a series of recorded concerts with the Sydney Symphony at the Sydney Opera House. They have also recorded two albums together: Sing Happy: Live with the New York Philharmonic and Go Back Home.

Mr. Einhorn served as music director for HBO's Peabody Award—winning documentary Six by Sondheim and music supervisor for Great Performances's Peabody Award—winning special Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy on PBS. He also music supervised and appeared on camera for the Emmy Award—winning performance of "Eat Sh*t Bob" for HBO's Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. Upcoming film and TV projects include Apple Plus's Extrapolations and Cabrini. Recently, Mr. Einhorn conducted the Baltimore, Detroit, Vancouver, and Pacific symphonies; the Cleveland and National Arts Centre (Ottawa) orchestras; and at the Aspen Music Festival, where he is a guest faculty member. He is also a regular music director and pianist for the 92nd St Y's Lyrics and Lyricists series. He first appeared with The Philadelphia Orchestra in 2009.

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Soloist

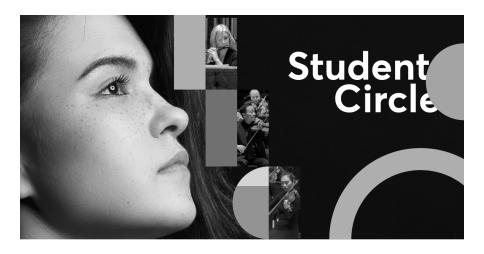


Audra McDonald is unparalleled in the breadth and versatility of her artistry as both a singer and an actor. She is the winner of a record-breaking six Tony Awards, two GRAMMY Awards, and an Emmy, and in 2015 she received the National Medal of Arts from President Obama and was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people. She won Tonys for her performances in Carousel, Master Class, Ragtime, A Raisin in the Sun, The Gershwins' Porqy and Bess, and Lady Day

at Emerson's Bar & Grill, which also served as the vehicle for her Olivier Awardnominated 2017 debut in London's West End.

On television, Ms. McDonald won an Emmy Award as the official host of PBS's Live from Lincoln Center and received nominations for Wit, A Raisin in the Sun, and Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill. She stars as Liz Reddick in The Good Fight on Paramount+ and guest-stars as Dorothy Scott in Julian Fellowes's historical drama The Gilded Age on HBO and HBO Max. Her film credits include Disney's live-action Beauty and the Beast and MGM's Aretha Franklin biopic, Respect.

A Juilliard-trained soprano, Ms. McDonald has performed Poulenc's La Voix humaine and LaChiusa's Send (who are you? I love you) at Houston Grand Opera and Weill's Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny at Los Angeles Opera. She has issued five solo albums on the Nonesuch label as well as Sing Happy with the New York Philharmonic on Decca Gold. She also maintains a major career as a concert artist, regularly appearing on the great stages of the world and with leading international orchestras; she made her Philadelphia Orchestra debut in 1999. A founding member of Black Theatre United, board member of Covenant House International, and prominent advocate for LGBTQAI+ rights, her favorite roles are those performed offstage, as an activist, wife to actor Will Swenson, and mother.



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