Greetings from

Jackson Symphony Orchestra

2023-2024 Concert Season
The Jackson Symphony Orchestra is pleased to present our 74th Classical Concert Series season and the 10th season of our Music on Tap Series. There is no denying the power of live music. The exchange of energy between the audience and performer benefits both and makes life better. We have been hard at work planning this season, and you can expect to see some new faces and old friends this year.

This year’s Classical Concert Series (formerly Signature Series) theme is “Musical Greetings From...” Maestro Aubin has created a program highlighting music from different places, both by well-known composers like Aaron Copland, Felix Mendelssohn, and Maurice Ravel, and composers historically underrepresented like Camille Pépin, Grażyna Bacewicz, and Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel to name just a few.

The first half of the season focuses on American music, and we are pleased to welcome home Jackson natives Marcus Norris and Hannah Holman at the first and second concerts of the year, respectively. In the second half of the season, we highlight talent on the rise, including French violin virtuoso Eva Zavaro, the return to Jackson of Swedish Chamber Orchestra concertmaster Clara Saitkoulov, and the winner of the Gilmore Piano Festival’s Young Artist award.

Our Music on Tap Series celebrates its 10th season and expands to eight concerts. We continue to focus on bringing top-notch talent to Jackson. This season will include Jazz, Blues, the return to Jackson of our friend Heywood Banks and our always-popular Irish Festival (this season headlined by a band from Scotland).

Our Summer Pops Concert continues to be a free event at Blackman Park. In addition, watch for another iteration of our Halloween Children’s Concert at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson in the fall. Finally, we will again partner with Ballet Chelsea to bring you the return of The Nutcracker, a Holiday tradition for so many in our community.

None of this would be possible without you, and we genuinely appreciate your support and patronage. THANK YOU!
Soloists Julian Schwarz and Marika Bournaki return to the JSO for our first of two programs this year featuring American music. Join us as we explore the generations of American music beginning with John Adams’ most recognizable work – *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*. We will also hear the world premiere of a commissioned double concerto by Jackson’s own Marcus Norris. The program completes with Aaron Copland’s epic Third Symphony, harkening to sounds of *Fanfare for the Common Man*.

**Pre-Concert Conversation**
Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening’s featured music.

**Afterparty | Location: Country Club of Jackson**
Join us after the show for a chance to mingle with musicians and guest artists. Tickets are available online for $20 and provide you entry, appetizers, and two drinks.
We continue the American celebration with a celebration of our very own - cellist Hannah Holman joins us to perform Korgold’s Cello Concerto to celebrate the retirement of her father Tom Holman, longtime JSO cellist. We will also hear works by Samuel Barber, Paul Hindemith and Julia Perry. The program will conclude with Aaron Copland’s image-evoking masterpiece Appalachian Spring.

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PROGRAM

SAMUEL BARBER
Medea, op. 23 (Ballet Suite) (1948)

ERICH WOLFGANG KORNGOLD
Cello Concerto in C major, op. 37 (1946)
Hannah Holman, cello

INTERMISSION

JULIA PERRY
Short Piece (1952)

PAUL HINDEMITH
Trauermusik (Music of Mourning) (1936)
Hannah Holman, cello

AARON COPLAND
Appalachian Spring (1943-1944)

TICKETS

Section A — $35
Section B — $30
Section C — $20
Students — $5

See additional information about season tickets on page 24.

Individual tickets on sale August 1st.

GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK CITY

NOVEMBER 11 | 7:30 PM
POTTER CENTER

Hannah Holman
CELLO
Join us at Weatherwax Hall as Swedish Chamber Orchestra concertmaster Clara Saitkoulov joins us to play one of the most famous violin concertos by Felix Mendelssohn. The program will begin with a work by Felix’s sister Fanny—a talented composer in her own right whose work is only now gaining the attention it deserves. The evening will conclude with Mendelssohn’s well known Symphony No. 3–The Scottish Symphony—a nod towards spring and youth.

**Pre-Concert Conversation**
Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening’s featured music.

**Afterparty | Location: TBA**
Join us after the show for a chance to mingle with musicians and guest artists. Tickets are available online for $20 and provide you entry, appetizers, and two drinks.

**PROGRAM**

**FANNY MENDELSSOHN HENSEL**
Overture in C major
(1832)

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN**
Violin Concerto in E minor, op. 64 (1844; rev 1845)
Clara Saitkoulov, violin

**Intermission**

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN**
Symphony No. 3 in A minor, op. 56 “Scottish”
(1829–1842; rev 1843)

**RUNTIME:** 1h 45m

**TICKETS**
Section A — $35
Section B — $30
Section C — $20
Students — $5

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French violin virtuoso Eva Zavaro joins the Jackson Symphony Orchestra to perform Swiss composer Pierre Wissmer's Second Violin Concerto - a piece she poignantly played in Ukraine at the beginning of the war. Works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Camille Pépin, and Ravel will also be featured and the program will end with Borodin's richly textured Symphony No. 2.

Pre-Concert Conversation
Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

Afterparty | Location: Country Club of Jackson
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PROGRAM
NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV
*Mlada: Procession of the Nobles* (1889–1890)
Featuring the Jackson Youth Symphony Orchestra

CAMILLE PÉPIN
*Les eaux celestials*

PIERRE WISSMER
Violin Concerto No. 2
Eva Zavaro, violin

ALEXANDER BORODIN
*Symphony No. 2 in B minor* (1869–1875)

TICKETS
Section A — $35
Section B — $30
Section C — $20
Students — $5

See additional information about season tickets on page 24.

Individual tickets on sale August 1st.
Greetings from Austria

April 27 | 7:30 PM
Potter Center

Come celebrate Anton Bruckner's 200th birthday as we perform one of the most important romantic composers of all time. Bruckner's heroic 4th symphony was premiered 150 years ago and has since become his most famous. Also joining us will be a Gilmore Young Artist winner to perform Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto. The program will open with an overture by composer Grażyna Bacewicz.

Pre-Concert Conversation
Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

Afterparty | Location: Country Club of Jackson
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Program

Grażyna Bacewicz
Overture (1943)

Clara Schumann
Piano Concerto in A minor, op. 7 (1833–1836)

Intermission

Anton Bruckner
Symphony No. 4 (1874)

Run Time: 2h

Tickets

Section A — $35
Section B — $30
Section C — $20
Students — $5

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In the fall of 2023, our Music on Tap Series begins its 10th season! Things have changed quite a bit since our first concert in March of 2014, but our goal remains 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 sponsored by Jim Winter GMC Buick, so make a night of it and come share “World Class Music, So Close to Home!”

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Visit the JSO box office at 215 W. Michigan Avenue
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10 AM – 5 PM

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**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

- **Available August 1**
- Information about season subscription packages can be found on page 24.

Popular Ann Arbor based jazz band, The Pheretones, are coming to Weatherwax Hall! This group of talented musicians has a sound that’s both classic and modern, blending the best of popular music with the timeless elegance of jazz standards. Their ability to improvise and riff off each other is truly something to behold. So grab a drink, settle in, and join us as we kick off our 10th season of Music on Tap!

**For all concerts, doors open at 7pm and show starts at 8pm.**

**BUFFALO NICHOLS**

**NEW BLUES**

**OCTOBER 14**

**WEATHERWAX HALL**

**8 PM**

- **$20 ADVANCE**
- **$25 AT DOOR**

Buffalo Nichols is breathing new life into the genre of blues. Since his earliest infatuations with guitar, he asked himself the same question: How can I bring the blues of the past into the future? After cutting his teeth between a Baptist church and bars in Milwaukee, it was a globetrotting trip that began to reveal the answer. “Part of my intent, making myself more comfortable with this release, is putting more Black stories into the genres of folk and blues,” guitarist, songwriter, and vocalist Carl ‘Buffalo’ Nichols explains. You can see his revival of this influential genre in real time right here in Jackson when he plays at Weatherwax Hall.
Heywood Banks returns to Weatherwax Hall for another comedy night after his 2022 sellout performance! Heywood is a simply one-of-a-kind, almost impossible to describe artist, with a style of his very own. Equal parts genius and buffoon, this songwriter-comic-singer-poet-musician has become a cult hero and a pop icon. His show appeals equally to college students, businessmen, yuppies, punks, kids, or your grandmother. Join us for a night of laughs at Weatherwax Hall!

Harlem Gospel Travelers’ music draws deeply on the gospel tradition of the ‘50s and ‘60s, but there’s a modern edge to their sound. Their music is bold and resilient with explosive and ecstatic performances. Fueled by dazzling vocal arrangements, their sound is punctuated with gritty bursts of guitar and crunchy rhythm breaks. The Harlem Gospel Travelers aren’t just reviving sounds from the past, they’re revitalizing them for the present.

For all concerts, doors open at 7pm and show starts at 8pm.

Nashville Indie darlings, Miki Fiki, bring their unique spin on alt-pop with their upbeat, jazzy, and funk-influenced songs. Powered by keys, drums, and saxophone, the trio brings a playfulness to their heartfelt music. Jazz/funk instrumentals combine with lyric-heavy verses and expansive harmonies to create a sonic landscape as indie as it is pop. One thing is certain, this band will take you on a tour through a dreamy lush landscape.

Our fan-favorite sellout event returns! Join us with Dàimh, all the way from Scotland here to help us celebrate Celtic music. Dàimh, the Gaelic word for Connection, perfectly describes the electrifying musical interplay between this band’s individual members and portrays the interaction with audiences attending their breathtaking live shows around the world. Formed over 20 years ago the group has embodied the current wave of resurgence in Gaelic culture; the current lineup includes younger musicians that have progressed and joined the 3 remaining founding members to continue the cycle of the tradition.
Josh Henderson is returning to Jackson after a successful performance to a packed house last season. If you attended his previous concert, you know it will be worth tuning in again, and if you missed his bluegrass music last year, now is your chance to join the fun! Whether it’s irresistible, fiddle-driven, dancing tunes or honest, heart-wrenching “songwriter” songs, Huber’s music and performances span the spectrum of ‘Roots’ music while preferring not to stay within the boundaries of any strict genre classification.

**SUMMER POPS 2023**

**GREETINGS FROM HOLLYWOOD**

*August 25, 2023*

7:00 PM — Horace Blackman Park

Join the JSO as we travel through the best of the last 100 years of cinema. This concert will dive into the different eras of cinematic thrills, from the suspense of *Jaws* to the triumph of *Rocky* and the drama of *Casablanca*. Grab your popcorn and pull up a seat for this treasure trove of musical classics. This concert is free but you can purchase VIP tickets for $30 which includes a pre-concert reception and special seating.

**Cost:** FREE to the public  ||  **VIP Tickets:** $30
Ballet Chelsea proudly presents its 26th 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. The Ballet Chelsea company artists and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra musicians will come together for the fifth year to present this annual full-length, narrated ballet.

**A CLASSIC HOLIDAY TRADITION FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES**

**December 15–17, 2023**
Potter Center, Jackson

**Runtime:** 1h 45m

Costumes, candy, and more! Your little ghost or goblin will help haunt the Michigan Theatre with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s Halloween Children’s Concert. This exciting program features frightfully fun symphonic music perfect for young eyes and ears. The entire family is invited to dress up in their favorite costume along with our musicians to enjoy “boo-тиful” music! Kids in costume will have the opportunity to join our costume parade around the theatre! This concert is a wonderful chance for you to introduce your children to the wonders of live orchestral music.

Children Free - Reservation Required
Adults (18 and up) - $5

*Tickets available August 1, 2023.*

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**CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN CONCERT**

**October 21, 2023**
3:00 PM — The Michigan Theatre

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**SPRING POPS**

**May 18, 2024 — 7:00 PM**

Our spring pops concerts are a great way to experience the orchestra and create memories with your family. These shows offer something for everyone, from newcomers to seasoned fans. We’ve brought the music of *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars* to life with theatrical performances, visuals, and cosplayers helping to make these truly spectacular events. Join us at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson for an unforgettable night filled with fun, familiar tunes, and maybe even some costumes!

Adults - $15-30 | Students - $10-25

*Tickets available December 1, 2023.*
WEATHERWAX HALL
AT THE JSO

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s newly renovated 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 $125/hour.

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

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

The 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.

CMS Opportunities 2023-2024
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- Kids’ Choir (K-2nd)
- Kids’ Chorale (3rd–middle school)
- Piano Kids (K-2nd)
- String Teams
- Jackson Youth Symphony Orchestra
- Adult Strings Class
- Group Guitar Class

For more information about enrollment, private lessons, and upcoming events, visit us on Facebook, at jacksonmusicschool.org, or call 517.782.3221.
JACKSON SYMPHONY GUILD

The Jackson Symphony Guild functions exclusively for the benefit of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. This dynamic group of volunteers works together to raise funds to support the JSO. In past years, contributions totaled 9% of the JSO’s operating budget.

Funds are raised through membership dues and, most significantly, through the Annual Holiday Ball. In addition to supporting the JSO, the Guild provides community youth and young musicians summer scholarships to attend music camps as well as classes and lessons at the Community Music School.

Guild members are also active volunteers. The Holiday Ball provides the greatest opportunity to volunteer, whether you like to decorate or help run the silent auction. There are many short-term and long-term opportunities to get involved. Volunteers also plan the Annual Meeting—a fun celebration of accomplishments.

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

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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!

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This season there’s more Music on Tap than ever! When you subscribe to the season, you save 20%. Guarantee your seats to all of your favorite shows like our Irish Festival and Comedy Night, and experience new music from around the country. With this subscription you also receive these benefits:

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JACKSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2023–2024 Season Ticket Order Form

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Greetings from New York City – November 11, 2023
Greetings from Scotland – February 9–11, 2024
Greetings from Switzerland – March 23, 2024
Greetings from Austria – April 27, 2024

Music on Tap – Six-Pack Choices

○ Jazz Night with The Pheretones – September 30, 2023
○ New Blues with Buffalo Nichols – October 14, 2023
○ Soulful Saturday with Harlem Gospel Travelers – November 18, 2023
○ Comedy Night with Heywood Banks – January 27, 2024
○ Indie Pop with Miki Fiki – February 17, 2024
○ Irish Festival with Dàimh – March 16, 2024
○ Music in Motion with One More Night (ft. Josh Henderson) – April 20, 2024
○ Bluegrass-ish with Joseph Huber – May 4, 2024

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2023-2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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GREETINGS FROM SCOTLAND | February 9-11, 2024
GREETINGS FROM SWITZERLAND | March 23, 2024
GREETINGS FROM AUSTRIA | April 27, 2024

JAZZ NIGHT | THE PHERETONES | September 30, 2023
NEW BLUES | BUFFALO NICHOLS | October 14, 2023
SOULFUL SATURDAY | HARLEM GOSPEL TRAVELERS
November 18, 2023

COMEDY NIGHT | HEYWOOD BANKS | January 27, 2024
INDIE POP | MIKI FIKI | February 17, 2024
IRISH FESTIVAL | DÀIMH | March 16, 2024

MUSIC IN MOTION | ONE MORE NIGHT FT. JOSH HENDERSON | April 20, 2024
BLUEGRASS-ISH | JOSEPH HUBER | May 4, 2024

SUMMER POPS: GREETINGS FROM HOLLYWOOD
August 25, 2023

CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN CONCERT | October 21, 2023
THE NUTCRACKER | December 15-17, 2023
SPRING POPS | May 18, 2024 | Details TBA

More event details available at jacksonsymphony.org
The Jackson Symphony Orchestra has a rich and vibrant history bringing world-class music to its community since 1949. The JSO has performed with many legendary figures including Pascal Rogé, Inon Barnatan, Vanessa Perez, Dizzy Gillespie, Grant Johannesen, Ed Asner, William Warfield, and Ralph Votapek. The orchestra has also toured with Mannheim Steamroller, Ann Murray, and the Manhattan Transfer. Since assuming the Music Director position in 2017, Matthew Aubin has catapulted the JSO to higher levels of artistic excellence. He has launched several innovative initiatives including partnerships with the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Ballet Chelsea. In recent years, the JSO has also significantly expanded its community programming including educational programs for children, family programming, and a non-classical series titled ‘Music-on-Tap’ featuring touring musicians from many varied genres. The orchestra has premiered works by such distinguished composers as Jeff Beal, Jeremy Crosmer, Marcus Norris, Lowell Liebermann, and its own composer-in-residence, J. Bruce Brown. Operas including Tosca, La Boheme, Merry Wives of Windsor, and Die Fledermaus have been presented in fully staged productions and eight different collaborations with the Indianapolis Ballet and Grand Rapids Ballet have resulted in magical productions of Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker. The JSO’s administrative offices, Community Music School, and 300-person recital hall are located in downtown Jackson and were renovated in 2019.
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