
ARETHA! STARRING SHELÉA WITH PACIFIC SYMPHONY

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 @ 8 p.m.

Rickey Minor, conductor
Sheléa, vocalist
Pacific Symphony

Thank you for joining Pacific Symphony for a fun-filled night featuring the music of Aretha Franklin. GRAMMY®-nominated singer and PBS star Sheléa performs classics like "Chain of Fools," "Say a Little Prayer," "Respect," and "Natural Woman." EMMY Award-winning Music Director Rickey Minor conducts Pacific Symphony for this evening's performance, with a choir of backup singers rocking the Concert Hall. Tonight's performance is being recorded by PBS SoCal for a special airing on PBS in 2025.

Selections to be announced from the stage.

Performance at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall



ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

Emmy® Award-winning Music Director, Producer, Conductor and Author, Ricky Minor has worked with the biggest music talent in the world, including: Beyoncé, Usher, Adele, Stevie Wonder, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Rihanna, Elton John, Carlos Santana, Gwen Stefani, Janelle Monae, Demi Lovato, Khalid, H.E.R., Jonas Brothers, Keith Urban, Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Katy Perry, Mary J. Blige, Sting, Jennifer Lopez, Andra Day, Arianna Grande, John Legend, Carrie Underwood, Faith Hill, Little Big Town, Lenny Kravitz, Gladys Knight, Brandi Carlisle, Garth Brooks, Ray Charles, Ella Mai, Jennifer Hudson, Billy Porter, Chance The Rapper, Common, Cynthia Erivo, Ed Sheeran, Al Jarreau, Chris Stapleton, Dave Matthews, Paul Simon, Brad Paisley, Jon Batiste, Herbie Hancock, and Quincy Jones.

Minor's numerous television credits include *The Tonight Show starring Jay Leno*, *American Idol*, *The Kennedy Center Honors*, *The American Music Awards*, *The Super Bowl*, *The Grammys*, *The Emmys*, and *The Oscars*.

Rickey has won three Emmy® Awards for Outstanding Music Direction, and has been nominated 17 times.



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sheléa is a multi-talented singer, composer, keyboardist, actress, and producer. She has toured the world and performed with a wide variety of superstars including Stevie Wonder, David Foster, and Quincy Jones.

She has been playing piano since she was seven years old. Sheléa has appeared in nine PBS specials including, *The New Divas: Live from Vienna*; *In Performance at the White House*; *An Intimate Evening with David Foster*; *Quincy Jones Presents Sheléa and Gospel!* with Henry Louis Gates Jr..

Sheléa has always felt a special kinship to Aretha Franklin. "Our backgrounds are so similar. Both of our fathers were pastors and we started out singing and playing in church. So, I feel blessed that I could develop this Aretha tribute concert and new PBS special."

