

Kansas City Symphony 2011-2012

Classical Series 1: Grand Celebration! Ax Plays Beethoven

Emanuel Ax, piano

- Friday, September 23, 2011
- Saturday, September 24, 2011
- Sunday, September 25, 2011

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Stravinsky: *Fireworks*, op. 4

Beethoven: Concerto No. 4 in G Major for Piano and Orchestra, op. 58

INTERMISSION

Chen Yi : NEW WORK (WORLD PREMIERE)

Respighi: *I pini di Roma* [The Pines of Rome]

Classical Series 2: Brahms' German Requiem

KCS Chorus/Soloists TBD

- Friday, October 28, 2011
- Saturday, October 29, 2011
- Sunday, October 30, 2011

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Beethoven: *Elegischer Gesang*, op. 118

Messiaen: *Les offrandes oubliées* (The Forgotten Offerings)

INTERMISSION

Brahms: *Ein deutsches Requiem*, op. 45 [A German Requiem]

Classical Series 3: Miraculous Mandarin, Plus Rachmaninoff

Behzod Abduraimov, piano

- Friday, November 18, 2011
- Saturday, November 19, 2011
- Sunday, November 20, 2011

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Bartók: Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*, op. 19

Rachmaninoff: *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, op. 43

INTERMISSION

Prokofiev: Suite from *The Love for Three Oranges*, op. 33a

Hindemith: *Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*

Classical Series 4: Russian Spectacular

Tianwa Yang, violin

- Friday, November 25, 2011
- Saturday, November 26, 2011
- Sunday, November 27, 2011

Carlos Miguel Prieto, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Rimsky-Korsakov: *Russian Easter Overture*, op. 36

Glazunov: Concerto in A Minor for Violin and Orchestra, op. 82

INTERMISSION

Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10 in E Minor, op. 93

Classical Series 5: Mozart & Brahms

Asher Fisch, conductor and pianist

- Friday, January 13, 2012
- Saturday, January 14, 2012
- Sunday, January 15, 2012

Kansas City Symphony

Mahler: "Blumine" movement from Symphony No. 1 in D Major

W. A. Mozart: Concerto No. 17 in G Major for Piano and Orchestra, K. 453

INTERMISSION

Brahms/Schoenberg, orchestrated): Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, op. 25

Classical Series 6: Yo-Yo Ma Performs Dvorak

Yo-Yo Ma, Cello

- Friday, January 20, 2012
- Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Sunday, January 22, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Brahms: *Academic Festival Overture*, op. 80

Lutoslawski: Concerto for Orchestra

INTERMISSION

Dvořák: Concerto in B Minor for Cello and Orchestra, op. 104

Classical Series 7: Mahler's Second

KCS Chorus/ Jessica Rivera Soprano/Kelley O'Connor Mezzo-Soprano

- Friday, February 3, 2012
- Saturday, February 4, 2012
- Sunday, February 5, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Mahler: Symphony No. 2 in C Minor, "Resurrection"

Classical Series 8: Tchaikovsky & Strauss

- Friday, March 2, 2012
- Saturday, March 3, 2012
- Sunday, March 4, 2012

Christoph von Dohnanyi, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Schnittke: *(K)ein Sommernachtstraum (Not after Shakespeare)*

R. Strauss: *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks*, op. 28

INTERMISSION

Tchaikovsky: *Symphony No. 6 in B Minor*, op. 74, "Pathétique"

Classical Series 9: Joan of Arc and Carmen

Joyce DiDonato, mezzo soprano

- Friday, March 23, 2012
- Saturday, March 24, 2012
- Sunday, March 25, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

F. J. Haydn: *Symphony No. 85 in B-flat Major*, "La Reine"

Rossini: *Giovanna d'Arco*

INTERMISSION

Jake Heggie: *The Deepest Desire: Four Meditations on Love*

Bizet (Hoffman; Arranged): *Selections from Carmen*

Classical Series 10: Bronfman Plays Bartok, Plus Mozart's Jupiter

Yefim Bronfman, piano

- Friday, March 30, 2012
- Saturday, March 31, 2012
- Sunday, April 1, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Daniel Kellogg: *Water Music* (WORLD PREMIERE)

Bartók: *Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra*

INTERMISSION

W. A. Mozart: *Symphony No. 41 in C Major*, K. 551, "Jupiter"

Classical Series 11: Dvorak's New World Symphony

Benjamin Beilman, violin

- Friday, April 13, 2012
- Saturday, April 14, 2012
- Sunday, April 15, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Ives: *Three Places in New England*

Bruch: *Concerto No. 1 in G Minor for Violin and Orchestra*, op. 26 [I THINK #1]

INTERMISSION

Dvořák: *Symphony No. 9 in E Minor*, op. 95, [old No. 5], "From the New World"

Classical Series 12: Bach, Mendelssohn & Haydn

Arnaldo Cohen, piano

- Friday, May 18, 2012
- Saturday, May 19, 2012
- Sunday, May 20, 2012

Bernard Lebadie, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

J. C. Bach: Sinfonia in G Minor, op. 6 No. 6

Mendelssohn: Concerto No. 1 in G Minor for Piano and Orchestra, op. 25

INTERMISSION

J. M. Kraus: Symphony in F Major, VB. 130

F. J. Haydn: Symphony No. 101 in D Major, "The Clock"

Classical Series 13: Joshua Bell and Saint Seans' Organ Symphony

Joshua Bell, violin

- Friday, June 15, 2012
- Saturday, June 16, 2012
- Sunday, June 17, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Stephen Hartke: *Muse of the Missouri* WORLD PREMIERE

Lalo: *Symphonie espagnole* for Violin and Orchestra, op. 21

INTERMISSION

Saint-Saëns: Symphony No. 3 in C Minor, op. 78, "Organ Symphony"

Classical Series 14: Season Finale! Beethoven Nine

KCS Chorus/Soloists TBD

- Friday, June 22, 2012
- Saturday, June 23, 2012
- Sunday, June 24, 2012

Michael Stern, conductor

Kansas City Symphony

Hovhanness: Symphony No. 2, op. 132, "Mysterious Mountain"

INTERMISSION

Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, op. 125, "Choral"

POPS SERIES

Steve Lippia In "Simply Swingin' With Sinatra & Friends"

- October 21-22, 2011

This sensational new show features the classic pops songs of yesteryear, performed in Steve Lippia's signature, velvety style. Hear the biggest hits of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Vic Damone, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Bobby Darin. Spend an evening with The Rat Pack!

Sci-Fi Spectacular With George Takei

- January 27-28, 2012

Join guest conductor Jack Everly of the Indianapolis Symphony on a journey through space and time. Travel to edge of the stratosphere with music from the biggest and best science fiction TV shows and movies, including Avatar, Star Wars and 2001: A Space Odyssey. Special guest George Takei (Sulu from Star Trek) provides "dramatic narration"...oh my! A fantastic laser light show adds to the far-out fun.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

- February 24-25, 2012

Whether you are an original swing kid, a new rockabilly convert, or just a big fan of the fedora, grab your zoot suit and picture yourself in the 1940's. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy takes you back to the nights of big bands, rockin' rhythms, and jump blues.

Disney In Concert: Magical Music From The Movies

- June 1-2, 2012

Enchantment sparkles when the magic of Disney meets the Kansas City Symphony in this magnificent concert of memorable tunes from the famed studio's cartoons and movies. Enjoy music from The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, Beauty and the Beast and many other jewels from the Disney vault, complimented with guest singers and video imagery.

FAMILY SERIES

Christmas Festival

- Sun, Dec 18, 2011 at 2pm

Kansas City's grandest holiday concert returns. The Symphony and Chorus present stunning musical arrangements of cherished Christmas carols and songs of the season, and welcome exciting guest singers and musicians for a healthy dose of Christmas cheer. Plus, an early visit from Santa!

Tchaikovsky Discovers America

- January 29, 2012

Classical Kids, producers of Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery, Mozart's Magnificent Voyage, and Beethoven Lives Upstairs, present a powerful tale about Russia's most famous composer and his visit to America. Learn about Tchaikovsky's reactions to Carnegie Hall and Niagara Falls, and enjoy more than 20 excerpts from his music including Swan Lake, 1812 Overture and Piano Concerto No. 1.

Jim Cosgrove Live! "Mr. Stinky Feet"

- April 22, 2012

Kansas City's own "kid-rocker" Jim Cosgrove is one of America's leading family entertainers. He travels the country carrying a message that resonates with people young and old – hang on to the wonder of youth and love yourself, your neighbor, and the earth. Dubbed by parents as the "Jimmy Buffet for kids", Cosgrove performs songs about laughing, dancing, singing, and having fun from his award-winning recordings Bop Bop Dinosaur, Ooey Goey, Upside Down, Road Trip, Swimming in Noodles and Pick Me! Pick Me!

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HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Handel's Messiah

- December 2-4, 2011

Hallelujah! The holidays would not be complete without Handel's majestic choral masterpiece, Messiah. The Independence Messiah Choir joins with the Symphony and Chorus to continue this 95-year tradition – making its grand debut on the Helzberg Concert Hall stage.

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