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## Jacksonville Symphony presents classical, Broadway, award-winning jazz and more in January 2025

Jacksonville, Fla. (December 12, 2024) — The Jacksonville Symphony presents six performances in January spanning the classical, pops, jazz, film and rock genres. Several guest artists and conductors will join the Symphony in January for most of these performances, all which take place in Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts.

### January 2025 Concerts

**Pops: The Best of Phantom, West Side Story & More** | January 3 and 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
The best of Broadway comes to Jacoby Symphony Hall as the Symphony, powerhouse guest vocalists and the Symphony Chorus celebrate two dynamos of American theater: Leonard Bernstein and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Experience the most iconic musical theater moments from *Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story*, *Candide* and more all combined in one incredible show.  
*\*Matinee performance is at 11:00 a.m. on January 3, 2025.*

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/webber-bernstein>

**Florida Blue Classical: Gershwin & Tchaikovsky** | January 10 and 11, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
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.

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/gershwin-tchaikovsky>

**Symphonic Nights at the Movies: Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert** | January 17 and 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

J 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.

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/star-wars-new-hope-2025>

**Pops: 7 Bridges: The Ultimate EAGLES Experience** | January 24 and 25, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
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.

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/7-bridges-eagles>

**JP Morgan Chase & Co. Jazz: Local Vocals** | January 26, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Recognizing the legacy of vocalists in jazz, the Jacksonville Jazz Collective collaborates with the region's three most regarded female jazz chanteuses: Linda Cole of the Nat "King" Cole family music dynasty, Jacksonville Jazz Festival "Hall of Fame" Inductee Lisa Kelly and Bonnie Eisele of the Dynamic Les DeMerle Band. Singing from a repertoire of Great American Songbook classics to songs of American pop and Broadway, each artist will be featured and perform together in artful, original arrangements, through interpretive styles of groovin' swing, sensitive Bossa Nova, heartfelt ballads, light funk, Bluesy shuffles, energetic Bebop and more.

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/local-vocals-jazz>

**Florida Blue Classical: Beethoven & Rachmaninoff** | January 31 and February 1, 2025

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.

LINK: <https://my.jaxsymphony.org/overview/beethoven-rachmaninoff>

Tickets are available at JaxSymphony.org or by calling the Box Office at 904-354-5547.

**About the Jacksonville Symphony**

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading nonprofit performing arts organization offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. Led by President and CEO Steven Libman and Music Director Courtney Lewis, the Jacksonville Symphony reaches over 165,500 individuals through over 95 performances each season. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit JaxSymphony.org.

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