

WELCOME TO THE

2025-26 SEASON

What makes something extraordinary?

Blending is both inspiring and transformative. It opens our eyes to a vibrant spectrum of experiences, reminding us that our differences, when combined, create something dazzling, unexpected, and profound.

Our distinct Baltimore Symphony Orchestra sound continues to evolve, with musicians blending decades of mastery and the fresh energy of new players joining the Orchestra. We're thrilled to welcome extraordinary guest artists from around the globe, each bringing their own sparks to the mix to ignite something truly extraordinary here in Maryland.

The thematic, sonic, and stylistic throughlines in each program make music the vessel for discovery and connection. Beloved masterpieces blend with lesser-known works to create delightful, inspiring, and even surprising journeys.

Our two remarkable homes — Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall and The Music Center at Strathmore — add another dimension to our season. Each week, these spaces connect two distinct areas of Maryland, creating a bridge of shared musical experiences.

And finally, there's you — our loyal, diverse, curious, and supportive community. You remind us every day that music's ultimate magic lies in its power to unite.

When we come together to share music, the artists, composers, spaces, audiences, and moments transform into something profound, dazzling, and magical — and that's the true alchemy of the BSO.

Thank you for creating the extraordinary with us.

JONATHON HEYWARD

Music Director.

Harvey M. and Lyn P. Meyerhoff Chair





INTRODUCING: BSO COLLECTIONS

The BSO offers something for every style and taste.

Our Collections guide you to the music you know and love while inviting you to try new experiences that spark joy and pique your curiosity. Whether it's a timeless favorite or an unexpected delight, you're never far from something extraordinary.



CLASSICAL

Awe-inspiring performances of international talent and timeless music, blending tradition, innovation, and artistry. **PAGE 8-19**

POPULAR

Lively performances and films featuring music from the artists, genres, and theater that define popular culture. **PAGE 20-25**

CELEBRATIONS

Joyful concerts and special events that honor cultural traditions and create musical moments to cherish.

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FESTIVALS



TALES OF POE

Revel in the macabre spirit of Halloween with tributes to Baltimore's most famous resident, Edgar Allan Poe.

Symphonie **Fantastique** OCT 23-26 **CLASSICAL**

Haunted Hall OCT 31-NOV 2 **POPULAR**

Halloween Family Day **DATE TBA**

CELEBRATIONS

EARTH | SONGS

Reflect on humanity's relationship with nature through music inspired by its beauty, power, and fragility.

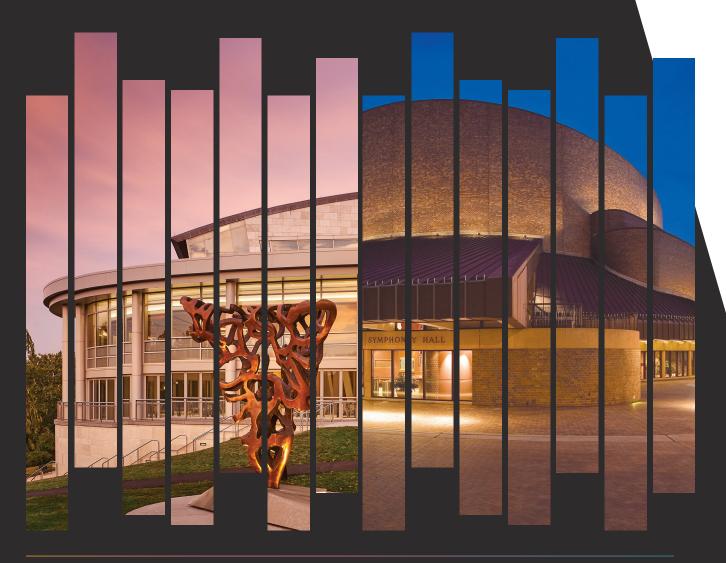
Reimagined: Vivaldi's Four Seasons FEB 13-14

POPULAR

The Rite of Spring FEB 26-MAR 1 CLASSICAL

Heyward Conducts Mahler **MAR 6-8 CLASSICAL** Appalachian Spring & Beethoven 6 with Alsop APR 16-19 CLASSICAL

SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS



Discover the blend of power and finesse at both of our fulltime homes: the iconic Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall and the stunning Music Center at Strathmore. Across these two great halls, the BSO ensures a captivating musical journey with exceptional acoustics and optimal seating arrangements in renowned environments.

Wherever you choose to join us, you will experience the BSO in the best way possible – as a valued subscriber!

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Enhanced Experiences



OVATION SERIES

Exclusive access to the Ovation Series at the special rate of \$20 per event. Get even closer to the music at open rehearsals, backstage tours, BSO musician meet & greets, and more.



INSIDE THE CLASSICS

Free pre-concert talks scheduled at both venues throughout the season that go beyond the stage, adding depth and insight to what you hear and, most importantly feel.



AFTERWORDS WITH HEYWARD

At select concerts, stay in your seat post-concert to hear Jonathon reflect on the concert performance with special guests.



CONCERTGOING COMMUNITY

Enjoy an elevated patron experience, including food options from local vendors and an array of pre- and post-concert activities celebrating our homes and community.



Ovation Series:

Meet the BSO backstage tours are one of the most popular ways subscribers enjoy their Ovation Series benefits.





Stravinsky Ballets & Iberian Tales

THU. OCT 9.7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, OCT 11, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN. OCT 12.3 PM MEYERHOFF Joana Carneiro, conductor Rafael Aguirre, guitar

STRAVINSKY Suite from *Pulcinella* **RODRIGO** Concierto de Aranjuez ANDREIA PINTO CORREIA Cortejo (East Coast premiere)

STRAVINSKY Divertimento from *The Fairy's Kiss*

Embark on an adventure of symphonic storytelling as Stravinsky's colorful ballet scores, Pulcinella and The Fairy's Kiss, unfold like pages of a magical book. Iberian influences add expressive flair in Andrea Pinto Correia's Don Quixote vignette and Spanish guitarist Rafael Aguirre's performance of Rodrigo's enchanting Guitar Concerto.



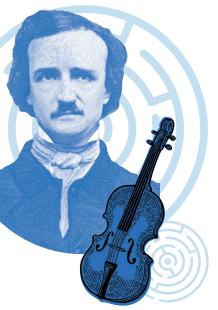
Classical Series

Voices of Vienna: Mozart & Schubert

SAT, OCT 18, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, OCT 19, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Mario Venzago, conductor Claire Huangci, piano

ANNA CLYNE Masquerade MOZART Piano Concerto No. 21, in C Major, K. 467, "Elvira Madigan" **SCHUBERT** Symphony No. 9, "The Great"

Elegance, charm, and splendor blend in a beautiful program led by conductor Mario Venzago. Schubert's monumental Symphony No. 9, "The Great," pairs with pianist Claire Huangci's celebrated interpretation of one of Mozart's most sublime and well-known melodies.



Classical Series

Symphonie Fantastique (Tales of Poe)

THU. OCT 23.8 PM STRATHMORE SUN. OCT 26.3 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Francesca Dego, violin

MARK SIMPSON Israfel [based on Israfel by Edgar Allan Poe] (U.S. premiere) **PROKOFIEV** Violin Concerto No. 2 **BERLIOZ** Symphonie fantastique

Music Director Jonathon Heyward welcomes Italian-American violinist Francesca Dego for Prokofiev's dark and brooding Violin Concerto No. 2. Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique evokes the passions of a tortured artist, while Mark Simpson's Israfel adds to the mysterious mood in homage to one of Baltimore's most famous residents: Edgar Allan Poe.



Symphonic Poetry: Magic, Fire & Light

THU, NOV 6, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, NOV 8, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, NOV 9, 3 PM STRATHMORE Jonathon Heyward, conductor George Li, piano **University of Maryland Concert Choir** Jason Max Ferdinand, director

DUKAS The Sorcerer's Apprentice RAVEL Daphnis et Chloé: Suite No. 2 **MUSSORGSKY** Night on Bald Mountain **SCRIABIN** Prometheus: Poem of Fire

In this spellbinding program, Music Director Jonathon Heyward illuminates four symphonic portraits, drawing on the unique qualities of each instrument to create vivid, dramatic, and colorful effects. Scriabin's Prometheus: Poem of Fire features an epic orchestra, choir, piano soloist, and color projections for a truly mesmerizing experience.



Classical Series

Alsop Conducts Brahms 3

SAT, NOV 15, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, NOV 16, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Marin Alsop, conductor Nemanja Radulović, violin

REENA ESMAIL RE|Member KHACHATURIAN Violin Concerto **BRAHMS** Symphony No. 3

Brahms' high-spirited Symphony No. 3 anchors this bold and lyrical program. Music Director Laureate Marin Alsop and French-Serbian violinist Nemanja Radulović unite their dynamic energy in Khachaturian's vibrant Violin Concerto, marking Radulović's highly anticipated BSO debut.





American Soundscapes: Jazz, Blues & Beyond

THU, JAN 8, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, JAN 10, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, JAN 11, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Anthony Parnther, conductor David Kaplan, piano BERNSTEIN (arr. Peress) Overture to

West Side Story

COPLAND Piano Concerto

WYNTON MARSALIS Blues Symphony,

I. Born in Hope

PRICE Symphony No. 3

What defines the All-American sound? From jazz and blues to spirituals and classical traditions, hear it evolve with conductor Anthony Parnther, a master of many genres. Pianist David Kaplan brings his "striking imagination and creativity" (*The New York Times*) in Copland's jazz-inspired Piano Concerto.



Classical Series & Casual Conversations Series

Brahms & Haydn with Heyward

FRI, JAN 23, 8 PM MEYERHOFF

SAT, JAN 24, 7 PM MEYERHOFF

SUN, JAN 25, 3 PM STRATHMORE Jonathon Heyward, conductor Simone Lamsma, violin MARTÍNEZ Sinfonia in C Major HAYDN Symphony No. 102, "Drum Roll" BRAHMS Violin Concerto

Passion and poise intertwine with Music Director Jonathon Heyward's fresh take on two symphonic masters. Haydn's clarity, elegance, and wit epitomize Classical brilliance. Brahms' Violin Concerto, performed by Simone Lamsma, channels unrestrained passion through soaring virtuosity and poignant melodies — the essence of Romantic sensibility.



Step into an illuminating concert experience where classical masterworks unfold alongside captivating discussions led by Music Director Jonathon Heyward. You'll witness the world-class artistry of your BSO while gaining deeper insights into the music's context and inspiration. Perfect for new listeners and curious BSO fans alike, this innovative series invites you to reflect on the beauty of live classical music.

SATURDAYS at 7 PM

JAN 24 Brahms & Haydn with Heyward

MAR 7 Heyward Conducts Mahler (EARTH | Songs)

MAY 30 Heyward Conducts Enigma Variations



Rachmaninoff & Shostakovich

THU. JAN 29.7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, JAN 31, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, FEB 1, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Denis Kozhukhin, piano

RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 4 (1941) **SHOSTAKOVICH** Symphony No. 4

Experience the intensity and emotional depth of two composers profoundly influenced by the tumult of Soviet Russia. Pianist Denis Kozhukhin, hailed as a "firebrand" (Chicago Tribune), dazzles with Rachmaninoff's exhilarating Piano Concerto No. 4, and Shostakovich's gripping Symphony No. 4 delivers raw power and emotion.



Classical Series

Bruckner & Mozart

THU, FEB 5, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, FEB 7, 8 PM MEYERHOFF John Storgårds, conductor Jonathan Carney, violin

MOZART Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major, K. 219 **BRUCKNER** Symphony No. 8

A vast cathedral of sound, Bruckner's titanic Symphony No. 8 achieves an awe-inspiring effect with its massive orchestration and rich harmonies. Hear your BSO in the spotlight as Concertmaster Jonathan Carney brings light to Mozart's radiant Violin Concerto No. 5.



THE BSO BLEND

Immerse yourself in our vibrant BSO community at every concert. Whether it's enjoying a bite from local food vendors, going deeper into the music at a preconcert lecture, or getting silly with photo-ops, there's an elevated concert experience awaiting everyone!



The Rite of Spring (EARTH | Songs)

THU. FEB 26, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT. FEB 28. 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN. MAR 1. 3 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Edouard Beyens, percussion

BOULANGER D'un Matin de printemps "Of a Spring Morning" **TAN DUN** The Tears of Nature **STRAVINSKY** Le Sacre du printemps "The Rite of Spring"

In the kickoff to our EARTH | Songs Festival, Stravinsky's revolutionary and even notorious The Rite of Spring bursts with untamed energy in its depiction of a Russian pagan ritual. The introspective D'un Matin de printemps by Lili Boulanger and Tan Dun's percussion concerto – featuring BSO Principal Percussionist Edouard Beyens – offer poignant reflections on humanity's evolving connection to nature.



Classical Series and 🗭 Casual Conversations Series

Heyward Conducts Mahler (EARTH | Songs)

SAT, MAR 7, 7 PM MEYERHOFF

SUN. MAR 8.3 PM STRATHMORE Jonathon Heyward, conductor Russell Thomas, tenor

Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano

DVOŘÁK In Nature's Realm

GRACE-EVANGELINE MASON New Work (world premiere, BSO co-commission with The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at University of Maryland)

MAHLER Das lied von der Erde "Song of the Earth"

Spring is the time to bask in Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde (Song of the Earth), with six profound and stirring movements performed by two distinguished voices of American opera. A climate-inspired world premiere from Grace-Evangeline Mason adds a current perspective on nature, and commemorates the EARTH | Songs Festival.



Classical Series

Ravel's Boléro, Debussy & Saint-Saëns

THU, MAR 12, 8 PM STRATHMORE FRI. MAR 13. 8 PM MEYERHOFF Jun Märkl. conductor

Stewart Goodyear, piano

CAMILLE PÉPIN Les Eaux célestes "The Celestial Waters"

SAINT-SAËNS Piano Concerto No. 5, "Egyptian" **DEBUSSY** Ibéria **RAVEL** Boléro

Four French composers draw inspiration from distant lands for a musical voyage with audience-favorite conductor Jun Märkl. Stewart Goodyear's fingers dance across the keyboard with sparkling brilliance in Saint-Saëns' "Egyptian" Piano Concerto, and Ravel's hypnotic Boléro makes its famous crescendo.



A Hero's Journey: Schumann & Strauss

THU. MAR 26. 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT. MAR 28.8 PM STRATHMORE Eun Sun Kim. conductor Javier Perianes, piano

PARADIS Overture to Der Schulkandidat "Overture to The School Candidate" **SCHUMANN** Piano Concerto STRAUSS Ein Heldenleben "A Hero's Life"

Offering music that evokes strength, resilience, and triumph, this concert leaves a lasting impression. Two stars of the classical music world make their debut - Eun Sun Kim, San Francisco Opera Music Director, conducts Strauss's Ein Heldenleben ("A Hero's Life"), and Spanish pianist Javier Perianes brings rich tone and expressiveness to Schumann's impassioned Piano Concerto.



Special Event – Early Access with Subscription! Seong-Jin Cho in Recital

MON, APR 6, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF Seong-Jin Cho, piano

BACH Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major **SCHOENBERG** Suite for Piano **SCHUMANN** Faschingsschwank aus Wien "Carnival Scenes from Vienna" **CHOPIN** 14 Waltzes

Don't miss this rare chance to experience the extraordinary artistry of Seong-Jin Cho, one of the most celebrated pianists of his generation. Acclaimed for his poetic touch, virtuosic brilliance, and profound musical insight, the 30-year-old has graced the world's most prestigious halls since winning First Prize at the 2015 Chopin International Competition.

Please note that this performance does not include the BSO.



Classical Series

Appalachian Spring & Beethoven 6 with Alsop (EARTH | Songs)

THU, APR 16, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, APR 18, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, APR 19, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Marin Alsop, conductor

COPLAND Suite from Appalachian Spring **BRETT DEAN** Fire Music (East Coast premiere) **BEETHOVEN** Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral"

From tranquil fields and springs to turbulent storms and a raging bushfire, this program's full impact can only be felt live. Copland's Appalachian Spring radiates airy optimism, Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony captures nature's beauty and power, and Brett Dean's Fire Music envelops the hall, depicting destruction and rebirth in surround sound.



Sheku Kanneh-Mason & Heyward

FRI, APR 24, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, APR 25, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, APR 26, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Sheku Kanneh-Mason, cello JONATHAN LESHNOFF Starburst
BLOCH Schelomo: Hebraic Rhapsody
TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 5

Sheku Kanneh-Mason, the young cellist who rose to stardom as the first Black musician to win the BBC Young Musician Award, joins Music Director Jonathon Heyward in Ernest Bloch's tuneful homage to Jewish music. Tchaikovsky's powerful Symphony No. 5 resounds with sweeping melodies and the heartfelt drama of Russian Romanticism.



Classical Series

Mendelssohn & Needleman

SAT, MAY 2, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, MAY 3, 3 PM STRATHMORE Kristiina Poska, conductor Katherine Needleman, oboe BARTÓK Romanian Folk Dances

MARTINŮ Oboe Concerto

MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 3, "Scottish"

Experience the light and lyrical side of the BSO as Principal Oboe Katherine Needleman delights with Martinü's rarely performed Oboe Concerto. Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony captures the charm of Scotland, while Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances* brings vibrant folk tunes to life.



Classical Series

Lintu Conducts Sibelius

THU, MAY 14, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, MAY 16, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, MAY 17, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Hannu Lintu, conductor Francesco Piemontesi, piano SIBELIUS Night Ride and Sunrise
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4
SAARIAHO Ciel d'hiver "The Winter Sky"
SIBELIUS Symphony No. 7

Who better to channel the gleaming, frosty beauty of Finland's most cherished composer, Jean Sibelius, than conductor Hannu Lintu, a celebrated fellow Finn? Swiss pianist Francesco Piemontesi, who has charmed audiences across the globe, brings warmth to this program with Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto.



Heyward Conducts Enigma Variations

THU, MAY 28, 8 PM STRATHMORE FRI, MAY 29, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, MAY 30, 7 PM MEYERHOFF

Jonathon Heyward, conductor Elena Urioste, violin

SMYTH Overture to The Wreckers **COLERIDGE-TAYLOR** Violin Concerto **ELGAR** Enigma Variations



Special Event – Early Access with Subscription!

program highlights the Orchestra's depth and expressiveness.

Aspects of America

TUES, JUN 2, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Cécile McLorin Salvant, vocalist Anthony McGill, clarinet **Demarre McGill.** flute

Reflect on America at 250 with this tribute to the American Songbook from Cécile McLorin Salvant. Music Director Jonathon Heyward curates works by composers formulating a distinctive American voice, with the world premiere of a commission by Billy Childs for flute and clarinet, performed by brothers Demarre and Anthony McGill.

This concert is a special event that gathers delegates from the League of American Orchestras National Conference, and all are welcome!

The serene, pastoral beauty of England emerges through Coleridge-Taylor's spiritual-

inspired Violin Concerto, performed by signature interpreter Elena Urioste, and the grandeur of Elgar's Enigma Variations. With lush orchestration, warm brass, and idyllic melodies, this



Classical Series

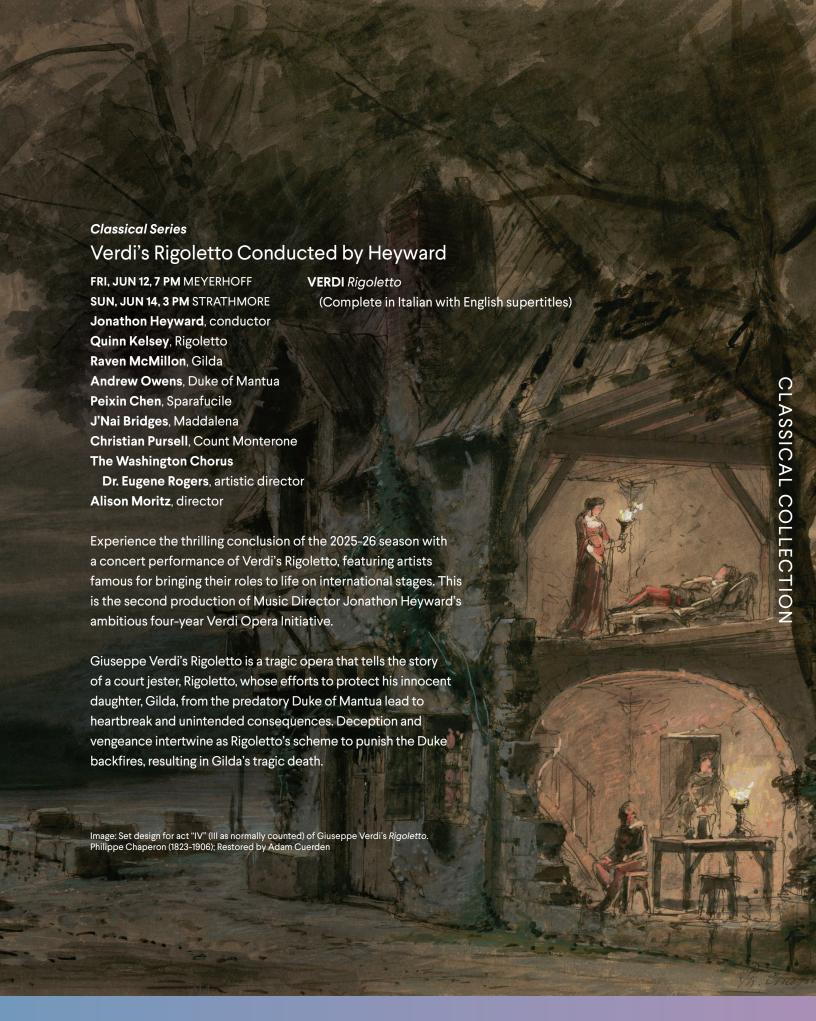
Rachmaninoff 3

SAT, JUN 6, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, JUN 7, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Jonathon Heyward, conductor Anthony McGill, clarinet Demarre McGill, flute

SHOSTAKOVICH Festive Overture BILLY CHILDS New Work for Flute, Clarinet, and Orchestra (world premiere, BSO co-commission with Festival Orchestra of Lincoln Center)

RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 3

Brothers Demarre and Anthony McGill give a world premiere by jazz piano icon Billy Childs, reflecting on America's 250th. Rachmaninoff unapologetically captures the Russian musical spirit in his Symphony No. 3, while Shostakovich elicits a celebratory mood.



JOSEPH MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL

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A Hero's Journey: Schumann & Strauss	MAR 26
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Alsop Conducts Brahms 3	NOV 15
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Stravinsky Ballets & Iberian Tales	OCT 11
Rachmaninoff & Shostakovich	JAN 31
A Hero's Journey: Schumann & Strauss	MAR 28
Sheku Kanneh-Mason & Heyward	APR 25
Lintu Conducts Sibelius	MAY 16

SUNDAY CLASSICAL - 5 CONCERTS AT 3 PM NOV9 Symphonic Poetry: Magic, Fire & Light Brahms & Haydn with Heyward **JAN 25** Heyward Conducts Mahler (EARTH | Songs) MAR8 Mendelssohn & Needleman MAY 3 Verdi's Rigoletto Conducted by Heyward **JUN 14**

GET CLOSER TO THE MUSIC

Your musical journey extends beyond what's on the stage, with pre-concert Inside the Classics talks or reflect with Jonathon on the music you just experienced at AfterWords with Heyward. Dates announced in Fall 2025.



POPULAR

Lively performances and films featuring music from the artists, genres, and theater that define popular culture. Includes Pops, Films, Fusion, and special popular genre events.

BSO Fusion

Beethoven X Beyoncé | Steve Hackman's BSO Fusion FRI, SEP 12, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, SEP 13, 8 PM MEYERHOFF

Steve Hackman, conductor

In an all-new blend of pop/R&B's queen and classical music's king, Steve Hackman weaves 15 of Beyoncé's chart-topping hits into Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. Hear "Girls," "Crazy in Love," "Single Ladies," "Sorry," "Halo," "Cuff It," and "Texas Hold 'Em" as three powerhouse female soloists join forces with the BSO for a next-level night out.

Jamie An Assistant Principal Cello Joined in 2023



Live at the Meyerhoff Pink Martini

FRI. OCT 3.8 PM MEYERHOFF

Pink Martini celebrates 30 years of globe-spanning performances, blending jazz, classical, and pop with a multilingual repertoire and infectious rhythms. This "little orchestra" brings sophistication, flair, and a party atmosphere to the Meyerhoff, and is sure to have you swept up in their irresistible, cosmopolitan charm.

Please note that this performance does not include the BSO.



Film Series

Jurassic Park In Concert

FRI, OCT 3, 7:30 PM STRATHMORE SAT. OCT 4.7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, OCT 5, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Jack Everly, conductor

Featuring visually stunning imagery and groundbreaking special effects, the action-packed adventure of Jurassic Park pits man against prehistoric predators in the ultimate battle for survival. Experience it now, projected in HD with the BSO performing John Williams' iconic score live to picture.

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Pops Series

Haunted Hall: Halloween Film Favorites

FRI, OCT 31, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, NOV 1, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, NOV 2, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Damon Gupton, conductor

Did you hear that? The BSO conjures musical tricks and treats in a spine-tingling concert led by film conductor Damon Gupton. Haunting melodies and thrilling scores set the stage for a cinematic symphonic fright night. Celebrate Halloween with devilishly fun music that will send shivers down your spine! This concert is part of the Tales of Poe Festival.



Pops Series

ICON: The Voices That Changed Music

FRI. NOV 21.8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, NOV 22, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN. NOV 23. 3 PM MEYERHOFF Lucas Waldin. conductor Capathia Jenkins, vocalist Ryan Shaw, vocalist

Take a journey through the soundtrack of your life with Broadway sensation Capathia Jenkins and GRAMMY-nominee Ryan Shaw. Backed by the BSO, these powerhouse musicians perform the music that defined American culture — from Michael Jackson and Prince to Whitney Houston, Elvis Presley, Diana Ross, and Stevie Wonder — for an inspiring and fun tribute to these musical icons.



Film Series

Elf In Concert

FRI, DEC 5, 7:30 PM STRATHMORE SAT. DEC 6.7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, DEC 7, 3 PM MEYERHOFF



Buddy was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler, and raised among Santa's elves. This holiday season Buddy travels to New York — with the BSO! Experience John Debney's wonderful score as the full film plays on the big screen.

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Pops Series

Kings of Soul

FRI, JAN 16, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT. JAN 17.8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN. JAN 18.3 PM MEYERHOFF Byron Stripling, conductor

Chester Gregory, vocalist Michael Lynche, vocalist Darren Lorenzo, vocalist

Find your groove with music by soul and R&B legends Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Otis Redding, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Curtis Mayfield, and more. Featured hits include "Soul Man," "Shop Around," "Get Ready," "Try a Little Tenderness," "Stand By Me," "Move On Up," and "Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher."



BSO Fusion

Reimagined: Vivaldi's Four Seasons

FRI, FEB 13, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, FEB 14, 8 PM STRATHMORE Jacomo Bairos, conductor Kristin Lee. violin Nu Deco Experience, artists

COLEMAN (arr. Hyken/Lebos/Lopez/ Matthews) Umoja Unbound Work HYKEN/LEBOS/LOPEZ/MATTHEWS, arr. Earth, Wind and Fire Suite **VIVALDI/HYKEN** 4: A Reimagined Vivaldi Four Seasons

The group Billboard calls "...a testament that any genre can thrive in classical music" joins the BSO for a thrilling performance. Led by Jacomo Bairos, the Nu Deco Experience fuses past and present, reimagining Earth, Wind & Fire and Vivaldi's Four Seasons with jazz, hiphop, and pop. It's classical fusion, with the full power of your BSO!



Pops Series

La Vida Loca

FRI, FEB 20, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, FEB 21, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, FEB 22, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor Jackie Mendez, vocalist **Ender Thomas.** vocalist José Sibaja, trumpet Luisito Quintero, percussion

Get on your feet and let's get loud with the greatest hits of the '90s and '00s Latin pop explosion! La Vida Loca celebrates artists including Enrique Iglesias, Gloria Estefan, Santana, Ricky Martin, and more. Conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez, world-renowned vocalists Ender Thomas and Jackie Mendez, and multi-GRAMMY award winners José Sibaja on trumpet and Luisito Quintero on percussion join your orchestra for a high-octane program.



Pops Series

The Doo Wop Project

FRI. MAR 20.8 PM STRATHMORE SAT. MAR 21.8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, MAR 22, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Christopher Dragon, conductor **The Doo Wop Project**

Journey back to the 1940s, when tight vocal harmonies blossomed on street corners, igniting a musical revolution. The Doo Wop Project will trace the influence of legends like the Crests and Flamingos on Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, and even Maroon 5. Featuring stars from Jersey Boys and Motown: The Musical, this enchanting evening will stir your heart and soul.



Film Series

Disney's Encanto In Concert

FRI, APR 10, 7:30 PM STRATHMORE SAT. APR 11. 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, APR 12, 3 PM MEYERHOFF Damon Gupton, conductor

Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Encanto" tells the tale of the Madrigals, an extraordinary family living in a magical house in the mountains of Colombia. But when Mirabel, the only ordinary Madrigal, discovers the magic surrounding their home is in danger, she may be her family's last hope. "Encanto" received the Academy Award®, BAFTA®, Golden Globe® and Producers Guild of America Award for Best Animated Feature.

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Pops Series Broadway Standing Ovations

FRI, MAY 8, 8 PM STRATHMORE SAT, MAY 9, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SUN, MAY 10, 3 PM MEYERHOFF **Jack Everly**, conductor

Your tour guide to modern Broadway is the incomparable Jack Everly, with supremely talented special guests. From the soul-stirring melodies of Dear Evan Hansen and Waitress to the spectacle of Moulin Rouge and The Greatest Showman and showstoppers from Wicked, you'll relive the moments that bring the house down on Broadway!



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Disney's Encanto In Concert

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Haunted Hall: Halloween Film Favorites	NOV1
ICON: The Voices That Changed Music	NOV 22
Kings of Soul	JAN 17
La Vida Loca	FEB 21
The Doo Wop Project	MAR 21
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Haunted Hall: Halloween Film Favorites	NOV 2
ICON: The Voices That Changed Music	NOV 23
Kings of Soul	JAN 18
La Vida Loca	FEB 22
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SATURDAY FILM - 3 CONCERTS AT 7:30 PM	
Jurassic Park In Concert	OCT 4
Elf In Concert	DEC 6
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Jurassic Park In Concert	OCT 5
Elf In Concert	DEC 7
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Haunted Hall: Halloween Film Favorites	OCT 31
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Cirque Nutcracker

FRI, DEC 12, 7:30 PM STRATHMORE SAT, DEC 13, 1:30 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, DEC 13, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF Troupe Vertigo



The sensational Troupe Vertigo will join the BSO to present a new and exciting rendition of Tchaikovsky's beloved *The Nutcracker*, complete with jaw-dropping acrobatics and astonishing choreography.





Classical Christmas

WED, DEC 17, 7:30 PM MEYERHOFF
Patrick Quigley, conductor
Maya Kherani, soprano
James Reese, tenor
Handel Choir of Baltimore
Brian Bartoldus, artistic director

CHARPENTIER (ed. Quigley) Prelude from
Te Deum

MOZART Exsultate, jubilate

BACH Orchestral Suite No. 4

HANDEL Exerpts from Messiah

Amid the holiday hustle, take a moment for a joyous and refined musical escape with the Handel Choir of Baltimore. Bask in the beauty of works by Bach and Mozart, perfectly paired with highlights from Handel's *Messiah*, in this elegant celebration of the season.



Holiday Pops

SAT, DEC 20, 3 PM MEYERHOFF
SUN, DEC 21, 3 PM MEYERHOFF
Stuart Chafetz, conductor
Baltimore Choral Arts Society
Anthony Blake Clark, music director
Centre Pointe Tap Dancers





Pops conductor Stuart Chafetz returns to the BSO to conduct the annual Holiday Pops. A perfect wintertime outing, this performance will feature special guest artists, audience sing-a-longs, and the ever-popular tap dancing Santas. Make this concert a part of your family's holiday traditions!

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Distant Worlds: music from FINAL FANTASY Celebrating FINAL FANTASY XVI and XIV

FRI, JAN 2, 8 PM MEYERHOFF SAT, JAN 3, 8 PM MEYERHOFF Arnie Roth. conductor

Legendary maestro Arnie Roth will lead a full symphony orchestra and chorus performing classic works by Nobuo Uematsu, Masashi Hamauzu, Masayoshi Soken, Yoko Shimomura, and other great FINAL FANTASY composers from throughout the FINAL FANTASY series. This special concert includes music from FINAL FANTASY XVI, with HD video created by SQUARE ENIX specifically for this tour, as well as beloved music and video from FINAL FANTASY XIV and the entire FINAL FANTASY series. Don't miss out on this multimedia concert experience!

This concert is presented by AWR Music Productions and SQUARE ENIX.



Lunar New Year Celebration

THU, FEB 12, 8 PM STRATHMORE SUN, FEB 15, 3 PM MEYERHOFF

Welcome in the Year of the Horse with your BSO in a joyous Lunar New Year concert! An established annual event with cultural music, special guest artists, and festive pre-concert lobby activities, this event is a delightful celebration of renewal, and community.



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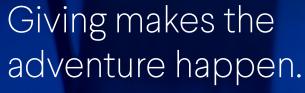
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SAT V & SUN W POPS: 6 CONCERTS	ADULT 20% CHILD 30%^	\$534 \$420	\$378 \$324	\$324 \$282	\$282 \$246	\$258 \$234	\$210 \$192	\$162 \$150		
FILM: 3 CONCERTS	ADULT 20% CHILD 30%^	\$267 \$210	\$189 \$162	\$162 \$141	\$162 \$141	\$129 \$117	\$105 \$96	\$81 \$75		

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	CHILD 30%^	\$70	\$54	\$47	\$47	\$40	\$33	\$26
FINAL FANTASY	PREMIUM	\$67	\$67	\$67	\$67	\$59	\$50	\$42
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION	ADULT 15%	\$51	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$34	\$26	\$21
	CHILD 30%^	\$42	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$18

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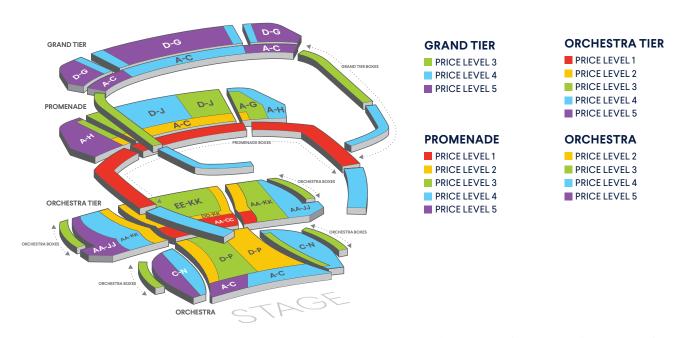
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SAT A, SAT B, & SUN CLASSICAL: 5 CONCERTS		\$445	\$330	\$270	\$225	\$160		
FRIDAY POPS: 6 CONCERTS	ADULT 20% CHILD 30%^	\$534 \$420	\$396 \$336	\$336 \$294	\$282 \$246	\$204 \$186		
FILM: 3 CONCERTS	ADULT 20% CHILD 30%^	\$267 \$210	\$198 \$168	\$168 \$147	\$141 \$123	\$102 \$93		

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POPULAR	CYO 4 15%	\$94	\$68	\$59	\$50	\$37
	CHILD 30%^	\$70	\$56	\$49	\$41	\$31

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GALA*	PREMIUM	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$75
CIRQUE NUTCRACKER	ADULT 15% CHILD 30%^	\$94 \$70	\$66 \$54	\$57 \$47	\$49 \$40	\$40 \$33
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION	ADULT 15% CHILD 30%^	\$51 \$42	\$43 \$35	\$43 \$35	\$34 \$28	\$26 \$21

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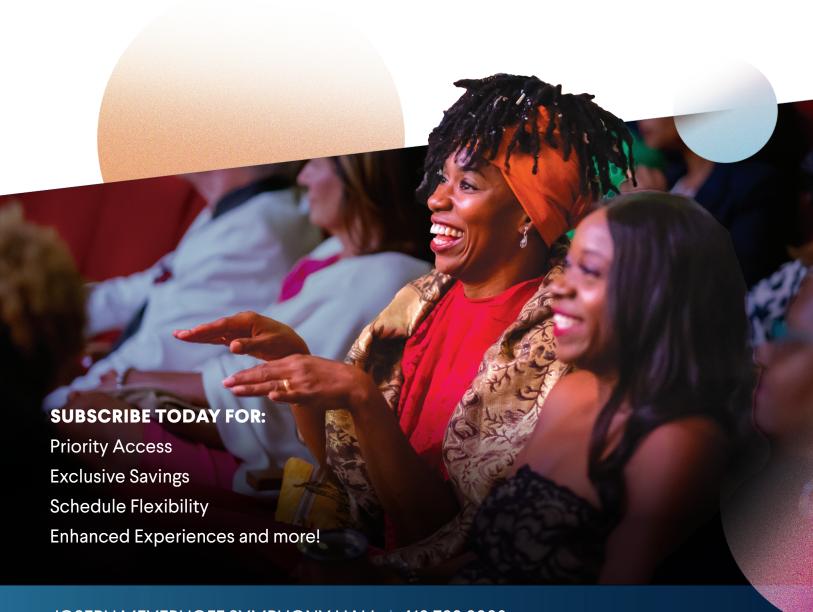
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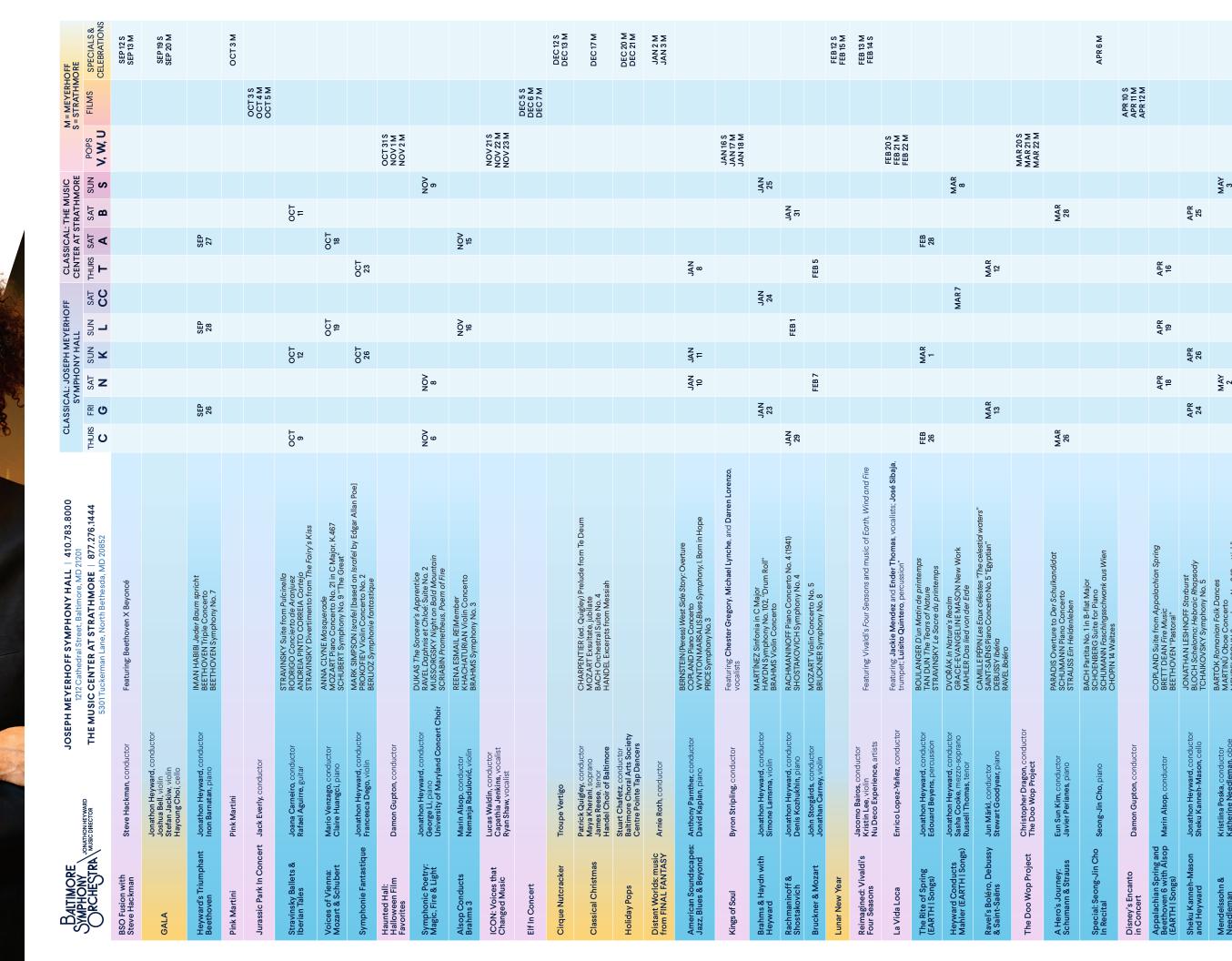
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