

THE
JSO
TURNS

70

1949

2019

jackson
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2019-2020 SIGNATURE SERIES

WELCOME TO THE 2019/20 SEASON

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra turns 70 this season! In honor of our 70th birthday, each concert has its own highlight. The opening concert features Richard Sherman, our virtuosic principal flutist. In November, Pascal and Ami Rogé join us for Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*. We're back at the Wax in February where we welcome back two of last season's favorite guest artists, composer Jeremy Crosmer and violist Mitsuru Kubo. Mitsuru will join forces with JSO principal violist Clyde McKaney on a new work for two violas and orchestra written by Crosmer for the JSO's birthday. March brings the return of Conductor Laureate Stephen Osmond. In April, the season rounds out with an all-French program featuring music by Debussy including *Clair de lune*. In addition, we are launching a partnership with the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, and we will feature one of their young artist winners on the season finale!

Along with the Michigan Theatre and Jackson's Downtown Development Authority, we are proud to once again offer a series of free summer events in downtown Jackson including our Summer Solstice and Summer Pops concerts. Broadway's most popular hits will fill the August air as we perform at the new CP Federal City Square across from the JSO building. Winter renews our collaboration with Ballet Chelsea to bring you the seasonal family favorite, *The Nutcracker*. In March, we'll once again present The Music of *Harry Potter*—an event that sold out last year—at the Michigan Theatre. Finally, be sure to check out the popular Music on Tap series, which takes place at the JSO's Weatherwax Hall in the heart of Jackson. Come downtown and enjoy all that downtown Jackson has to offer, capped off with world-class live music and beverages in our intimate and exciting concert space.



2019/20 Principal Partner



2019/20 Program Sponsor



Special thanks to



SIGNATURE SERIES | 2019-20



7:30 PM — Potter Center

The JSO kicks off its 70th season with Beethoven's popular and joyous 7th symphony. JSO principal flutist **Richard Sherman** takes the stage to perform Pulitzer Prize-winning composer **Kevin Puts's** Flute Concerto.

6:30 PM — Preconcert Conversation

Join us for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

See additional information about season tickets on page 19.

Richard Sherman
Flute

PROGRAM

REYNALDO HAHN
Mozart: Overture

KEVIN PUTS
Flute Concerto
Richard Sherman, flute

Intermission

RUTH CRAWFORD SEEGER
Rissolty Rissolty

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
Symphony No.7, op.92 in A major

RUNTIME: 1h 45m

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

NOV. 23. 2019



Pascal and Ami Rogé
Piano

7:30 PM — Potter Center

Two pianos are better than one! Join us as we bring two pianos to the stage for Saint-Saëns's dynamic Carnival of the Animals and Poulenc's virtuosic concerto in D minor. Opening with the whimsical Overture to *The Pirates of Penzance*, the program also includes Jacques Ibert's *Divertissement* accompanied by artwork from Jackson student artists.

6:30 PM — Preconcert Conversation

Join us for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

See additional information about season tickets on page 19.

PROGRAM

ARTHUR SULLIVAN

Overture to *The Pirates of Penzance*

SETH BEDFORD

Ms. Rubinstein's Beauty

Diego Febres-Cordero, narrator

JACQUES IBERT

Divertissement

Featuring artwork from students in Jackson County

Intermission

FRANCIS POULENC

Concerto for Two Pianos in D minor

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

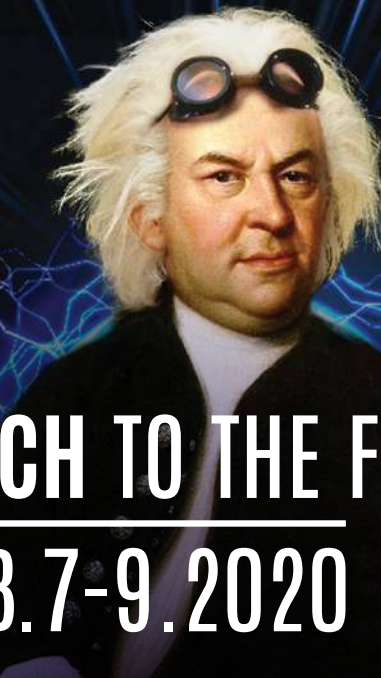
Carnival of the Animals

Pascal and Ami Rogé, piano

RUNTIME: 2h

BACH TO THE FUTURE

FEB. 7-9. 2020



Jeremy Crosmer
Composer



Mitsuru Kubo
Viola



Clyde McKaney
Viola

February 7 & 8, 2020

7:30 PM — Weatherwax Hall

February 9, 2020

2:00 PM — Weatherwax Hall

The JSO welcomes back Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist and composer **Jeremy Crosmer** to premiere his new work inspired by Bach. New York City violist **Mitsuru Kubo** and JSO principal violist **Clyde McKaney** take center stage for this new work as well as for Bach's 6th Brandenburg Concerto.

6:30 PM — Preconcert Conversation

Join us for a free, interactive lecture on the evening's featured music.

Saturday only

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

See additional information about season tickets on page 19.

PROGRAM

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Symphony No. 35, K. 385 in D major "Haffner"

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Brandenburg Concerto No. 6, BWV 1051

in B-flat major

Mitsuru Kubo and Clyde McKaney, viola

Intermission

JEREMY CROSMER

Premiere TBD

Mitsuru Kubo and Clyde McKaney, viola

MAURICE RAVEL

Le tombeau de Couperin

RUNTIME: 1h 45m

THE MAESTRO RETURNS

MAR. 21. 2020



Stephen Osmond
Conductor Laureate



William Westney
Piano

7:30 PM — Potter Center

Conductor Laureate **Stephen Osmond** returns to the podium to conduct Shostakovich's 5th symphony and La valse by Ravel. In collaboration with world-famous concert pianist **William Westney**, Osmond presents Prokofiev's first piano concerto. This program is sure to feature a surprise or two! Don't miss the Maestro's return.

6:30 PM — Preconcert Conversation

Join us for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

STEPHEN & MELISSA
OSMOND
CREATIVE INITIATIVE FUND



FRIENDS OF
THE MAESTRO

PROGRAM

SERGE PROKOFIEV
Piano Concerto No.1, op.10 in D-flat major
William Westney, piano

MAURICE RAVEL
La valse

Intermission

DMITRY SHOSTAKOVICH
Symphony No.5, op.47 in D minor

RUNTIME: 2H

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00
Section B — \$30.00
Section C — \$20.00

See additional information
about season tickets on
page 19.

VIVE LA FRANCE!

APR. 25. 2020



Elliott Wu
Piano

7:30 PM — Potter Center

Have you noticed that there's been a little French music on each concert this year? Well this time we went all out. Come hear Prelude to *The Afternoon of a Faun*, *Clair de lune* and *La mer*, three of Debussy's most famous works. In collaboration with the prestigious international festival, the JSO is thrilled to welcome **Elliott Wu**, a Gilmore Keyboard Festival young artist winner, to the stage for this concert.

6:30 PM — Preconcert Conversation

Join us for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00
Section B — \$30.00
Section C — \$20.00

See additional information
about season tickets on
page 19.

PROGRAM

CLAUDE DEBUSSY
Prelude to *The Afternoon of a Faun*

FRYDERYK CHOPIN
Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor, op.11

Intermission

CLAUDE DEBUSSY
Clair de lune (arr. Cailliet)

CLAUDE DEBUSSY
La mer

RUNTIME: 1H 45M



SUE & TOM
ROCHESTER



In 2014, the JSO introduced its Affinity Series, which is entering its 6th season. Three years and thousands of attendees later, the Affinity Series became **Music on Tap**. Even with the name change, the goal remained the same: to improve our community by bringing nationally and internationally touring musicians from multiple genres of music into the heart of downtown Jackson. In addition to the incredible music, each concert features a cash bar and other refreshments, so make a night of it and come share "World Class Music, So Close to Home!"

MUSIC ON TAP SEASON TICKETS:

5 Music on Tap Concerts plus 1 FREE event — \$60

Individual Tickets

Advance Tickets — \$15

At door — \$20

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

ONLINE

jacksonsymphony.org

BY PHONE

517.782.3221

IN PERSON

Visit the JSO box office at
215 W. Michigan Avenue

Monday – Friday
10 AM – 4 PM

SEASON SPONSORS



RJ MICHAELS

KATHRYN
KEERSMAEKERS

OCT 19 | BLUEGRASS-ISH WITH FLATLAND HARMONY EXPERIMENT

Flatland Harmony Experiment is a high-octane, three-piece, vocally driven string band from Indianapolis, Indiana. FHE's music and stage show drips with intensity and passion, and it is easy to tell they love what they do. The trio trades lead vocal and lead instrumental responsibilities through a large and diverse original musical pallet.



THE FOUNDING | MAR. 14. 20



SHARING OUR PASSION FOR MUSIC WITH OUR COMMUNITY

JAN 18 | CABIN FEVER / UP NORTH MUSIC WITH TROLL FOR TROUT

JSO's Music on Tap series brings a great evening of "Up-North Music" to help ease your case of Cabin-Fever with Michigan's own, Troll for Trout (T4T). T4T is about a lifestyle. It's that excited feeling of leaving work early on a beautiful Friday afternoon and pointing your vehicle North. It's about camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, cooking outside, good conversation around a campfire, reflecting, reading, and relaxing.

FEB 15 | COOL JAZZ WITH THE BEN ROSENBLUM TRIO

Award-winning jazz pianist, composer and accordionist Ben Rosenblum has been described as "mature beyond his years," (Jon Neudorf, *Sea of Tranquility*), and as an "impressive talent" (C. Michael Bailey, *All About Jazz*), who "caresses [the music] with the reverence it merits" (Bob Doerschuk, *Downbeat Magazine*). His original music combines his extensive knowledge of the history of jazz with a free-wheeling, modern melodic sensibility and powerful narrative approach to the piano.



MAR 14 | IRISH FESTIVAL WITH THE FOUNDING

The Founding is a Progressive Folk band with Celtic roots from Kalamazoo, Michigan. With their timeless, energetic, and powerful approach to songwriting, they strive to constantly push the boundaries of the Irish and Scottish music traditions. This young band has performed at venues throughout the United States, making appearances at such notable events as the Michigan Irish Music Festival, the Boston Irish Festival, and The Austin Celtic Festival, and many more.

IN HONOR OF
MARY ANN
DONLEY
KESSLER

MAY 09 | SINGER-SONGWRITER SHOWCASE WITH JOHN D. LAMB



Our old friend John D. Lamb returns with another of his very popular Songwriter Showcases. Those who have attended these concerts in the past know that John uses his deep connections in the Michigan songwriting community to fill the stage with amazing talent. John is the consummate MC and lends his considerable songwriting chops to an evening that is sure to once again impress the Weatherwax Hall audience!

JOHN D. LAMB
MAY 9. 20



SUMMER SERIES 2019

SUMMER SOLSTICE

June 28, 2019

Denver's Dragondeer will be headlining this year's Summer Solstice Party, taking place once again at Blackman Park. Break Thru Radio says, "Nestled somewhere between the quicksilver psychedelia of the '60s and bone-thumpin' blues from Mississippi's yesteryear, these Colorado cats have crafted a sound that is equal parts cosmic and grooving". Music will begin at 7 PM... don't miss it!

Cost: FREE

BEST OF BROADWAY

August 23, 2019

Join the JSO this August for a Best of Broadway summer pops concert full of Tony Award-winning, scene-stealing songs, including the musical stylings of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, George Gershwin, and more. Don't miss this chance to hear some of the biggest Broadway hits brought to life by the Jackson Symphony Orchestra!

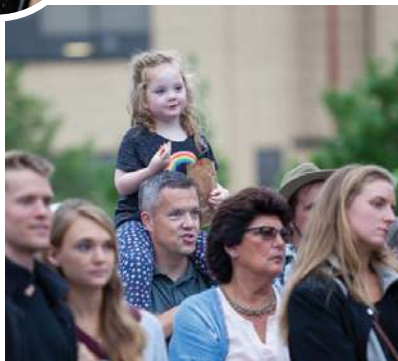
Cost: FREE; \$20 VIP tickets



Featuring
Dragondeer



Featuring
Nicole New



THE NUTCRACKER 2019

A CLASSIC HOLIDAY TRADITION FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES



Wendi DuBois
Artistic Director
Ballet Chelsea

December 7, 2019

2:00 PM at Chelsea High School, Chelsea

December 14, 2019

7:30 PM at Potter Center, Jackson

December 8, 2019

2:00 PM at Chelsea High School, Chelsea


December 15, 2019

2:00 PM at Potter Center, Jackson

Ballet Chelsea proudly presents its 22nd Annual performance of The Nutcracker, a Christmas Eve tale about a young girl named Marie and her magical journey to the enchanted Kingdom of Sweets. Choreographed by Artistic Director **Wendi DuBois**, the Ballet Chelsea company artists and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra musicians will come together for the third year to present this annual full-length, narrated ballet.

RUNTIME: 2H





THE MUSIC OF

Harry Potter

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

2:00 PM — The Michigan Theatre

Explore the world of Harry Potter through sound. The JSO in collaboration with the Jackson School of the Arts will again be bringing the world of Harry Potter to life. On March 1, 2020, at the historic Michigan Theatre the wizarding world of Harry Potter awaits you. This interactive experience will feature some of your favorite characters from the movies. Be sure and come dressed as your favorite witch or wizard. Tickets will go on sale in December.

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic.



WEATHERWAX HALL AT THE JSO

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra's Weatherwax Hall, located in downtown Jackson, is available to rent for all of your special events. We offer our spacious ground level floor for weddings, family reunions and community events.

Rates start at \$100/hour.

For more information on packages and pricing, visit jacksonsymphony.org/weatherwax-hall or call our office at 517.782.3221.



**AFFORDABLE
AND AVAILABLE
FOR YOUR FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY
EVENTS**





The **Jackson Community Music School** has been a major component of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra's ongoing commitment to education and outreach since 1992. Every week, hundreds of music students of all ages come through our doors, and we engage thousands more every year in our community through public concerts, school outreach, and cultural events.

IN MAY 2016, THE JACKSON COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL GUILD OF COMMUNITY ARTS EDUCATION FOR EXEMPLARY TEACHING AND OUTREACH.

For more information about enrollment, private lessons, and upcoming events, visit jacksonmusicschool.org or call 517.782.3221.



FREE BACH'S LUNCH SERIES



OCT.
25

DEC.
13

FEB.
28

MAR.
27

The Bach's Lunch series promotes classical music through free noontime concerts open to the public, featuring CMS students, faculty, and guest artists. Concerts also include demonstration and commentary given by professional musicians. Come for all or part of the time. All proceeds and donations support CMS programs and community outreach.

Cottage Inn pizza slices and beverages will be available for purchase or bring your own lunch and enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies.

 For more information, visit us on **Facebook** or at jacksonmusicschool.org



SPONSORED BY

Lammers
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

JACKSON SYMPHONY GUILD

The Jackson Symphony Guild functions exclusively for the benefit of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra to assist support and further the presence of music in the community.

Guild funds provide substantial scholarship monies for Jackson-area students who wish to attend Michigan music camps. Annually, \$3,000 in Guild funds are also designated to the JSO with the express purpose of supporting the Jackson Youth Symphony. Quite apart from dollars, Guild members have acted as concert volunteers, helped in the office, and have served on committees which organize the Holiday Ball.

Since its inception, the Guild has grown in stature and strength. It is recognized throughout the state as one of the most effective musical arts support groups in Michigan and is the envy of many orchestras.

Every year, peer-review panels from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs comment on the impressive role the Guild plays in supporting the JSO and its programs. The Guild is an organization of which we must all be truly proud!

BASIC MEMBERSHIP — \$25

An individual membership in the JSO.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP — \$45 AND ABOVE

Families or individuals willing to give extra financial support to the Guild.

Consistent with JSO policy, patrons whose Guild membership is \$100 and above will be listed in the JSO concert program.



JACKSON SYMPHONY GUILD 2019 HOLIDAY BALL

December 7, 2019

Event details at jacksonsymphony.org

For more information about the Jackson Symphony Guild, please go to: jacksonsymphony.org/jackson-symphony-guild/



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO BUILD OUR COMMUNITY

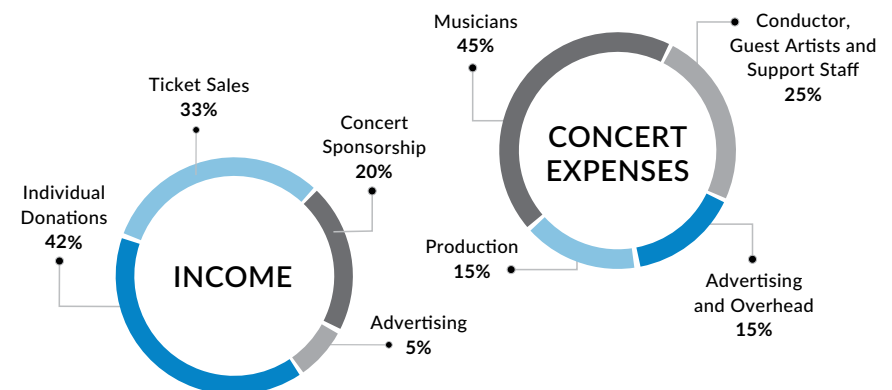


Founded in 1949, the JSO has flourished for nearly 70 years. From the concert hall to school classrooms and beyond, the JSO delivers programs and activities that enrich life in Jackson County and beyond. Employers understand that quality of life is important to attract and retain a dynamic workforce. In this era of declining government and foundation funding, the JSO is especially grateful to its local partners and the vital role they play in maintaining a strong financial base for the orchestra's programs.

The JSO Community Music School offers opportunities for all ages and abilities:

- Early Childhood Music Programs
- Summer Piano Camp
- Pied Piper Program
- Master Classes
- String Teams
- Outreach performances in the Jackson Community
- A Musical Look at Cooperation and Communication

RUNNING A SYMPHONY



ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE JACKSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The **JSO Annual Fund** is the lifeblood of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. It sustains our players, provides a home for our orchestra and community music school, helps keep ticket prices affordable, and subsidizes the expense of programs like early childhood music and a host of special music events offered by the JSO.

JSO Annual Fund contributions are tax-deductible and contributors also enjoy great premium awards as our way of saying thank you for your support!



\$10,000 DIAMOND CLUB

Invitation to special events,
plus all below

\$5,000 GOLD CLUB

Invitation to view orchestra rehearsals including dinner, opportunity to name a principle chair for one year,
plus all below

\$3,000 CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE

Invitation to an event with the Maestro and guest artist, opportunity to name a section chair for one year,
plus all below

\$1,500 MUSICIAN'S CIRCLE

Invitation to all of our post-concert receptions (Afterglows),
plus all below

\$1,000 COMPOSER'S CIRCLE

Valet parking for our Signature Series concerts, season preview event, complimentary concert CD upon request,
plus all below

\$500 ASSOCIATE

A JSO tote bag,
plus all below

\$300 BENEFACTOR

Listing in the JSO programs

\$100 PATRON

Listing in the JSO programs



SEASON TICKETS

5 CONCERTS FOR THE PRICE OF 4

Season tickets to the JSO provide terrific opportunities for evenings of fun with family and friends! As a season ticket holder you're automatically enrolled in our **Concert Plus** program that rewards members with a number of benefits including 2-for-1 entertainment, food, and dining options in Jackson and the surrounding area. You will also receive:

- Admission to Backstage Glimpses, an informative pre-concert session providing additional insight to the evening's program (**Sponsored by Alro Steel and The Louis Glick Trust**)
- One free pass (per season ticket) to "Bring a Friend" to any one of our Signature Series Programs
- One free pass (per season ticket) to attend a Music On Tap concert of your choice
- Ticket Recycling—when you can't use your ticket, simply phone in your name and seat location. You'll receive a receipt for a tax deductible donation, and we'll send you a complimentary CD of the concert

INTRODUCING THE FLEX PASS

Purchase your Flex Pass in August with early seat assignment, before single tickets go on sale in September. Seating is limited to certain sections of the theater.

The JSO is excited to announce our new **Flex Pass for \$89** (A 25% savings off individual tickets). The Flex Pass allows you to choose:

2 Signature Series Concerts + **2** Music on Tap Concerts + **1** of our Special Events

Not currently a season ticket holder but want to enjoy all of the benefits?

New season tickets are available now.

Section A — \$140

Section B — \$120

Section C — \$80

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

ONLINE
jacksonsymphony.org

BY PHONE
517.782.3221

IN PERSON
Visit the JSO box office at
215 W. Michigan Avenue

Monday - Friday
10 AM - 4 PM