





# WELCOME To the 2017/18 season

Escape! The Jackson Symphony Orchestra's 68th season welcomes you to turn off your cell phone, unplug and escape into the sounds of a diverse array of composers. In my debut season as Music Director of the JSO you will hear the familiar sounds of Beethoven, Mozart and Dvořák alongside recent works by living composers like Philip Glass, Lowell Liebermann, Fazil Say and our own, Jonathan Bruce Brown. Each Signature Series program pairs virtuosic soloists from around the world with some of the most recognizable works by the great composers. As the sun warms your faces, the sounds of John Williams will warm your soul in our Summer Pops concert at the Riverwalk Amphitheatre. Winter introduces an exciting collaboration with Ballet Chelsea to bring you the seasonal family favorite, The Nutcracker. We will also be offering a free event (Music on Tap's Summer Solstice), newly designed educational concerts and outreach performances in hospitals. Finally, be sure to check out our new Music on Tap series (formally the Affinity series). Enjoy all that Downtown Jackson has to offer with some live music and drinks.



**STEPHEN OSMOND** Conductor Laureate

2017/18 Principal Partner



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# **1001 NIGHTS** SEPT 23.2017

#### 7:30 PM - Potter Center

The JSO kicks off its 68th season with music inspired by the ancient folk tales from *One Thousand and One Nights*. Leonard Bernstein's Overture to *Candide* leads off followed by Turkish composer Fazil Say's 2007 Violin Concerto subtitled *1001 Nights in the Harem*. The work showcases **Jason Mellow**, a New York City violinist who frequently performs on Broadway. The evening concludes with Rimsky-Korsakov's most famous work, *Scheherazade*.



Guest soloist Jason Mellow

# PROGRAM

Leonard Bernstein Fazil Say Overture to Candide

Violin Concerto "1001 Nights in the Harem" Michigan Premiere Jason Mellow, violin

#### INTERMISSION

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Scheherazade, op. 35



Featuring The Jackson Chorale Wendy Treacher Music Director

> Guest soloists Emily Douglass Isaac Frishman Johnathan Riesen

Guest composer Anthony lannaccone

#### 7:30 PM - Potter Center

The JSO celebrates creativity by featuring music and visual artists of all ages. The focus of this year's presentation will be the music of Italy. The first half features a diverse selection of concert music written or inspired by Italian composers while the second half is a celebration of Italian opera's greatest hits! Featured artists include Michigan composer **Anthony lannaccone**, tenor **Johnathan Riesen**, tenor **Isaac Frishman**, soprano **Emily Douglass**, as well as **The Jackson Chorale**, and student artists from Jackson County.

## PROGRAM

| Ferruccio Busoni  | Lustspiel Overture, op. 38, BV. 245   |
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| Anthony lannacone | Divertimento  |
| Ottorino Respighi | Fountains of Rome   |
| INTERMISSION      |   |
| Gioachino Rossini | Overture to La Gazza ladra  |
| Gaetano Donizetti | <b>"Ah mes amis!" from La fille du regiment</b><br>Isaac Frishman, tenor                |
| Giacomo Puccini   | "O mio babino caro" from Gianni Schicci<br>Emily Douglass, soprano                      |
| Giuseppe Verdi    | "Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore  |
| Giacomo Puccini   | <b>"Nessun Dorma" from Turandot</b><br>Johnathan Riesen, tenor                          |
| Giuseppe Verdi    | <b>"Brindisi" from La Traviata</b><br>Emily Douglass, soprano & Johnathan Riesen, tenor |







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#### 7:30 PM - Potter Center

Treat your valentine to an evening of American music culminating in George Gershwin's *An American in Paris.* Instead of the 3 B's—Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, we have the 3 G's—Gershwin, Glass, Gould. As familiar as Gershwin's music is, you will be surprised by two works that are equally entertaining and, at times, treat the orchestra like a jazz band. The **Transcontinental Saxophone Quartet** joins the JSO for this celebration of American music.

## PROGRAM

| Morton Gould                     | American Symphoniette No. 2  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Philip Glass                     | <b>Concerto for Saxophone Quartet</b><br>Transcontinental Saxophone Quartet<br>(Russell Peterson, soprano; Marco Albonetti, alto;<br>Carrie Koffman, tenor; Yiannis Miralis, baritone) |
| INTERMISSION                     |  |
| George Gershwin<br>arr. Don Rose | Girl Crazy Overture  |
| George Gershwin                  | An American in Paris   |
|                                  |  |
| RUNTIME: 1H 45M                  |  |

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# BACH, MOZART & BEETHOVEN MAR.23-25.2018

#### 7:30 PM - Weatherwax Hall

What better way to get ready for spring than joining the JSO for 3 light-hearted works by the Greats? Virtuosic, Venezuelan-American pianist **Vanessa Perez** joins the JSO on Mozart's 23rd Piano Concerto. Members of the JSO's string section open the program with Bach's uplifting 3rd Brandenburg Concerto. Beethoven's jubilant 8th symphony closes the program.



Guest soloist Vanessa Perez

## PROGRAM

| Johann Sebastian Bach   | Brandenburg Concerto No. 3,<br>BWV 1048, G major                 |
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| Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | Piano Concerto No. 23 in A major, K. 488<br>Vanessa Perez, piano |
| INTERMISSION            |  |
| Ludwig van Beethoven    | Symphony No. 8 in F major, op. 93                                |



# AMERICAN VOICES MAY.12.2018

#### 7:30 PM - Potter Center

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra presents two premieres. We open with a world premiere by Jonathan Bruce Brown, the JSO's Composer-in-Residence, called *Skyward!* The work is a fanfare for orchestra commemorating the inaugural season of Matthew Aubin's tenure as Music Director of the JSO. Cellist **Julian Schwarz** joins the JSO to present the Michigan premiere of Lowell Liebermann's 2017 Cello Concerto. Featuring African-American spirituals, Dvořák's *New World* Symphony concludes the concert and our season.



Guest soloist Julian Schwarz

# PROGRAM

| Jonathan Bruce Brown | Skyward! – World Premiere  |
|----------------------|--|
| Lowell Liebermann    | Cello Concerto — Michigan Premiere<br>co-commissioned by the Jackson Symphony Orchestra<br>Julian Schwarz, cello |
| INTERMISSION         |  |
| Antonín Dvořák       | Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, op. 95, B. 178<br>"From the New World"  |
| RUNTIME: 1H 45M      | *  |



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#### 7:30 PM - Riverwalk Amphitheatre

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra presents *Movies and Marches*. Maestro Matthew Aubin has selected four of John Williams's famous, out-of this-world scores including E.T., Superman, Star Wars and Harry Potter! Complimenting these epic fantasy film suites will be marches including the Armed Forces Services Songs, some familiar college fight songs and *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

# PROGRAM

John Williams John Williams Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky INTERMISSION Bob Lowden John Williams John Williams Lankey/Sayles Elbel/Luck John Philip Sousa Superman March E.T. Theme: Adventures On Earth Marche Slave, op. 31 Armed Forces Salute Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter Selections from Star Wars MSU Fight Song Victors March

The Stars and Stripes Forever



SPECIAL EVENTS | 2017-18

# THE NUTCRACKER DEC.2017

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

December 8, 2017 7:00 PM — Potter Center, Jackson

December 9, 2017 7:00 PM — Chelsea High School, Chelsea

December 10, 2017 2:00 PM — Chelsea High School, Chelsea

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra is pleased to join forces with **Ballet Chelsea** to present its 20th annual performance of *The Nutcracker* on December 8-10, 2017. This annual production is a full-length, narrated ballet, choreographed by Ballet Chelsea Artistic Director **Wendi DuBois** and will feature a live symphony orchestra for the first time! Audiences young and old from all over southern Michigan return year after year for this family holiday favorite. From Christmas Eve festivities at the Stahlbaum's, complete with godfather Drosselmeier and his charming mechanical dolls, to a fierce midnight battle, and on to the enchanted Kingdom of Sweets, Ballet Chelsea's dancers captivate audiences with their energy and artistry.





Wendi DuBois Artistic Director Ballet Chelsea

RUNTIME: 2H

MUSIC ON TAP | 2017-18

(formerly the Affinity Series)

In 2014, the JSO introduced its Affinity Series. Three years and thousands of attendees later, the Affinity Series is becoming **Music on Tap**. Even with the new name, 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, so make a night of it and come share "World Class Music, So Close to Home"!

# MUSIC ON TAP SEASON TICKETS:

10 tickets to 10 Music on Tap Concerts - **\$125** 

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#### **BY PHONE**

517.782.3221 Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### IN PERSON

Visit the JSO box office at 215 W. Michigan Avenue Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



#### AMAZING RACE AFTER PARTY – AUG.12.17 AND MUSIC ON TAP KICK OFF

MoT kicks off its inaugural season, partnering with the Amazing Race to bring you Nashville Rockers Bruns, live at Blackman Park!

# BOURBON AND BLUEGRASS - SEPT.9.17

Nothing pairs better than bourbon barrel aged beer and bluegrass music! A true Southern experience.

# **OKTOBERFEST** - OCT.14.17

Join MoT for its very own fall festival. The very best music and brew for the season.

# **SOUL/FUNK** - NOV.4.17

Michigan natives The Mainstays funk up The Wax. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

# HOT JAZZ ON A COLD NIGHT - JAN.20.18

Baby, it's cold outside but it's hot in here! Enjoy an evening of local jazz legends and winter beverages to warm your soul.

# UNVALENTINES - FEB.17.18

Songs & Tales of Unforgiveness, Heartbreak, Dysfunction and Revenge. This show sells out across the state and we're thrilled to be bringing it to Jackson!

# IRISH FESTIVAL - MAR.16.18

Tip a pint o' Guinness and enjoy authentic Irish tunes for our annual Irish Fest!

# AMERICAN ROOTS - APR.14.18

Brian Dunne returns to The Wax. Enjoy the classic pairing of American Roots music and classic American beer.

# **ORCHESTRAL POP** - MAY.19.18

Music on Tap's ode to the best of all genres. An experience for all of your senses.

# SUMMER SOLSTICE - JUN.23.18

Our annual party under the summer sky is here again! Come celebrate long days, great music, cold drinks, and old friends!

Schedule is subject to change without notice.





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



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

# WEATHERWAX HAL ATTHEJSO

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**.

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WEATHERWAX HALL | 2017-18

# 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 rewards 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* 

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Valet parking, season preview luncheon-join us for a special event launching the concert season, complimentary concert CD upon request *plus all below* 

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A JSO tote bag, plus all below

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Copy of Maestro Osmond's 40th Anniversary Commemorative book *plus below* 

## \$100 PATRON

Listing in our programs



# **SEASON TICKETS 5 TICKETS** 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. In addition, you'll 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.

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Section A - \$132 Section B - \$112 Section C - \$72

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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:





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