



Our most spectacular season

**A must-see, must-hear,
must-be-there celebration**



Courtney Lewis
Music Director

2024/25



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Welcome

With immense pleasure and great anticipation, we welcome you to our spectacular 75th Season at the Jacksonville Symphony.

This season holds a special place in our hearts, reflecting on our rich history and unwavering commitment to artistic excellence. Each meticulously curated performance serves as a testament to our dedication to providing unforgettable musical experiences.

Our anniversary season heralds a new dawn, marked by exceptional programming and a revitalized brand embodying pride for our community and the vitality of our performances. Inspired by Jacksonville's ocean sunrises and iconic rivers, our dynamic new logo symbolizes the energy of our orchestra.

The celebration begins on September 21st with an opening night like no other, featuring Mahler's Symphony No. 2 performed by the Symphony, joined by operatic megastars Ailyn Pérez and Isabel Leonard, the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus (which celebrates its 40th Anniversary this season), University of North Florida Chorale and Jacksonville University Singers. We urge you to experience the sheer beauty of this performance firsthand.

Opening night sets the tone for a journey of musical discovery and artistic exploration throughout the season. Each series and special event, including the *Florida Blue Classical Series* and the *Pops Series*, has been crafted with innovation, passion and artistic expression.

On behalf of the entire Jacksonville Symphony family – musicians, staff and volunteers – I extend my deepest gratitude. Your support fuels our passion and enables us to fulfill our mission of enriching lives through music. Here's to a season filled with unforgettable moments, shared laughter and profound emotions. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey; may the music we create together continue to uplift and inspire us all.

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Music Director
Haskell Endowed Chair

Season Highlights

75+ exceptional concerts: by the numbers

12+ Spectacular Classical Concerts

Featuring:
Mahler's Symphony No. 2
Beethoven's Symphony No. 7
Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*

3 Thrilling World Premieres

By:
Conrad Tao
Carlos Simon
Brittany J. Green

40+ Outstanding Guest Artists

Including:
Joyce Yang, piano
Miloš Karadaglić, classical guitar
Marcus Roberts Trio

Miloš Karadaglić
Classical Guitar



Conrad Tao
Artist-in-Residence

10 Dazzling Pops Concerts

With music of:
Jimmy Buffett
Cher & Donna Summer
Stevie Wonder & The Righteous Brothers

5 Unforgettable Special Events

Including:
First Coast Nutcracker
Violins of Hope
Take 6

3 Symphonic Nights at the Movies

Watch + listen:
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 1 in Concert
Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 2 in Concert

Opening Night

Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"

Saturday, September 21 6:00 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Ailyn Pérez Soprano
Isabel Leonard Mezzo-soprano
Jacksonville Symphony Chorus 40th Anniversary
University of North Florida Chorale
Jacksonville University Singers

Gustav Mahler Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"

Gustav Mahler's magnum opus serves as the perfect concert to ignite our 75th Season, setting the stage for a season filled with profound artistry, emotional depth and musical exploration. Mahler's Symphony No. 2 is more than a composition; it's a monumental testament to the human spirit. From its gripping opening bars to its triumphant conclusion, this symphony takes us on a transformative odyssey through life, death and rebirth.

Operatic megastars Ailyn Pérez and Isabel Leonard join the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus, University of North Florida Chorale, Jacksonville University Singers and the full power of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Black tie optional.

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“

This is one of the peaks of Mahler's genius, capturing the essence of the human condition in a profound, symphonic experience.”

Courtney Lewis • Music Director



Opening Night Celebration

Classical

Beloved masterpieces + must-see premieres



75th



Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto

Friday, September 27 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 28 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Joyce Yang Piano

Brittany J. Green (Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation
Orchestral Commissions Program World Premiere)
Sergei Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2
Richard Strauss *A Hero's Life*

The Jacksonville Symphony tackles Rachmaninoff's iconic Second Piano Concerto in what is certain to be a thrilling performance by returning pianist Joyce Yang. Known for its virtuosic piano passages, the concerto unfolds with famous tunes that have been used in pop, film and the spectrum of genres between. For the first of several world premieres this season, Brittany J. Green's fresh and uncharted melodies come alive, complemented by Strauss' *A Hero's Life* that spotlights violin solos by Concertmaster Adelya Nartadjieva.

Part of the David M. Hicks Piano Series

Sibelius' Violin & Elgar's Enigma

Friday, October 18 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 19 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Stefan Jackiw Violin

Benjamin Britten *Variations for Orchestra*
(*Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*)
Jean Sibelius Violin Concerto
Edward Elgar *Enigma Variations*

Internationally acclaimed violinist Stefan Jackiw takes the stage for Sibelius' Violin Concerto, a pinnacle in the violin repertoire known for its virtuosity and emotional depth. Elgar's *Enigma Variations* paints musical character sketches, including the famous "Nimrod," highlighting a diverse range of moods and orchestral colors. Britten's *Variations for Orchestra* is a captivating introduction to orchestral instruments, drawing on inventive variations on a theme by English Baroque composer Henry Purcell.



Rodrigo & Ravel's Boléro

Friday, November 8 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 9 7:30 pm

Kevin Fitzgerald Conductor
Miloš Karadaglić Classical Guitar

Maurice Ravel *Alborado del grazioso*
Manuel de Falla *The Three-Cornered Hat Suite No. 1*
Joaquín Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez*
Maurice Ravel *Rapsodie espagnole*
Maurice Ravel *Boléro*

The heart of Spain beats in Rodrigo's timeless *Concierto de Aranjuez*, performed by one of the world's most celebrated classical guitarists: Miloš Karadaglić. The iconic *Boléro* concludes the performance with its crescendo of repeating motifs accompanied by Ravel's rhythmic, folk-inspired *Alborada del Gracioso*, Falla's balletic *The Three-Cornered Hat* and the riveting orchestral suites of Ravel's *Rapsodie Espagnole*. Together, these compositions exude the flair, passion and spirit of Spain.

Sponsored by Sally and Tyler Dann

Alexei Plays Dvořák

Friday, November 22 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 23 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Alexei Romanenko Cello

Angel Lam *Please let there be a paradise...*
(Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Consortium Partner)

Antonín Dvořák Cello Concerto
Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 4

Principal cellist Alexei Romanenko moves front and center for one of the most gorgeous and popular pieces in the cello repertoire, Dvořák's Cello Concerto. In yet another historic moment in Jacoby Symphony Hall, the Symphony is among the first to perform Angel Lam's *Please let there be a paradise...* Vaughan Williams' Fourth Symphony provides a striking contrast with its bold exploration of emotions, capturing the atmosphere of its time through powerful expression.



Beethoven's "Emperor"

Friday, March 7 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 8 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Barry Douglas Piano

Samuel Barber Overture from *The School for Scandal*
Jean Sibelius Symphony No. 5
Ludwig van Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"

Experience the regal grandeur of Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto" as tour-de-force pianist Barry Douglas brings his commanding virtuosity to Jacoby Symphony Hall. Barber's Overture from *The School for Scandal* opens with vivacious energy, its orchestration capturing the playful spirit of Richard Sheridan's comedy. Sibelius' Fifth Symphony paints scenes of the Finnish landscape, notably with the recurring "swan theme," immersing listeners in Scandinavian serenity.

Part of the David M. Hicks Piano Series



Gershwin & Tchaikovsky

Friday, January 10 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 11 7:30 pm

Robert Spano Conductor
Marcus Roberts Trio

Carlos Simon *Motherboxx Connection*
George Gershwin Concerto in F
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

Jacksonville native Marcus Roberts is widely known as one of today's eminent jazz pianists. His trio, including drummer Jason Marsalis, joins forces with the Symphony and Music Director Laureate of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Robert Spano, for Gershwin's Concerto in F that blends classical, jazz and the blues in a unique American sound. Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony anchors the performance with the dramatic power that places it among classical masterworks. In a perfect pairing, Carlos Simon's *Motherboxx Connection* tells the inspiring stories of African American heroes.



Conrad Tao & Rite of Spring

Friday, April 4 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 5 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Conrad Tao Piano
Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Claude Debussy *Nocturnes*
Conrad Tao Piano Concerto (World Premiere)
Igor Stravinsky *The Rite of Spring*

Following his electric performance of *Rhapsody in Blue* and Rachmaninoff's Fourth in January 2024, Conrad Tao returns as Artist-in-Residence to premiere his new piano concerto commissioned by the Jacksonville Symphony. Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, known for its revolutionary dissonance and irregular meters, caused a scandal during its premiere, forever reshaping 20th-century music. Debussy's Impressionistic *Nocturnes* showcases his innovative harmonic language and dreamlike soundscapes. These works mark pivotal milestones, pushing classical music's boundaries and leaving an indelible mark on orchestral repertoire.

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Beethoven & Rachmaninoff

Friday, January 31 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 1 7:30 pm

Michael Stern Conductor

Guillaume Connesson *Flame Writing*
Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No. 7
Sergei Rachmaninoff *Symphonic Dances*

Internationally acclaimed guest conductor Michael Stern leads the Symphony through a musical journey spanning diverse cultures. The emotional beauty of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony takes center stage with a spotlight on the beloved Allegretto movement. Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* presents a dynamic fusion of Russian and American influences, and Connesson's *Flame Writing* captures French classical music with its energetic and colorful character.



Dvořák's "New World"

Friday, April 25 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 26 7:30 pm

Shiyeon Sung Conductor

Aaron Copland *The Tender Land Suite*
Valerie Coleman *Seven O'Clock Shout*
Antonín Dvořák Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"

Conductor Shiyeon Sung is the first female conductor from South Korea to conduct globally recognized orchestras. She takes the baton in a captivating performance of Dvořák's "New World Symphony," a must-see season highlight that drives the performance home in a celebration of America's diverse cultures. Copland's *The Tender Land Suite* delves into the American heartland with its pastoral themes drawn from his acclaimed opera, and Coleman's *Seven O'Clock Shout* bridges classical and jazz traditions for a contemporary flair.





Mozart's Requiem & Double Concerto

Friday, May 16 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 17 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor

Adelya Nartadjieva Violin

Yun-Ting Kuo Viola

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Sinfonia concertante

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Requiem

Over 100 voices from the Chorus and guest star vocalists join the Symphony in Jacoby Symphony Hall for Mozart's *Requiem*. His final composition, left unfinished, is a poignant work known for its passionate choral sections. Concertmaster Adelya Nartadjieva and Principal Violist Yun-Ting Kuo stand out in Mozart's Sinfonia concertante, which seamlessly blends lyricism with technically demanding passages. Experience these two compositions in one profound program honoring Mozart's enduring legacy.

Gershwin & Copland

Friday, June 6 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 7 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor

George Gershwin *An American in Paris*

Carlos Simon *Zodiak* (World Premiere)

Aaron Copland Symphony No. 3

In a firework season finale, Courtney Lewis leads the Jacksonville Symphony in Gershwin's iconic *An American in Paris*, which vividly depicts the bustling streets in the French capital. Closing the evening is Copland's landmark Third Symphony, capturing the spirit of America with patriotic orchestration. Also in the lineup is the third world premiere of the season with Carlos Simon's *Zodiak*: a bold, new Jacksonville Symphony commission. Don't miss this captivating fusion of jazzy charm, Americana and new musical voices, providing a fitting crescendo to a season and 75 years of exceptional musical experiences.



Wonderful conductor, and of course, all the musicians. So blessed to have such outstanding talent and this venue so near."

Richard E. • Symphony Patron



Pops

Must-hear favorites + symphonic magic



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Parrots + Palms: The Songs of Buffett & Fins

Friday, September 13 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 14 7:30 pm

Fins up! This show celebrates the life, vibe and legendary songs of Jimmy Buffett and his musical "fins" including Zac Brown, Van Morrison, Bob Marley and more. Buffett's sun-soaked stories and timeless hits are brought to life by celebrated vocalists and the Symphony. Sing along to *Songs You Know By Heart* like "Come Monday," "Fins," "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," "Brown-Eyed Girl" and so many more as you come along for a symphonic ride of musical magic that raises a glass to the one and only "Son of a Sailor."

World Premiere

Co-produced by Jacksonville Symphony & Spot-On Entertainment



Dancing Queens: Cher, Donna Summer, Whitney Houston & More

Friday, October 4 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 5 7:30 pm

Calling all Dancing Queens! If you can't get enough of Cher, Donna Summer and Whitney Houston, then this is the performance for you. The Symphony and guest vocalists perform iconic hits like "Dancing Queen," "I Will Survive," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and "If I Could Turn Back Time." Grab your go-go boots and get ready to groove!

Holiday Pops

Thursday, December 5 7:30 pm

Friday, December 6 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 7 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 8 3:00 pm

Herb Smith Conductor

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Dancers from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

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The Best of Phantom, West Side Story & More

Friday, January 3 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 4 7:30 pm

Meghan Picerno Vocalist
Jay Armstrong Johnson Vocalist

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Gershwin & Berlin

Friday, March 21 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 22 7:30 pm

Byron Stripling Conductor & Trumpet
Sydney McSweeney Vocalist

Acclaimed singer, trumpeter and Principal Pops Conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Byron Stripling, with dynamic vocalist Sydney McSweeney take center stage for a must-see tribute to the Great American Songbook. Featuring George Gershwin's and Irving Berlin's hits like "I Got Rhythm," "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" and "The Man I Love," experience a heartfelt homage to some of the most exceptional American music.

7 Bridges: The Ultimate EAGLES Experience

Friday, January 24 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 25 7:30 pm

7 Bridges: The Ultimate EAGLES Experience is a stunningly accurate tribute to the music of the Eagles. Alongside the Symphony, 7 Bridges faithfully re-creates the experience of an Eagles concert from the band's most prolific period, featuring one brilliant hit single after another including "Hotel California," "Take it Easy," "New Kid in Town" and others.



John Williams: His Oscars, Grammys & More

Friday, April 11 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 12 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor

With five OSCARS®, four Golden Globes®, seven BAFTAs and a staggering 25 GRAMMYS® under his belt, John Williams is a composition legend. The Symphony pays tribute to Williams' cinematic music with award-winning classics from *Star Wars*, *Superman*, *Schindler's List*, *Jaws*, *Indiana Jones* and more for a musical journey beyond your imagination.



Soul Kings: Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Righteous Brothers & More

Friday, February 21 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 22 7:30 pm

Step into the world of soul music royalty with Soul Kings, a salute to artists like Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Al Green, The Righteous Brothers and more. The Symphony and star vocalists perform chart-toppers including "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay," "Let's Stay Together," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and "Lean on Me." Join the Symphony in honoring the legends of soul who reign supreme.



Cirque of Ice and Fire

Friday, May 9 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 10 7:30 pm

Cirque de la Symphonie returns and promises more thrills than ever before. The strong men, aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers and more take the stage as the Symphony creates the perfect soundtrack by performing classical masterpieces that elevate the senses from cold to hot! From world record holders to former Olympians, the stage will be filled with some of the most experienced cirque talent ever seen in a fusion of two breathtaking art forms.

Hopelessly Devoted: The Music of Olivia Newton-John

Friday, May 30 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 31 7:30 pm

In this show-stopping series finale, the Symphony celebrates the life and legacy of award-winning Olivia Newton-John. Performing some of the greatest hits from her films and record-breaking albums including "Hopelessly Devoted," "You're the One That I Want," "Magic," "Xanadu," "Physical," "I Honestly Love You" and more, marvel in the music that defined the golden era of pop for a "Summer Night" you'll always remember.



My husband and I have lived across the country. The Jacksonville's Symphony is the best in the nation. Kudos to all!"

Christine W. • Symphony Patron

Symphonic Night at the Movies

Big screen blockbusters + thrilling live scores

75th



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 1 in Concert

Friday, November 15 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 16 7:00 pm

It's time to go hunting for Horcruxes once more: part one of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ in Concert* is nearly here! A live symphony orchestra performs Alexandre Desplat's epic score as the franchise's seventh film is projected onto a giant screen. Join all your favorite characters—and not-so-favorite ones!—as they encounter familiar dangers, new threats, and powerful friendships in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

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Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert

Friday, January 17 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 18 7:00 pm

Luke Skywalker begins a journey that will change the galaxy in *Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert*. Nineteen years after the formation of the Empire, Luke is thrust into the struggle of the Rebel Alliance when he meets Obi-Wan Kenobi, who has lived for years in seclusion on the desert planet of Tatooine. Obi-Wan begins Luke's Jedi training as Luke joins him on a daring mission to rescue the beautiful Rebel leader Princess Leia from the clutches of Darth Vader and the evil Empire.



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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 2 in Concert

Friday, May 2 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 3 7:00 pm

The final battle begins. You can experience *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ - Part 2 in Concert* in a way you've never seen it before! A live symphonic orchestra performs Alexandre Desplat's iconic score as the film is projected onto a high-definition screen that puts you in the middle of the action. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness Harry and his friends face off for the last time against their foes.

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Holiday Specials

Must-be-there celebrations + family fun



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First Coast Nutcracker

Friday, December 13 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 14 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 15 2:00 pm

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky *The Nutcracker*

A beloved tradition for more than 50 years, the Jacksonville Symphony's *First Coast Nutcracker* returns! Enchantment and holiday magic take hold as Tchaikovsky's iconic melodies and arrangements evoke the spirit of the holidays, alongside swirling snow, dazzling slippers and festive costumes. The only local production featuring live music and over 130 ballet dancers, this holiday fairy tale promises more cheer and unforgettable moments with your loved ones than ever before. Don't miss out on this extraordinary 75th Anniversary holiday celebration!

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Credit Union

Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 14 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 15 3:00 pm

Esteli Gomez Soprano
Jay Carter Countertenor
Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Aaron Sheehan Tenor
Sidney Outlaw Baritone

George Frideric Handel *Messiah*

The Jacksonville Symphony is joined by the brightest solo voices and the full Jacksonville Symphony Chorus to deliver the uplifting and majestic gift of Handel's *Messiah*. Shining with hope, inspiration and sheer joy, its message of faith has brought audiences to their feet since its premiere in 1742. Don't miss being a part of this tradition and experiencing what has been heralded as "the greatest story ever told...the most majestic music ever conceived."

Big Band Holiday

Sunday, November 24 3:00 pm

Refer to the J.P. Morgan Chase Jazz Series on page 29 for details.

Holiday Brass, Organ & Percussion

Thursday, December 19 7:30 pm

Refer to the Concert Organ Series on page 31 for details.



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75th Season Specials

Sensational celebrations + special guests



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Violins of Hope: Building Bridges Through the Power of Music

Saturday, February 15 7:30 pm

Courtney Lewis Conductor

Violins of Hope, the internationally beloved concert series featuring instruments once owned by Holocaust victims before and during World War II, returns to Jacoby Symphony Hall for a concert that is more than just a musical experience—it's a testament to the power of resilience and the importance of remembrance. Violins, violas and cellos, all lovingly restored by Israeli violinmakers, Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein, serve as symbols of hope in the face of unimaginable adversity. Join us for this profound evening of beauty, remembrance and solidarity.

Title sponsor: Dr. Eugene and Brenda Wolchok



Take 6

Saturday, March 29 7:30 pm

With 10 GRAMMY® Awards, 10 Dove Awards and a Soul Train Award, the multi-platinum sextet boasts six virtuosic voices blending in crystal clear harmony across genres. Also acclaimed members of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, these six superstars have been praised by legends like Stevie Wonder and the late Ray Charles for their captivating blend of gospel, jazz, R&B and pop. Experience Take 6's unparalleled talent paired with the powerful, live orchestrations of the Jacksonville Symphony for a 75th Season highlight.

75th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, March 1

Save the date for the event of the year:
the 75th Anniversary Gala! Details to come.

Event Chairs: Robbie and Poppy Clements



Sensational celebrations + special guests

Coffee Series

Season highlights + morning concerts

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Conrad Tao: Piano Phenom

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Conrad Tao Piano

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A Journey Through Symphonic Americana

Friday, February 7 11:00 am

Thomas Wilkins Conductor

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At the Ballet

Friday, May 23 11:00 am

Kevin Fitzgerald Conductor
The Florida Ballet
Jacksonville Dance Theatre

Experience a stunning collaboration as the graceful dancers of the Florida Ballet and Jacksonville Dance Theatre reunite with the Jacksonville Symphony. This spellbinding performance merges the beauty of dance with exquisite symphonic melodies.





Symphony in 60

Casual fun + symphonic joy



75th



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Conrad Tao Piano

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Adelya & Aurica Play Bach

Thursday, March 13

Courtney Lewis Conductor
Adelya Nartadjieva Violin
Aurica Duca Violin

Not one but two soloists, Concertmaster Adelya Nartadjieva and Violinist Aurica Duca, shine under the spotlight for Johann Sebastian Bach's mesmerizing Double Violin Concerto plus other enchanting melodies.

At the Ballet

Thursday, May 22

Kevin Fitzgerald Conductor
The Florida Ballet
Jacksonville Dance Theatre

Experience a stunning collaboration as the graceful dancers of the Florida Ballet and Jacksonville Dance Theatre reunite with the Jacksonville Symphony. This spellbinding performance merges the beauty of dance with exquisite symphonic melodies.

All concerts begin at 6:30 pm with a 5:30 pm cocktail hour.



Jazz

Brilliant artistry + local flavor



75th

Big Band Holiday

Sunday, November 24 3:00 pm

Jacksonville Jazz Collective

Get into the holiday groove with the Jacksonville Jazz Collective as they kick off the series with big band jazz, infused with festive flair and infectious rhythms. Swing and sway along in this unforgettable performance that promises to ignite your holiday spirit and set the stage for a season filled with joy and jazzy cheer!



Local Vocals

Sunday, January 26 3:00 pm

Jacksonville Jazz Collective

In an electric fusion, the Jacksonville Jazz Collective collaborates with four of the most sensational female jazz vocalists in Northeast Florida! Hear iconic works brought to life by soulful and powerhouse voices.

Latin Jazz Ensemble

Sunday, April 27 3:00 pm

Jacksonville Jazz Collective

The Jacksonville Jazz Collective heats up Jacoby Symphony Hall with the sizzling rhythms and vibrant energy of Latin jazz. Be transported to the streets of Havana and the jazz clubs of Rio de Janeiro as this talented ensemble delivers Latin-inspired magic that leaves you dancing in your seats.



The J.P. Morgan Chase Jazz Series is curated by the Jacksonville Symphony's Principal Tuba and Jacksonville Jazz Collective Director, **James Jenkins**.

Concert Organ Series

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Organ Chamber Concert

Sunday, November 3 3:00 pm

Matt Bickett Organ

The Symphony's Concert Organ Series launches with an inspiring spotlight on the Bryan Concert Organ's tender side. Joining forces with string and wind virtuosos of the Jacksonville Symphony, discover soul-stirring chamber melodies that resonate from the heart of Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Holiday Brass, Organ & Percussion

Thursday, December 19 7:30 pm

Greg Zelek Organ

Holidays at the Symphony and Brass, Organ and Percussion, both beloved Jacksonville traditions, unite in a mighty and merry celebration. Organist Greg Zelek returns to deliver the power of the Bryan Concert Organ, matched by the sounds of Brass and Percussion, bringing all your festive favorites to full sound.

Solo Organ Recital

Saturday, February 8 7:30 pm

Greg Zelek Organ

Greg Zelek takes center stage in a captivating solo recital that showcases the boundless range of the Bryan Concert Organ. Embark on a journey spanning diverse musical eras, and marvel at Zelek's innovative technique and expression in this thrilling finale of the Concert Organ Series.

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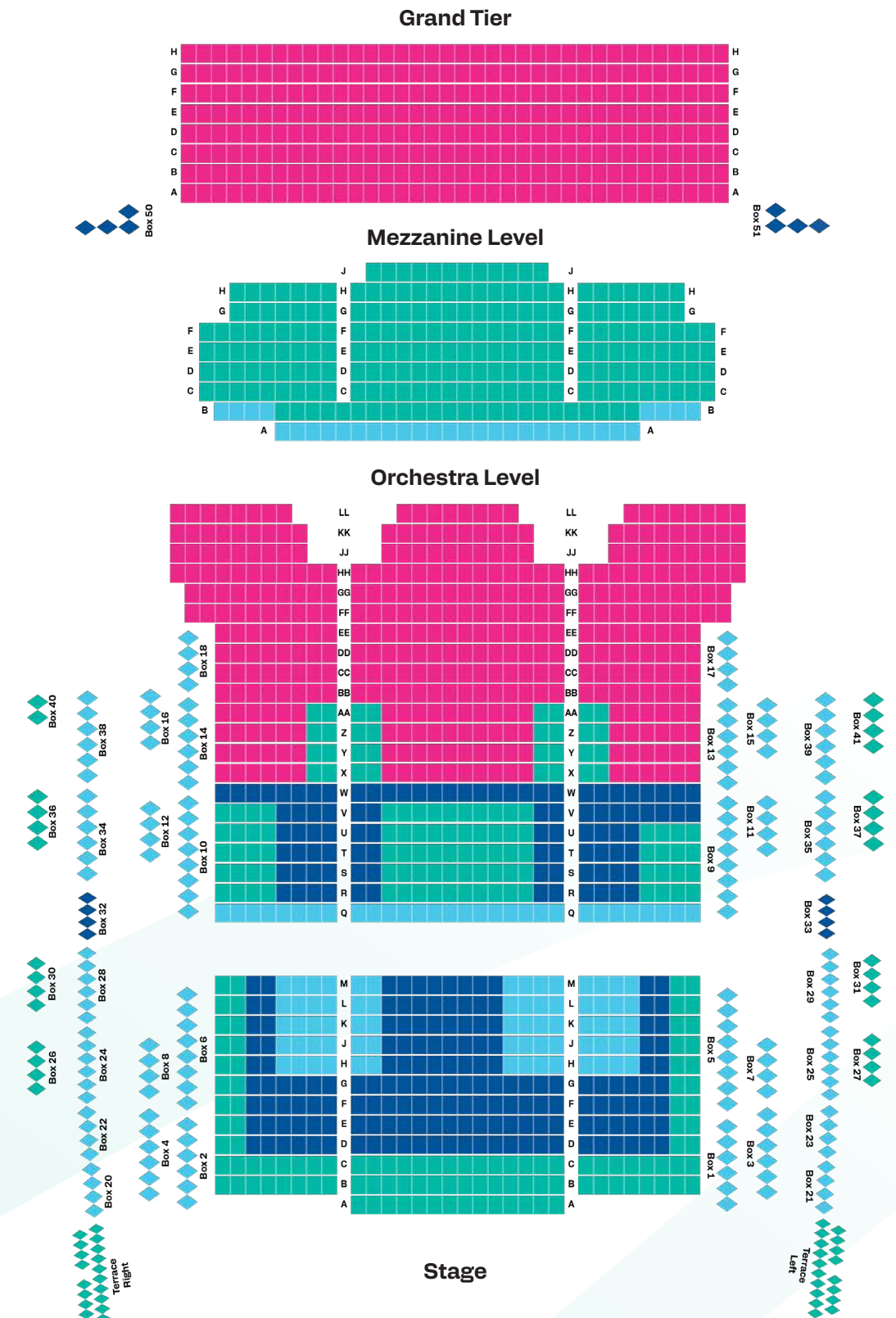
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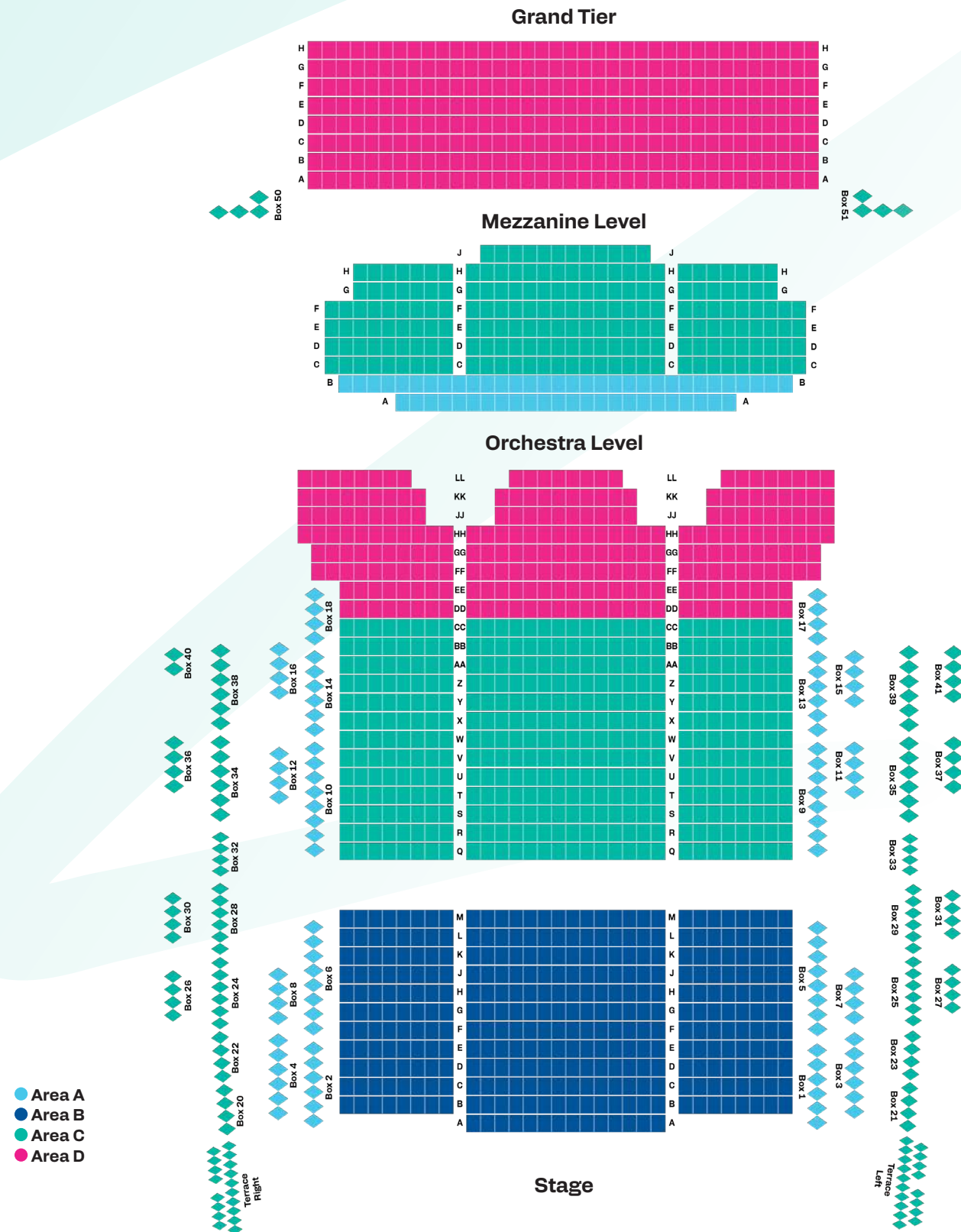
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April 25 and 26

Mozart's Requiem & Double Concerto
May 16 and 17

Gershwin & Copland
June 6 and 7

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Parrots + Palms: The Songs of Buffett & Fins
September 13 and 14

Dancing Queens: Cher, Donna Summer, Whitney Houston & More
October 4 and 5

Holiday Pops
December 5, 6, 7 and 8

The Best of Phantom, West Side Story & More
January 3 and 4

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January 24 and 25

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Gershwin & Berlin
March 21 and 22

John Williams: His Oscars, Grammys & More
April 11 and 12

Cirque of Ice and Fire
May 9 and 10

Hopelessly Devoted: The Music of Olivia Newton-John
May 30 and 31

Symphonic Night at the Movies Series

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 1 in Concert
November 15 and 16

Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert
January 17 and 18

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ – Part 2 in Concert
May 2 and 3



Holiday Specials

Big Band Holiday
November 24

Holiday Pops
December 5, 6, 7 and 8

First Coast Nutcracker Presented by VyStar
December 13, 14 and 15

Handel's Messiah
December 14 and 15

Holiday Brass, Organ & Percussion
December 19

75th Season Specials

Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"
September 21

Violins of Hope: Building Bridges Through the Power of Music
February 15

75th Anniversary Gala
March 1

Take 6
March 29

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Conrad Tao: Piano Phenom
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February 7

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