



2014-15 Classical Calendar

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concert SEASON OPENING GALA

Friday, September 5, 2014 / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Osmo Vänskä, conductor
Renée Fleming, soprano

Program to be announced

Soprano Renée Fleming joins the Minnesota Orchestra for a one-night-only gala concert to launch the 2014-15 season. The concert, led by Music Director Osmo Vänskä, features some of Fleming's favorite opera arias and other works, plus several orchestra-only selections.

Minnesota Orchestra Special Concert

Sunday, September 14, 2014, 3 p.m. / Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis

Minnesota Orchestra
William Eddins, conductor

GLINKA	<i>Overture to <i>Ruslan and Ludmila</i></i>
STRAUSS	<i>Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks</i>
TCHAIKOVSKY	Selections from <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , <i>Fantasy-Overture</i>
BORODIN	<i>Polovtsian Dances</i> , from <i>Prince Igor</i>

The Orchestra celebrates the start of its season by offering a free outdoor performance for the community at the beloved Lake Harriet Bandshell in southwest Minneapolis.

Minnesota Orchestra Special Concerts COMMON CHORDS: THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA IN BEMIDJI

September 15 to 20, 2014 / Bemidji, Minnesota

The Minnesota Orchestra travels to Bemidji, Minnesota, for a week-long Common Chords outreach residency—its fourth since the program's launch in 2011. The Orchestra, Music Director Osmo Vänskä and Principal Conductor of Live at Orchestra Hall Sarah Hicks will visit the northern Minnesota city from September 15 to 20 for a celebratory festival week of concerts and numerous outreach events specially tailored to the Bemidji community.

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Friday, September 26, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, September 27, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Sunday, September 28, 2014, 2 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor

Alisa Weilerstein, cello

Adriana Zabala, mezzo

Minnesota Chorale

Soprano to be announced

BARBER

Cello Concerto

MAHLER

Symphony No. 2, *Resurrection*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

CELEBRATING STRAUSS

Thursday, October 9, 2014, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, October 10, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, October 11, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Andrew Litton, conductor

Anthony Ross, cello

STRAUSS

Don Quixote

Salome's Dance (Dance of the Seven Veils), from *Salome*

Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

CELEBRATING STRAUSS

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, October 17, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor and clarinet

Andrew Staupe, piano

Program to include:

STRAUSS

Suite for Winds

Burleske for Piano and Orchestra

Metamorphosen

Death and Transfiguration

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

CELEBRATING STRAUSS

Friday, October 24, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, October 25, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Edo de Waart, conductor

STRAUSS *Capriccio*
 Serenade in E-flat major
 An Alpine Symphony

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
RUSSIAN MASTERWORKS

Thursday, November 6, 2014, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, November 7, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, November 8, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Courtney Lewis, conductor
Kirill Gerstein, piano

Program to include:
SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Concerto No. 2
PROKOFIEV Piano Concerto No. 1

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
RUSSIAN MASTERWORKS

Thursday, November 13, 2014, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, November 14, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, November 15, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Hannu Lintu, conductor
Jonathan Biss, piano

Program to include:
MOZART Piano Concerto No. 20
PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 5

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Friday, November 21, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, November 22, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Sunday, November 23, 2014, 2 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Eiji Oue, conductor
John Miller, Jr., bassoon
Mark Kelley, bassoon
J. Christopher Marshall, bassoon
Norbert Nielubowski, bassoon

Program to include:
DIETTER Concerto for Two Bassoons
TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 5

This program will also include music by Renaissance-era composer Giovanni Gabrieli, performed by the Minnesota Orchestra's brass section.

Minnesota Orchestra Holiday Concerts
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 12, 2014, 8 p.m. / Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
Saturday, December 13, 2014, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall *

Minnesota Orchestra
Christopher Warren-Green, conductor
Anna Devin, soprano
Lawrence Zazzo, countertenor
Barry Banks, tenor
Derek Walton, bass-baritone
Minnesota Chorale

HANDEL *Messiah*

* The December 13 performance is not included on the classical subscription series.

Minnesota Orchestra Holiday Concert
NAVIDAD EN CUBA: CHRISTMAS IN HAVANA CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 14, 2014, 2 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
The Rose Ensemble

Program to include:

SALAS *Misa de Navidad*
JERUSALEM *Response for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
 Response for St. Joseph

The Minnesota Orchestra collaborates with the Rose Ensemble for the first time—jointly performing a Christmas Mass from 18th-century Cuba and heartfelt works from the Mexican Baroque.

Minnesota Orchestra Holiday Concert
NEW YEAR'S EVE: SPARKLING GERSHWIN TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Osmo Vänskä, conductor
Sylvia McNair, soprano

The Minnesota Orchestra toasts the New Year with two performances of favorites penned by George and Ira Gershwin. Both concerts are performed without intermission. Following the 10 p.m. concert, the audience is invited to count down to midnight at a party in Orchestra Hall's lobby spaces.

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concert
FUTURE CLASSICS

Friday, January 16, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Osmo Vänskä, conductor

The Minnesota Orchestra performs fresh new works by some of today's brightest up-and-coming composers. Osmo Vänskä conducts the concert—the culmination of the 2015 Minnesota Orchestra Composer Institute, a program directed by composer Kevin Puts and co-presented with the American Composers Forum.

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SHAKESPEARE WINTERFEST

Thursday, January 22, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, January 23, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, January 24, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Mark Wigglesworth, conductor
Additional guest artists to be announced

WALTON Suite from *Henry V*
BRUCKNER Symphony No. 4, *Romantic*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SHAKESPEARE WINTERFEST

Friday, January 30, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, January 31, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Osmo Vänskä, conductor

TCHAIKOVSKY *Romeo and Juliet*, Fantasy-Overture
BERNSTEIN Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*
PROKOFIEV *Romeo and Juliet* Suite

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SHAKESPEARE WINTERFEST

Thursday, February 5, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, February 6, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Christopher Warren-Green, conductor
Augustin Hadelich, violin

LARSSON *A Winter's Tale*
TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto

DVOŘÁK

Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SHAKESPEARE WINTERFEST

Thursday, February 12, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall

Friday, February 13, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Saturday, February 14, 2015, 8 p.m. / Northrop, University of Minnesota campus, Minneapolis

Minnesota Orchestra

Yan Pascal Tortelier, conductor

Gil Shaham, violin

MENDELSSOHN Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

KORNGOLD Violin Concerto

FAURÉ *Pelleas and Melisande*

RAVEL Suite No. 2 from *Daphnis and Chloe*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SHAKESPEARE WINTERFEST

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall

Friday, February 20, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Saturday, February 21, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor

Lilli Paasikivi, soprano

Narrator to be announced

BERLIOZ *Les nuits d'été* (Summer Nights)

SIBELIUS Selections from *The Tempest*

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Friday, February 27, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Roberto Abbado, conductor

Soloists to be announced

Minnesota Chorale

VERDI

Requiem

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CAROUSEL

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall

Friday, March 20, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall *

Sunday, March 22, 2015, 2 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Sarah Hicks, conductor
Cast to be announced

RODGERS/HAMMERSTEIN *Carousel* (semi-staged production)

Led by Sarah Hicks, the Minnesota Orchestra performs Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*, a classic of American musical theater, with staging, choreography and costumes. Robert Neu serves as stage director; cast members will be announced at a later date.

* The March 21 performance is not included on the classical subscription series

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SPIRIT AND SPRING

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, April 3, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, April 4, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Osmo Vänskä, conductor
Erin Keefe, violin
Pianist to be announced

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Russian Easter Overture*
MESSIAEN *Exotic Birds*
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS *The Lark Ascending*
RESPIGHI *Church Windows*

The concert is preceded by a wide-ranging discussion with a panel of spiritual leaders, moderated by Brian Newhouse of Minnesota Public Radio; panelists include Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman, Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel; and The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Following the concert, Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time* will be performed by candlelight in Orchestra Hall's Target Atrium, with performers including Osmo Vänskä on clarinet; a separate ticket is required for the post-concert performance.

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts
SPIRIT AND SPRING

Friday, April 10, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Mark Wigglesworth, conductor
Stuart Skelton, tenor
Mezzo to be announced

HAYDN *Symphony No. 45, Farewell*
MAHLER *Das Lied von der Erde* (The Song of the Earth)

The concert is preceded by a wide-ranging panel discussion with conductor Mark Wigglesworth and acclaimed poets Sidney Wade and Pablo Medina, moderated by Orchestra violist Kenneth Freed, and presented in conjunction with the Association of Writers and Writing Program's Annual Conference and Bookfair. Following the concert,

Lieberson's *Neruda Songs* will be performed in Orchestra Hall's Target Atrium by mezzo Victoria Vargas and pianist Mary Jo Gothmann; a separate ticket is required for the post-concert performance.

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Thursday, April 23, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, April 24, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Michael Stern, conductor
Simon Trpčeski, piano

GRIFFES	<i>The Pleasure Dome of Kubla-Kahn</i>
RACHMANINOFF	Piano Concerto No. 3
STRAVINSKY	<i>The Rite of Spring</i>

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Thursday, April 30, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, May 1, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, May 2, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Mischa Santora, conductor
Burt Hara, clarinet
Charles Lazarus, trumpet

BERNSTEIN	<i>Divertimento</i>
HEITZEG	<i>American Nomad</i> [World Premiere]
COPLAND	Clarinet Concerto
GREENSTEIN	<i>Acadia</i>

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Friday, May 8, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, May 9, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Sunday, May 10, 2015, 2 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra
Eric Whitacre, conductor
Minnesota Chorale

Program to include:

NEWMAN	<i>Blow It Up, Start Again</i>
COPLAND	<i>Quiet City</i>
BRYANT	<i>Ecstatic Waters</i>
ADAMS	<i>Harmonium</i>
WHITACRE	<i>Lux Aurumque</i>

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, May 22, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, May 23, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, conductor
Garrick Ohlsson, piano

BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 1
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Thursday, May 28, 2015, 11 a.m. / Orchestra Hall
Friday, May 29, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, May 30, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor
André Watts, piano

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 3
BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 2

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts

Friday, June 5, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall
Saturday, June 6, 2015, 8 p.m. / Orchestra Hall

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 6
Symphony No. 7
MAHLER Symphony No. 1, *Titan*

Current Minnesota Orchestra subscribers will be contacted in phases over the summer with an invitation to renew their specific seats and series. The **general public** can subscribe immediately with an Easy Pass Package (six flexible vouchers) redeemable now for Sommerfest concerts, and redeemable for next season's concerts beginning on July 25. Additional subscription package offerings will be available on August 7. Patrons can also sign up for an exclusive pre-sale at minnesotaorchestra.org in the subscription area of the website. **Individual tickets** go on sale to the general public for September and October 2014 concerts—including the September 5 gala—beginning on July 25, and for all remaining 2014-15 season concerts beginning on September 19.

Packages and tickets can be purchased online at minnesotaorchestra.org, or by calling 612-371-5642 or 800-292-4141. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Orchestra Hall Box Office (July 7 through August 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and beginning two hours before all ticketed performances); at the Orchestra Hall Stage Door on Marquette Ave. and 11th Street (through July 3 and beginning September 2, Monday

to Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); and at the Minnesota Orchestra Administrative Office, International Centre, 5th floor, 920 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis (open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

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