

#### THE GRAMMY®-WINNING ORCHESTRA PRESENTS ITS MOST AMBITIOUS SEASON YET

Yannick Conducts *Tristan and Isolde* • Riccardo Muti Leads Verdi's Requiem • Yuja Wang Returns Beethoven's Ninth at the Academy of Music • Yannick Explores Mahler and Beethoven Commissions by Julia Wolfe, Gabriela Lena Frank, and Terence Blanchard









#### DEAR BELOVED ORCHESTRA MEMBERS AND PATRONS,

As we embark on another bold musical journey together—the 2024–25 season of The Philadelphia Orchestra—I am inspired by the concepts of renewal and rediscovery. Just as great composers returned to timeless themes, reimagining them in captivating ways, we, too, find inspiration in revisiting beloved masterpieces while also embracing new voices and ideas.

We will bring fresh perspectives to iconic works by Beethoven, Mahler, Verdi, and more, while continuing to restore and celebrate brilliant but forgotten gems of the repertoire from composers such as Margaret Bonds, William Grant Still, Florence Price, and Louise Farrenc, as we build an artistically broad, inclusive musical vision. Some of the world's biggest stars and exciting emerging artists will join the Orchestra to add layers of interpretation and expression to each program.

We look forward to turning the spotlight on today's brightest composers whose work reflects the ever-evolving landscape of classical music. The unique voices and innovative compositions of Terence Blanchard, Gabriela Lena Frank, Jake Heggie, Missy Mazzoli, Joe Hisaishi, and more, remind us that art knows no boundaries.

But these explorations would be incomplete without YOU, our cherished audiences. Just as music bridges generations and cultures, your presence and appreciation provide the essential connection for our shared musical experience.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for joining us on this remarkable journey.

With profound excitement and anticipation,
YANNICK NÉZET-SÉGUIN
Music & Artistic Director



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**DANIIL TRIFONOV** February 26



NATHALIE STUTZMANN March 28 & 29









#### **Opening Weekend**

Friday, September 27 2:00 PM Saturday, September 28 8:00 PM Sunday, September 29 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Seong-Jin Cho Piano

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 2 **Bruckner** Symphony No. 7

Anton Bruckner's luminous, mystical Seventh Symphony enthralls in the hands of Yannick, acclaimed for his "thrilling" (*The Guardian*) performances of this composer's works, and The Philadelphia Orchestra. This program opens with extraordinary young pianist Seong-Jin Cho performing Beethoven's utterly charming Second Piano Concerto. A study in musical moods!





#### Yannick Conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 3

Thursday, October 3 7:30 PM Friday, October 4 2:00 PM Saturday, October 5 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joyce DiDonato Mezzo-Soprano

Mahler Symphony No. 3

Mahler's Third Symphony is a hymn to nature, its six movements arranged in a progressive celebration of life, from the simplest creatures to the creator of the universe. Marshalling the forces of an expansive orchestra, soprano and alto choir, and children's choir, this spectacular work envelops the listener in a gorgeous, multi-layered paradise of sound—a work Mahler himself declared was "something the like of which the world has never yet heard!"





#### Saint-Saëns's "Organ" Symphony

Friday, October 11 2:00 PM Sunday, October 13 2:00 PM

Roderick Cox Conductor Choong-Jin Chang Viola

**Martinů** Rhapsody-Concerto, for viola and orchestra

Bartók Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin* Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 ("Organ")

In his debut appearance in Philadelphia last season, conductor Roderick Cox drew rave reviews from the Orchestra, audience, and critics, who praised his "rich coloring and a sense of narrative drive ... full-bodied sound ... transparent textures and thrilling abandon" (Bachtrack).





#### Bernstein and Copland

Friday, October 18 2:00 PM Saturday, October 19 8:00 PM Sunday, October 20 2:00 PM

**David Robertson** Conductor **Nicolas Hodges** Piano

Jolas Lassus ricercare Jolas bTunes, for piano and orchestra Bernstein Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

**Copland** Appalachian Spring Suite

It's hard to imagine two works that better capture the American spirit. Copland's Appalachian Spring Suite summons a mountain sunrise and simple people living off the land and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story captures the story's drama and pathos, joy and sorrow. Hear both, led by David Robertson, a conductor of "musical intelligence and vivid enthusiasm" (Sydney Morning Herald).





### Riccardo Muti Leads VERDI'S REQUIEM



Thursday, October 24 7:30 PM Friday, October 25 8:00 PM Saturday, October 26 8:00 PM

Riccardo Muti Conductor Juliana Grigoryan Soprano **Isabel De Paoli** Mezzo-Soprano Giovanni Sala Tenor Maharram Huseynov Bass-Baritone

**Verdi** Requiem

Verdi's Requiem has been called "one of the most sublime and terrifying works in the repertoire" (NPR), filled with transcendent moments, from the ineffably sorrowful "Lacrymosa" to the heavens-shaking final judgment of the "Dies irae" to the hushed finale, blessed by grace. Hear this monumental masterwork led by former Music Director Riccardo Muti, a legendary conductor renowned for his interpretations of Verdi. "Glorious music-making. This was Verdi's Requiem in all its humanity" (Chicago Tribune).





#### Symphonie fantastique

Friday, November 22 2:00 PM Saturday, November 23 8:00 PM

Stéphane Denève Conductor Gautier Capuçon Cello

Holmès "La Nuit et l'amour" (Interlude), from Ludus pro patria

Connesson Cello Concerto (U.S. premiere) **Berlioz** Symphonie fantastique

In this enchanting program, French conductor Stéphane Denève and French cellist Gautier Capuçon make an indelible connection with composers uniquely identified with their country. Berlioz's most famous work conjures up a dark tale of love and madness, while Connesson's virtuosic Cello Concerto is a boldly exuberant, brilliantly colored work—the perfect showcase for a cellist of "impeccable taste, Romantic ardour and technical aplomb" (The Telegraph).



#### Gil Shaham Plays Dvořák

Thursday, December 5 7:30 PM Friday, December 6 2:00 PM Saturday, December 7 8:00 PM

Xian Zhang Conductor Gil Shaham Violin

**Dvořák** Violin Concerto Prokofiev Symphony No. 6

Conductor Xian Zhang has a gift for revealing new depths in the classics, delivering "a cornucopia of artistic riches" (San Francisco Examiner), as these concerts make abundantly clear. Dvořák's Violin Concerto—filled with many moods, from fiery drama to joyous dance—is a brilliant showcase for Gil Shaham, "a virtuoso and a player of deeply intense sincerity" (The New York Times). And Prokofiev's searing Sixth Symphony takes the listener on a deeply moving spiritual journey.





#### Mahler's Symphony No. 9

Thursday, January 9 7:30 PM Saturday, January 11 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joshua Hopkins Baritone

**Heggie** Songs for Murdered Sisters Mahler Symphony No. 9

Written near the end of his life, as he mourned the death of his young daughter and contemplated his own failing health, Mahler's Ninth Symphony is both a cry from the heart and a virtuosic work by a master composer at the peak of his powers. From its tenderly beautiful, hushed opening through the entire profoundly affecting piece, this is music that pierces the soul of the listener, leaving you "exhilarated and affirmed" (The Philadelphia Inquirer).





#### Yuja Wang Returns

Thursday, January 16 7:30 PM Friday, January 17 8:00 PM Saturday, January 18 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor **Yuja Wang** Piano

**Bonds** The Montgomery Variations Piano concerto to be announced **Still** Symphony No. 2 ("Song of a New Race")

After her sold-out performances in 2023, Yuja Wang is back! Reading Wang's reviews is like witnessing a flood of superlatives: each is more alowing than the last, with terms like "breathtaking," "charismatic," and "flawless" among the accolades. This thrilling program includes Margaret Bonds's moving tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and William Grant Still's boldly beautiful Second Symphony.



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#### Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony

Thursday, January 23 7:30 PM Saturday, January 25 8:00 PM Sunday, January 26 2:00 PM

Rafael Payare Conductor Carolin Widmann Violin

Ravel Suite No. 2 from *Daphnis and Chloe* Saariaho *Graal théâtre*, for violin and orchestra

**Tchaikovsky** Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique")

"Without exaggeration, I have put my whole soul into this work," wrote Tchaikovsky while composing his final symphony. "Electrifying" (Los Angeles Times) conductor Rafael Payare leads this classic, on a program with the Suite No. 2 from Ravel's magical Daphnis and Chloe and Kaija Saariaho's evocative, dramatic violin concerto inspired by the legends of King Arthur and the Holy Grail and performed here by "a fabulously assured and poetic soloist," Carolin Widmann (The Guardian).



#### The Planets

Friday, January 31 2:00 PM Saturday, February 1 8:00 PM

**Daniele Rustioni** Conductor **Paul Jacobs** Organ

Ravel Alborada del gracioso
Casella Concerto romano, for organ, brass,
timpani, and strings
Holst The Planets

Gustav Holst's most famous work has inspired generations of sci-fi (and real-sci) film composers, including John Williams ("The Imperial March" from Star Wars) and Bill Conti (The Right Stuff). Piloting this space shot is Daniele Rustioni, a conductor "mesmerizing to watch" (The Guardian). From the ferocity of "Mars, the Bringer of War" to the ghostly suspense of "Neptune, the Mystic," it's the perfect work for dreaming of galaxies far, far away. This performance, which also includes Alfredo Casella's organ concerto, features the power of the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ.



#### Bach and Haydn

Friday, February 7 8:00 PM Saturday, February 8 8:00 PM

Masaaki Suzuki Conductor

Program includes: Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3 Haydn Symphony No. 104 ("London")

It's hard to imagine Bach in better hands. The great Masaaki Suzuki has made the composer his life's work, with an unmatched discography and concert performances that have drawn the highest praise: "Breathtaking ... tangible elation as well as contemplation and control" (Gramophone). Hear the beloved "Air on the G String" movement from Bach's Third Orchestral Suite alongside Haydn's masterful, final symphony. An evening to remember!





Leonidas Kavakos Plays Korngold

Friday, February 21 2:00 PM Saturday, February 22 8:00 PM Sunday, February 23 2:00 PM

Fabio Luisi Conductor Leonidas Kavakos Violin

**Sørensen** *Evening Land* **Korngold** Violin Concerto **Brahms** Symphony No. 4

A child prodigy in Vienna, Erich Korngold had published dozens of works by the time he was 25. As the Nazis threatened Europe, he immigrated to Hollywood—the beginning of a career that would shape the golden age of film. Hear his Violin Concerto performed by the "astoundingly virtuosic" (The Guardian) Leonidas Kavakos. Closing this beautiful program is Brahms's Fourth Symphony, a study in contrasts from dark mystery to sunlit joy.





#### Hélène Grimaud Plays Brahms

Thursday, February 27 7:30 PM Friday, February 28 2:00 PM Saturday, March 1 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Hélène Grimaud Piano

**Wolfe** *Pretty* (Philadelphia Orchestra co-commission)

Farrenc Symphony No. 1 Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1

Women artists take center stage in these concerts! Pianist Hélène Grimaud brings "astonishing proficiency and poetic sensibilities" (The Washington Post) to Brahms's First Piano Concerto; 19th-century composer Louise Farrenc's surging, Romantic First Symphony beguiles with mystery and melody; and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Julia Wolfe's Pretty is a raucous, rhythmic romp.





#### Beethoven's "Eroica"

Friday, March 7 2:00 PM Saturday, March 8 8:00 PM Sunday, March 9 2:00 PM

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor Pierre-Laurent Aimard Piano

**Tilson Thomas** Agnegram **Ravel** Piano Concerto for the Left Hand **Beethoven** Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica")

Recipient of the National Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honors, and 11 GRAMMY Awards, Michael Tilson Thomas is a towering musical presence in the United States and around the world. In this engagement, he leads Ravel's jazzy Piano Concerto for the Left Hand featuring Pierre-Laurent Aimard, a pianist hailed for his "dynamically alert, rhythmically incisive" (Musical America) performances. Tilson Thomas conducts his own Agnegram and closes with Beethoven's mighty "Eroica" Symphony, a paean to the heroic in all of us.





#### Marin Alsop Leads Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Frank

Thursday, March 13 7:30 PM Friday, March 14 2:00 PM Saturday, March 15 8:00 PM

Marin Alsop Conductor Randall Goosby Violin

Frank Picaflor (world premiere— Philadelphia Orchestra commission) Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Brahms Variations on a Theme of Haydn

Principal Guest Conductor Marin
Alsop returns with a brilliant program!
Mendelssohn's poetic, passionate Violin
Concerto is a bravura display in the
hands of the astonishing young violinist
Randall Goosby, who "plays like an angel
with nothing to prove" (Los Angeles Times).
Brahms's intricate Variations on a Theme
of Haydn dazzles. And former Orchestra
Composer-in-Residence Gabriela Lena
Frank's new work, Picaflor (Hummingbird),
retells a traditional Peruvian creation myth.





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#### Beethoven and Dvořák

Saturday, March 22 8:00 PM Sunday, March 23 2:00 PM

Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider Conductor and Violin

Beethoven Violin Concerto **Dvořák** Symphony No. 7

Danish violinist and conductor Nikolai Szeps-Znaider is "spine-shudderingly good" (The Times, London), a violinist of "gorgeous, extraordinary tone" (New York Classical Review), and a conductor of renown. Hear this remarkable artist in a dual role in Beethoven's beloved Concerto. a work that never ceases to command attention and inflame the imagination. This marvelous program closes with the work many consider Dvořák's greatest: his moving, dramatic Seventh Symphony.





Shostakovich, Schumann, and Mazzoli

Friday, March 28 2:00 PM Saturday, March 29 8:00 PM

Nathalie Stutzmann Conductor Edgar Moreau Cello

Mazzoli Orpheus Undone Schumann Cello Concerto **Shostakovich** Symphony No. 5

A celebration of genius! Written in the midst of Stalin's repressive regime, Shostakovich's lyrical, heroic Fifth Symphony is an extraordinary tribute to inspiration that defies restraint. Schumann's Cello Concerto, composed in a burst of creative energy on the precipice of his final descent into depression, is a testament to joy. This journey of genius begins with a new work from one of today's most acclaimed composers, hailed as a "post-millennial Mozart" (Time Out New York).





#### Stravinsky's The Firebird

Thursday, April 3 7:30 PM Friday, April 4 2:00 PM Saturday, April 5 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Juliette Kang Violin

**Assiginaak** Eko-Bmijwang (As Long in Time as the River Flows)

Bartók Violin Concerto No. 2 **Stravinsky** The Firebird (complete ballet)

As brilliantly colored as the imagined plumage of its namesake mythical creature, The Firebird launched Stravinsky's career; the audience at its Paris premiere included such luminaries as Marcel Proust, Sarah Bernhardt, and Claude Debussy. Hear the complete ballet score of this beloved masterwork. First Associate Concertmaster Juliette Kana performs a brooding. mysterious Bartók concerto, a beautiful farewell to his homeland, written in dark days as Nazi fervor engulfed his beloved Hungary.



#### Mahler's Symphony No. 6

Thursday, April 10 7:30 PM Friday, April 11 2:00 PM Sunday, April 13 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 6

A conductor hailed as "the greatest generator of energy on the international podium" (Financial Times) and a composer revered for his deeply emotional, intensely affecting works: It's a brilliant meeting of artistic minds. Yannick's interpretations of Mahler have been hailed as "passionate, idiomatic, distinctive, technically adept, and excellently played" (Classics Today), and those gifts are on display in Mahler's dream-like Sixth Symphony, a profoundly affecting musical experience.





#### **Bronfman Plays Schumann**

Friday, April 25 2:00 PM Saturday, April 26 8:00 PM Sunday, April 27 2:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor **Yefim Bronfman** Piano

**Schumann** Piano Concerto **Beethoven** Symphony No. 4

Two lyrically beautiful masterworks, a legendary pianist, and an internationally renowned conductor join in this unforgettable program. Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto thrills in its bravura passages and moments of quiet grace; Beethoven's radiantly joyful Fourth Symphony inspires. Yefim Bronfman enchants "with such perfection that every note grabs the ear" (The Washington Post). And Tugan Sokhiev, "clear of beat and graceful of gesture" (Chicago Tribune), conducts.





Strauss and Liszt

Thursday, May 17:30 PM Friday, May 2 2:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor **Haochen Zhang** Piano

Wagner Overture to Tannhäuser Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1 **Strauss** Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks **Strauss** "Dance of the Seven Veils," from Salome

Three of the defining voices of the Romantic era blaze forth in this spectacular program! Liszt's breathtaking Piano Concerto No. 1 is performed by an extraordinary artist hailed for his "enchanting, sensitive lyricism and hypnotizing forcefulness" (The Jerusalem Post), and masterworks by Wagner and Richard Strauss send the imagination soaring.





#### **Emanuel Ax Plays Mozart**

Friday, May 9 2:00 PM Saturday, May 10 8:00 PM Sunday, May 11 2:00 PM

Dalia Stasevska Conductor **Emanuel Ax** Piano

Ravel Pavane for a Dead Princess Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 Lutosławski Symphony No. 4 Ravel La Valse

The prodigiously gifted pianist and audience favorite Emanuel Ax—"Manny" to his friends and admirers—brings his "always thoughtful, lyrical, lustrous" style (The Washington Post) to Mozart in concerts led by acclaimed Finnish conductor Dalia Stasevska. Lutosławski's Fourth Symphony is a rushing stream of music, shimmering and beautiful, then fiercely furious, all leading to an intensely dramatic finish.





#### Ode to Jov: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9

Thursday, May 29 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Lara Downes Piano **Leah Hawkins** Soprano Rihab Chaieb Mezzo-Soprano Issachah Savage Tenor Ryan McKinny Bass-Baritone

Price Piano Concerto in One Movement **Beethoven** Symphony No. 9 ("Choral")

Beethoven's mighty Ninth Symphony brings more power and more transcendent beauty than seems possible for the heart to hold, leaving the listener exalted and uplifted. Yannick conducts a soaring performance that features some of today's most powerful voices on a program that begins with Florence Price's Piano Concerto in One Movement, a long-lost work that beguiles with bright melody.







Wagner's Tristan and Isolde

Sunday, June 12:00 PM Sunday, June 8 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Nina Stemme Soprano (Isolde) Stuart Skelton Tenor (Tristan)

Wagner Tristan and Isolde

With its portrayals of unbridled passion and cold-hearted revenge, Wagner's opera scandalized audiences at its 1865 premiere, but this masterwork proved to be one of the most influential scores ever written, inspiring generations of composers. In this rare concert performance, you'll hear every detail and nuance of this richly harmonic score, as Yannick leads the Orchestra and a cast of some of the world's greatest singers.

Running time: approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes, with two intermissions



#### The Grand Finale

Friday, June 6 2:00 PM Saturday, June 7 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason Cello

Saint-Georges Symphony No. 2 **Prokofiev** Symphony No. 1 ("Classical") Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 **Mozart** Symphony No. 35 ("Haffner")

Hear an astonishing young talent who has captured the world's imagination! Since winning the BBC Young Musician Competition at 17, Sheku Kanneh-Mason has become a sought-after soloist with orchestras around the world, performing annually at Britain's beloved Proms, and even playing at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding. "Technically superb and eloquent in his expressivity" (The Guardian). he dazzles in Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto, notoriously difficult to play and filled with virtuoso fireworks.





SPECIAL EVENT

# BEETHOVEN'S NINTH

at THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC



Thursday, May 22 7:30 PM Friday, May 23 2:00 PM Saturday, May 24 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Lara Downes Piano Leah Hawkins Soprano Rihab Chaieb Mezzo-Soprano Issachah Savage Tenor Ryan McKinny Bass-Baritone

Price Piano Concerto in One Movement Beethoven Symphony No. 9 ("Choral")



Experience grandeur as The Philadelphia Orchestra makes a triumphant return to the historic Academy of Music—where the Philadelphia Sound was created and refined for a century—for Beethoven's epic Ninth Symphony. Immerse yourself in the very essence of that Sound, a unique and lush musical signature that first echoed through the hallowed halls of the Academy, shaping the Orchestra's legendary reputation. Join us for a concert event of unparalleled artistry, where timeless melodies meet the timeless elegance of this cherished cultural landmark.

Beloved by audiences for centuries, Beethoven's mighty Ninth Symphony brings more power and more transcendent beauty than seems possible for the heart to hold, leaving the listener exalted and uplifted. Yannick conducts soaring performances that feature some of today's most powerful voices on a program that begins with Florence Price's Piano Concerto in One Movement, a long-lost work that beguiles with bright melody.

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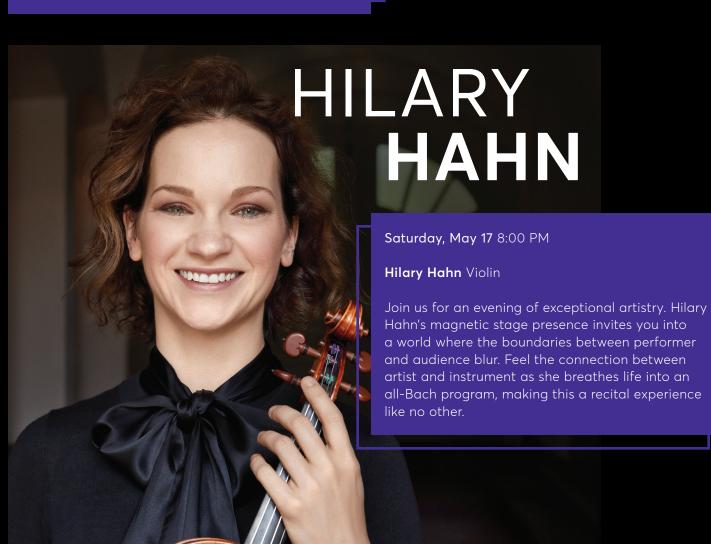
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M. Night Shyamalan Host
Gil Shaham Violin
Jean-Yves Thibaudet Piano

Critically acclaimed film director, producer, and screenwriter M. Night Shyamalan will host an evening to celebrate one of the most successful collaborations between a contemporary film director and a composer—Shyamalan and the Emmy®- and GRAMMY-winning composer and nine-time Oscar® nominee James Newton Howard.

This performance highlights Howard's haunting scores that became part of the identity of eight of Shyamalan's eerie, mind-bending thrillers—The Sixth Sense, Unbreakable, Signs, The Village, The Last Airbender, and more. Howard will lead Your Philadelphia Orchestra with special appearances by pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet and violinist Gil Shaham in this incredible one-night-only event!





# The Music of JOE HISAISHI

Friday, January 3 7:00 PM Saturday, January 4 7:00 PM

Joe Hisaishi Conductor Choong-Jin Chang Viola

Hisaishi Symphony No. 2

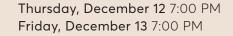
**Hisaishi** Saga, for viola and orchestra **Hisaishi** Suite from Spirited Away

One of the most celebrated Japanese composers of our time, Joe Hisaishi has produced music for over 80 films. He has written the scores for 12 enchanting Hayao Miyazaki films, including the Oscar-winning Spirited Away and Howl's Moving Castle. He has also composed the music for several films by beloved Japanese filmmaker Takeshi Kitano, such as Dolls and Sonatine. Other favorites include Soul Snatcher, Departures, and Children of the Sea. In this special concert event, Hisaishi leads Your Philadelphia Orchestra in a celebration of his symphonic scores for the concert hall, including his orchestral suite from Spirited Away.

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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

# YANNICK'S HOLIDAY MIXTAPE IN CONCERT



#### Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

New! Celebrate the season with Yannick and his musical picks in this sparkling new program. From classic holiday tunes like "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" and "White Christmas" to French melodies like "Joyeux Noël" and "Petit Papa Noël," you'll hear a variety of works that will warm your heart and lift your spirits. And don't miss the special treat of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Christmas Overture, a holiday masterpiece. Join us for this joyous concert that will delight the whole family and make your holidays merry and bright!





#### The Glorious Sound of Christmas®

Saturday, December 14 7:00 PM Sunday, December 15 2:00 PM

#### William Eddins Conductor

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling! Share in the joy of the holiday season. The Glorious Sound of Christmas has been a time-honored tradition for families, friends, and classical music lovers since the iconic recording with Eugene Ormandy and the Orchestra was released in 1962.





#### Messiah

Saturday, December 21 7:00 PM Sunday, December 22 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

#### **Handel** Messiah

Handel's transcendent choral masterwork is a highlight of the holiday season, gathering friends and family in what, for many, is an unmissable annual tradition. Renowned for his interpretations of this classic, Yannick unites Orchestra, soloists, and chorus in a sound that is at once as "intimate as it is grand ... notably warm and ... remarkably tender," leaving "listeners ready to sing a glorious 'Hallelujah!'" (*Philadelphia*).



#### New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31 7:00 PM

#### Marin Alsop Conductor

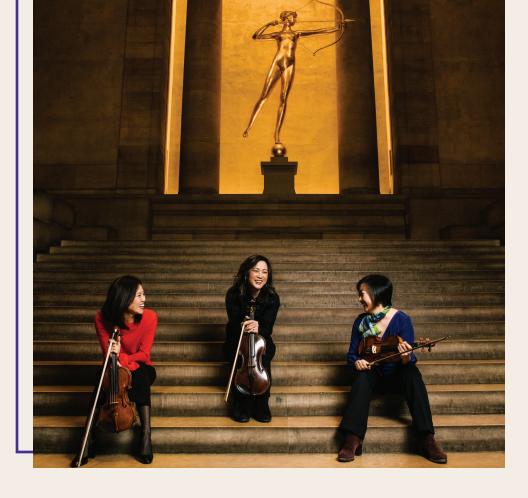
Making New Year's Eve plans with a world-class orchestra elevates your celebration to an extraordinary degree—and when that orchestra is led by a conductor with Marin Alsop's considerable chops it becomes not just a superb sendoff to your year but one of the highlights on your musical calendar. Get ready for "a high-voltage, heart-on-sleeve performance, thrillingly played" (The Guardian) in this not-to-be-missed celebration!

#### **Lunar New Year**

Friday, January 10 8:00 PM

Join Your Orchestra and special guests to celebrate Lunar New Year! This family-friendly performance features repertoire in honor of the Year of the Snake.

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Kourkounis; piccolo player Erica Peel at Reading Terminal Market, Photo by Jessica Griffin

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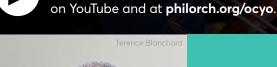






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#### 6-CONCERT SERIES THURSDAY A

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#### Yannick Conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 3

Thursday, October 3 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joyce DiDonato Mezzo-Soprano

Mahler Symphony No. 3

#### **Gil Shaham Plays Dvořák** Thursday, December 5 7:30 PM

Xian Zhang Conductor Gil Shaham Violin

**Dvořák** Violin Concerto **Prokofiev** Symphony No. 6

#### Yuja Wang Returns

Thursday, January 16 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Yuja Wang Piano

**Bonds** The Montgomery Variations Piano concerto to be announced **Still** Symphony No. 2 ("Song of a New Race")

#### Hélène Grimaud Plays Brahms

Thursday, February 27 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Hélène Grimaud Piano

**Wolfe** *Pretty* (Philadelphia Orchestra co-commission)

Farrenc Symphony No. 1 Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1

#### Stravinsky's The Firebird

Thursday, April 3 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Juliette Kang Violin

Assiginaak Eko-Bmijwang (As Long in Time as the River Flows) Bartók Violin Concerto No. 2 Stravinsky The Firebird (complete ballet)

#### Strauss and Liszt

Thursday, May 17:30 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor Haochen Zhang Piano

Wagner Overture to Tannhäuser Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1 Strauss Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks Strauss "Dance of the Seven Veils," from Salome

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES THURSDAY B

#### Riccardo Muti Leads Verdi's Requiem

Thursday, October 24 7:30 PM

Riccardo Muti Conductor Juliana Grigoryan Soprano Isabel De Paoli Mezzo-Soprano Giovanni Sala Tenor Maharram Huseynov Bass-Baritone

Verdi Requiem

#### Mahler's Symphony No. 9

Thursday, January 9 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joshua Hopkins Baritone

**Heggie** Songs for Murdered Sisters **Mahler** Symphony No. 9

#### Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony

Thursday, January 23 7:30 PM

Rafael Payare Conductor Carolin Widmann Violin

Ravel Suite No. 2 from *Daphnis and Chloe* Saariaho *Graal théâtre*, for violin and orchestra Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique")

#### Marin Alsop Leads Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Frank

Thursday, March 13 7:30 PM

Marin Alsop Conductor Randall Goosby Violin

Frank Picaflor (world premiere—Philadelphia Orchestra commission) Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Brahms Variations on a Theme of Haydn

#### Mahler's Symphony No. 6

Thursday, April 10 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 6

#### Ode to Joy: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9

Thursday, May 29 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Lara Downes Piano Leah Hawkins Soprano Rihab Chaieb Mezzo-Soprano Issachah Savage Tenor Ryan McKinny Bass-Baritone

**Price** Piano Concerto in One Movement **Beethoven** Symphony No. 9 ("Choral")

#### 9-CONCERT SERIES FRIDAY A

#### Opening Weekend

Friday, September 27 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Seong-Jin Cho Piano

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 2 **Bruckner** Symphony No. 7

#### Saint-Saëns's "Organ" Symphony Friday, October 11 2:00 PM

Roderick Cox Conductor Choong-Jin Chang Viola

Martinů Rhapsody-Concerto, for viola and orchestra Bartók Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin* 

Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 ("Organ")

#### Symphonie fantastique

Friday, November 22 2:00 PM

**Stéphane Denève** Conductor **Gautier Capuçon** Cello

Holmès "La Nuit et l'amour" (Interlude), from Ludus pro patria Connesson Cello Concerto (U.S. premiere) Berlioz Symphonie fantastique

#### The Planets

Friday, January 31 2:00 PM

**Daniele Rustioni** Conductor **Paul Jacobs** Organ

Ravel Alborada del gracioso
Casella Concerto romano, for organ, brass,
timpani, and strings
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#### **Hélène Grimaud Plays Brahms** Friday, February 28 2:00 PM

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Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Hélène Grimaud Piano

**Wolfe** *Pretty* (Philadelphia Orchestra cocommission)

Farrenc Symphony No. 1
Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1

#### Marin Alsop Leads Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Frank Friday, March 14 2:00 PM

Marin Alsop Conductor Randall Goosby Violin

**Frank** *Picaflor* (world premiere—Philadelphia Orchestra commission) **Mendelssohn** Violin Concerto

**Brahms** Variations on a Theme of Haydn

#### Stravinsky's The Firebird Friday, April 4 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Juliette Kang Violin

Assiginaak Eko-Bmijwang (As Long in Time as the River Flows) Bartók Violin Concerto No. 2

**Stravinsky** The Firebird (complete ballet)

#### Bronfman Plays Schumann Friday, April 25 2:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor

Yefim Bronfman Piano
Schumann Piano Concerto

#### Emanuel Ax Plays Mozart

Beethoven Symphony No. 4

Friday, May 9 2:00 PM

**Dalia Stasevska** Conductor **Emanuel Ax** Piano

Ravel Pavane for a Dead Princess Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 Lutosławski Symphony No. 4 Ravel La Valse

#### 9-CONCERT SERIES FRIDAY B

#### Yannick Conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 3

Friday, October 4 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joyce DiDonato Mezzo-Soprano

Mahler Symphony No. 3

#### Bernstein and Copland Friday, October 18 2:00 PM

**David Robertson** Conductor **Nicolas Hodges** Piano

Jolas Lassus ricercare
Jolas bTunes, for piano and orchestra
Bernstein Symphonic Dances from West Side
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#### Gil Shaham Plays Dvořák

Copland Appalachian Spring Suite

Friday, December 6 2:00 PM

Xian Zhang Conductor Gil Shaham Violin

**Dvořák** Violin Concerto **Prokofiev** Symphony No. 6

#### Leonidas Kavakos Plays Korngold

Friday, February 21 2:00 PM

Fabio Luisi Conductor Leonidas Kavakos Violin

**Sørenson** Evening Land **Korngold** Violin Concerto **Brahms** Symphony No. 4

#### Beethoven's "Eroica"

Friday, March 7 2:00 PM

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor Pierre-Laurent Aimard Piano

**Tilson Thomas** Agnegram **Ravel** Piano Concerto for the Left Hand **Beethoven** Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica")

#### Shostakovich, Schumann, and Mazzoli

Friday, March 28 2:00 PM

Nathalie Stutzmann Conductor Edgar Moreau Cello

Mazzoli Orpheus Undone Schumann Cello Concerto Shostakovich Symphony No. 5

#### Mahler's Symphony No. 6

Friday, April 11 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

**Mahler** Symphony No. 6

#### Strauss and Liszt Friday, May 2 2:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor Haochen Zhang Piano

Wagner Overture to Tannhäuser Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1 Strauss Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks Strauss "Dance of the Seven Veils," from Salome

#### The Grand Finale

Friday, June 6 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason Cello

Saint-Georges Symphony No. 2 Prokofiev Symphony No. 1 ("Classical") Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 Mozart Symphony No. 35 ("Haffner")

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES SATURDAY A

**Opening Weekend** 

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Saturday, September 28 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Seong-Jin Cho Piano

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 2 **Bruckner** Symphony No. 7

Riccardo Muti Leads Verdi's Requiem

Saturday, October 26 8:00 PM

Riccardo Muti Conductor Juliana Grigoryan Soprano Isabel De Paoli Mezzo-Soprano Giovanni Sala Tenor Maharram Huseynov Bass-Baritone

Verdi Requiem

Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony

Saturday, January 25 8:00 PM

Rafael Payare Conductor Carolin Widmann Violin

Ravel Suite No. 2 from *Daphnis* and Chloe Saariaho Graal théâtre, for violin and orchestra Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique")

Bach and Haydn

Saturday, February 8 8:00 PM

Masaaki Suzuki Conductor

Program includes: Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3 Haydn Symphony No. 104 ("London")

Beethoven's "Eroica"

Saturday, March 8 8:00 PM

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor Pierre-Laurent Aimard Piano

Tilson Thomas Agnegram
Ravel Piano Concerto for the Left Hand
Beethoven Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica")

Stravinsky's The Firebird

Saturday, April 5 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Juliette Kang Violin

Assiginaak Eko-Bmijwang (As Long in Time as the River Flows)

Bartók Violin Concerto No. 2

Stravinsky The Firebird (complete ballet)

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES SATURDAY B

Yannick Conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 3 Saturday, October 5 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joyce DiDonato Mezzo-Soprano

Mahler Symphony No. 3

Symphonie fantastique
Saturday, November 23 8:00 PM

Stéphane Denève Conductor Gautier Capuçon Cello

Holmès "La Nuit et l'amour" (Interlude), from Ludus pro patria Connesson Cello Concerto (U.S. premiere) Berlioz Symphonie fantastique

Yuja Wang Returns

Saturday, January 18 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Yuja Wang Piano

**Bonds** The Montgomery Variations Piano concerto to be announced **Still** Symphony No. 2 ("Song of a New Race")

Bach and Haydn

Friday, February 7 8:00 PM (please note day)

Masaaki Suzuki Conductor

Program includes: Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3 Haydn Symphony No. 104 ("London")

Marin Alsop Leads Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Frank

Saturday, March 15 8:00 PM

Marin Alsop Conductor Randall Goosby Violin

Frank Picaflor (world premiere—Philadelphia Orchestra commission) Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Brahms Variations on a Theme of Haydn

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Bronfman Plays Schumann

Saturday, April 26 8:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor Yefim Bronfman Piano

Schumann Piano Concerto
Beethoven Symphony No. 4

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES SATURDAY C

**Bernstein and Copland** Saturday, October 19 8:00PM

**David Robertson** Conductor **Nicolas Hodges** Piano

Jolas Lassus ricercare
Jolas bTunes, for piano and orchestra
Bernstein Symphonic Dances from West Side
Story
Copland Appalachian Spring Suite

**Gil Shaham Plays Dvořák** Saturday, December 7 8:00 PM

Xian Zhang Conductor Gil Shaham Violin

**Dvořák** Violin Concerto **Prokofiev** Symphony No. 6

Yuja Wang Returns

Friday, January 17 8:00 PM (please note day)

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Yuja Wang Piano

**Bonds** The Montgomery Variations Piano concerto to be announced **Still** Symphony No. 2 ("Song of a New Race")

Hélène Grimaud Plays Brahms Saturday, March 18:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Hélène Grimaud Piano

Wolfe Pretty (Philadelphia Orchestra co-commission) Farrenc Symphony No. 1 Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1

Beethoven and Dvořák

Saturday, March 22 8:00 PM

Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider Conductor and Violin

**Beethoven** Violin Concerto **Dvořák** Symphony No. 7

Emanuel Ax Plays Mozart Saturday, May 10 8:00 PM

Dalia Stasevska Conductor Emanuel Ax Piano

Ravel Pauane for a Dead Princess Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 Lutosławski Symphony No. 4 Ravel La Valse

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES SATURDAY D

Riccardo Muti Leads Verdi's Requiem

Friday, October 25 8:00 PM (please note day)

Riccardo Muti Conductor Juliana Grigoryan Soprano Isabel De Paoli Mezzo-Soprano Giovanni Sala Tenor Maharram Huseynov Bass-Baritone

**Verdi** Requiem

Mahler's Symphony No. 9 Saturday, January 11 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Joshua Hopkins Baritone

**Heggie** Songs for Murdered Sisters **Mahler** Symphony No. 9

The Planets Saturday, February 1 8:00 PM

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Shostakovich, Schumann, and Mazzoli

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Mazzoli Orpheus Undone Schumann Cello Concerto Shostakovich Symphony No. 5

The Grand Finale Saturday, June 7 8:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason Cello

Saint-Georges Symphony No. 2 Prokofiev Symphony No. 1 ("Classical") Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 Mozart Symphony No. 35 ("Haffner")

#### 6-CONCERT SERIES SUNDAY A

Opening Weekend Sunday, September 29 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Seong-Jin Cho Piano

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No. 2 **Bruckner** Symphony No. 7

Bernstein and Copland Sunday, October 20 2:00PM

**David Robertson** Conductor **Nicolas Hodges** Piano

Jolas Lassus ricercare
Jolas bTunes, for piano and orchestra
Bernstein Symphonic Dances from West Side
Story
Copland Appalachian Spring Suite

**Leonidas Kavakos Plays Korngold** Sunday, February 23 2:00 PM

Fabio Luisi Conductor Leonidas Kavakos Violin

Sørenson Evening Land Korngold Violin Concerto Brahms Symphony No. 4

Beethoven and Dvořák Sunday, March 23 2:00 PM

Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider Conductor and Violin

**Beethoven** Violin Concerto **Dvořák** Symphony No. 7

Bronfman Plays Schumann Sunday, April 27 2:00 PM

Tugan Sokhiev Conductor Yefim Bronfman Piano

**Schumann** Piano Concerto **Beethoven** Symphony No. 4

Wagner's Tristan and Isolde Sunday, June 1 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor Nina Stemme Soprano (Isolde) Stuart Skelton Tenor (Tristan)

**Wagner** Tristan and Isolde

#### **6-CONCERT SERIES** SUNDAY B

Saint-Saëns's "Organ" Symphony Sunday, October 13 2:00 PM

Roderick Cox Conductor Choong-Jin Chang Viola

**Martinů** Rhapsody-Concerto, for viola and orchestra

Bartók Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin* Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 ("Organ")

Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony Sunday, January 26 2:00 PM

Rafael Payare Conductor

Carolin Widmann Violin

Ravel Suite No. 2 from Daphnis

and Chloe Saariaho Graal théâtre, for violin and orchestra Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 ("Pathétique")

Beethoven's "Eroica" Sunday, March 9 2:00 PM

Michael Tilson Thomas Conductor
Pierre-Laurent Aimard Piano

**Tilson Thomas** *Agnegram* **Ravel** Piano Concerto for the Left Hand **Beethoven** Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica")

Mahler's Symphony No. 6 Sunday, April 13 2:00 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

Mahler Symphony No. 6

Emanuel Ax Plays Mozart Sunday, May 11 2:00 PM

Dalia Stasevska Conductor Emanuel Ax Piano

Ravel Pauane for a Dead Princess Mozart Piano Concerto No. 17 Lutosławski Symphony No. 4 Ravel La Valse

Wagner's Tristan and Isolde Sunday, June 8 2:00 PM

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