

PACIFIC SYMPHONY'S CONCERT SERIES

Classical
Your favorite masterpieces, from stirring symphonies to deeply emotional concertos.

Pacific Symphony Pops
Big names and great shows backed by the "Hollywood" sound of Pacific Symphony.

Sunday Matinees
Sunday afternoon conversations and performances that bring the composers and their music to life.

Café Ludwig - Chamber Series
Coffee and timeless chamber music with host and pianist Orli Shaham in the intimate Samueli Theater.

NEW! Candlelight Baroque with Pacific Symphony
Chamber ensemble performances in churches in Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo, and Orange.

Holiday Organ Concert
Showcasing the stunning William J. Gillespie Concert Organ.

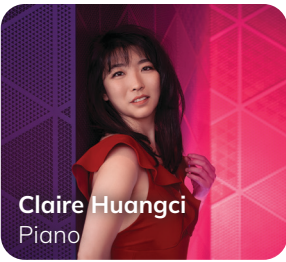
Sundays at Soka with Pacific Symphony
Pacific Symphony Chamber Orchestra performs at Soka Performing Arts Center in Aliso Viejo.

Family Musical Mornings
Fun and fascinating 45-minute concerts designed for the whole family.

Pacific Symphony Youth Ensembles
Free performances by the talented musicians of

- Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra (PSYO)
- Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble (PSYWE)
- Pacific Symphony Santiago Strings (PSSS)
- Pacific Symphony Youth Concert Band (PSYCB)

Special Events
Holiday programs, Lunar New Year, Iranian New Year, and special performances.



Claire Huangci
Piano



José Sibaja
Enrico Lopez-Yañez



Dennis Kim
Violin



Bernadette Peters



Pacific Chorale



Mak Grgić



Joss Stone



George Li
Piano

UNABLE TO MAKE A CONCERT?

If you can't make a concert, you may exchange the value of your tickets toward tickets to another performance in the 2024-25 season (subject to availability) or donate your tickets to Pacific Symphony for a tax credit.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MUSIC!

Preview Talks
Join us in the concert hall at 7 p.m. before each Classical Series concert for a 30-minute Preview Talk, when KUSC midday host Alan Chapman discusses the music on the program and converses with the guest artists.

Symphony 101
Enhance your enjoyment and understanding of classical music at Symphony 101, Pacific Symphony's music appreciation series. Enjoy multimedia presentations with KUSC midday host Alan Chapman, Sunday afternoons in the Samueli Theater.

MUSIC AND PLACES
Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.
Travel far and wide as Alan Chapman takes you around the world to the places that have inspired great works of music. Vibrant visuals and a multitude of musical examples will transport you on this whirlwind tour.

INSPIRATION
March 9 at 3 p.m.
Composers find inspiration in many places: literature, visual art, nature, music by other composers, and even insomnia. With many musical examples and vibrant visuals, Alan Chapman explores these sources of inspiration and how they are translated into music.



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Samueli Theater
615 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA



Soka Performing Arts Center
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Aliso Viejo, CA 92651



Carl St.Clair's 35th Anniversary Celebratory Season



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SEPTEMBER

26 • 27 • 28

Rachmaninoff & Beethoven

Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini featuring Claire Huangci

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Symphony 101: Music & Places

Alan Chapman explores the places that have inspired great works of music

OCTOBER

17 • 18 • 19

Classical Spooktacular

John Williams' "Devil's Dance" from *Witches of Eastwick*, *The Devil's Box* by Bunch, and Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*

19

Halloween Fandemonium!

Music from Disney Animation, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Marvel Studios, and more!

20

Fantastic Symphony

A symphonic rollercoaster of lovesick melodies, a witches' sabbath, and more

27

Dynamic Contrasts

Chamber music by Avner Dorman and Brahms

NOVEMBER

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Opening Night with Bernadette Peters

The legendary star of film, TV, and Broadway graces the stage with her incomparable talent, fabulous humor, and magnetic presence

3 • 6 • 7

Candlelight Baroque I

NEW: Baroque chamber music at churches in Orange, Mission Viejo & Huntington Beach

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Aretha! Starring Sheléa & Pacific Symphony

Join Sheléa for the taping of her new PBS Special celebrating Aretha Franklin

14 • 15 • 16

Gluzman Plays Brahms

Barber's Symphony No. 1, Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini*, and Brahms' Violin Concerto with Vadim Gluzman

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Sundays at Soka: Mozart & Beethoven

Mozart's Symphony No. 32 and Beethoven's Violin Concerto arranged for piano

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Pacific Symphony Youth Concert Band Fall Concert

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Pacific Symphony Santiago Strings Fall Concert

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Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra Fall Concert

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Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble Fall Concert

DECEMBER

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Art of the Spanish Guitar

Rodrigo's *Fantasy for a Gentleman* with gifted guitarist Mak Grgić and Dvořák's Symphony No. 8

7

The Nutcracker for Kids!

Experience Tchaikovsky's holiday favorite, a fairytale of imagination and wonder with dancers from the American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School

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Handel's Glorious Messiah

Blazing trumpets and the uplifting "Hallelujah" chorus

17

Holiday Organ Spectacular

Sacred and holiday music with Todd Wilson and members of Pacific Symphony

20 • 21

Holiday Spectacular with Joss Stone

Cozy up for the magic of the holidays with the enchanting sounds of GRAMMY® Award-winning singer-songwriter, Joss Stone

JANUARY

9 • 10 • 11

Four Seasons & Strauss

Vivaldi's popular concerto featuring Concertmaster Dennis Kim and *An Alpine Symphony* with jaw-dropping visuals!

11

Leopold Loves Opera!

Explore family-friendly hits from opera's famous composers

12

A Day in the Alps

Richard Strauss' sumptuous tone poem with jaw-dropping visuals!

25

Symphonic Soul: A Celebration of African American Artistry

A special concert honoring civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Fresh Premieres & Timeless Dvořák

Chamber music by Alex Robertson, Sheridan Seyfried, and Dvořák

FEBRUARY

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Lunar New Year

A festive celebration welcoming the Year of the Snake

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Pines of Rome

World premieres by Hailstork and Cuong and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*

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Joshua Bell & Larisa Martinez: Voice & the Violin

GRAMMY® Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell and vocalist Larisa Martinez explore repertoire from opera to musical theater to Latin American composers

14 • 15

Pink Martini

This 'little orchestra' from Portland, Oregon, mixes it up with a cocktail of classical zest, Latin heat, and jazz-tinted pop

16

Sundays at Soka: Mozart, Barber's Adagio & Tchaikovsky

Mozart's Symphony No. 35, Barber's Adagio for Strings, and Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rocco Theme*

22

O.C. Lantern Festival

A family-friendly festival celebrating the end of the Lunar New Year

FEB 27 • 28

MAR. 1

Carmina Burana & Bach

Morton Lauridsen's *O Magnum Mysterium*, Bach's Keyboard Concerto in D minor, and Orff's powerful *Carmina Burana*

MARCH

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Carmina Burana

The most frequently performed choral work of the 21st century with Pacific Chorale

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Candlelight Baroque II

Baroque chamber music at churches in Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo & Orange

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Symphony 101: Inspiration

Alan Chapman explores sources of inspiration and how they are translated into music

14 • 15

Music of Phil Collins & Genesis

With the mega band Genesis and numerous solo hits, Phil Collins penned unforgettable hits featured in this symphonic tribute

20 • 21 • 22

Koh Plays Mendelssohn

Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 and GRAMMY® Award-winner Jennifer Koh in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto

22

¡Fiesta Sinfónica! con Mariachi Garibaldi

A celebration of mariachi and ballet folklórico showcasing Mexican cultural heritage

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Sundays at Soka: Mozart & Bruch

Mozart's Symphony No. 39 and Bruch's Violin Concerto with Amaryn Olmeda

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Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra Spring Concert

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Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble Spring Concert

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Nowruz: Iranian New Year

Celebrating spring and the rebirth of nature

APRIL

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Gil Shaham & Orli Shaham

Violinist Gil Shaham and pianist Orli Shaham, two musical virtuosos in their own right, are joining forces for an extraordinary recital at Soka Performing Arts Center

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The Curse of the Ring

Gods, Rhine mermaids, and dwarves inhabit the first opera of Wagner's mythical *Ring Cycle: Das Rheingold*

25 • 26

Ben Folds

Dubbed a musical wizard, the award-winning singer-songwriter-composer Ben Folds blends pop anthems with symphonic genius

MAY

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Beethoven's Emperor

Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 with George Li and Mahler's Symphony No. 1

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Echoes of Time

Chamber music by Reena Esmail, Debussy, and Messiaen

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Cirque Goes Broadway with Troupe Vertigo

Enjoy breathtaking artistry when cirque acrobatics, classical dance, and the best of Broadway melodies blend into an unforgettable spectacle

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Cathedrals of Sound

Gregorian Chant, music by Bach and Guilmont, and Bruckner's Symphony No. 7

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Pacific Symphony Santiago Strings Season Finale

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Pacific Symphony Youth Concert Band Season Finale

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Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble Season Finale

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Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra Season Finale

JUNE

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Verdi's Requiem

Verdi's monumental work has been described as an "opera in ecclesiastical dress"

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Rediscover Verdi's Requiem

Verdi's masterpiece is a celebration of human emotions in the face of mortality.

13 • 14

La Vida Loca

Dive into a night of passion with the greatest hits of the '90s and '00s Latin pop explosion, including songs by Enrique Iglesias, Gloria Estefan, and Ricky Martin