

**THE
CLEVELAND
ORCHESTRA**
FRANZ WELSER-MÖST, MUSIC DIRECTOR

NEWS

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Individual tickets for The Cleveland Orchestra's 2023–24 season on sale Monday



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CLEVELAND – It's time for another exciting season of Cleveland Orchestra concerts at Severance Music Center! The 2023–24 schedule features performances from classical music's biggest stars and includes 14 guest artists debuting with the Orchestra.

Individual tickets for The Cleveland Orchestra's 2023–24 season at Severance Music Center go on sale on August 7 at 10 a.m. Cleveland Orchestra subscriptions are already on sale.

Music Director Franz Welser-Möst begins the season on September 28 and October 1 leading Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1 with Daniil Trifonov, a local favorite and one of the world's leading classical pianists. Charismatic baritone Simon Keenlyside is featured in a selection of songs from Mahler's *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* and *Lieder und Gesänge aus der Jugendzeit*. Barbara Hannigan, previously a soprano soloist with The Cleveland Orchestra, will make her Severance Music Center conducting debut in November. Later in the season, classical virtuoso Isata Kanneh-Mason will make her Cleveland Orchestra debut with Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto in February. In the spring, famed pianist Lang Lang makes a much-anticipated return to Cleveland with Saint-Saëns's Piano Concerto No. 2 and The Cleveland Orchestra welcomes back acclaimed pianist Yuja Wang for Ravel and Stravinsky.

The Severance in Recital series continues with four concerts by incredible artists: pianist Marc-André Hamelin (November 19); violinist Leonidas Kavakos, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and pianist Emanuel Ax (February 1); Yefim Bronfman (March 10); and pianist Evgeny Kissin and baritone Matthias Goerne (April 14).

The 2023–24 season culminates with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Opera & Humanities Festival. The centerpiece is a made-for-Cleveland staged production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, considered one

of the greatest operas ever written. Intricate, brightly colored puppets bring Tamino, Pamina, and Papageno to life in this spectacular story of good and evil. It's directed by Nikolaus Habjan, one of the most sought-after musical theater directors of his generation.

"As I look forward to my 22nd season in Cleveland, I continue to be in awe of how much music there is to explore and know in new and deeper ways," said Music Director Franz Welser-Möst.

"One of our ambitions is to present great music with great care, to give the listener as much insight as possible so people have the opportunity for discovery of new or lesser-known works. From our examination of Prokofiev's symphonies to world premiere commissions by Johannes Maria Staud and Jüri Reinvere; unique pairings of Křenek, Mahler, Bartók, Webern, and Prokofiev; to Mozart's chamber, symphonic, and operatic music, The Cleveland Orchestra is continually striving to create rich and rewarding programs that bring the transformative power of music to as many people as possible."

Ticket information and program details are included below. For a selection of 2023–24 images, please see this [link](#). For the 2023-24 trailer, [click here](#).

More Season Highlights

Guest Artist Cleveland Orchestra Debuts (listed in order of appearance)

Fourteen artists are making their Cleveland Orchestra debuts: conductors Pietari Inkinen, Dalia Stasevska, and Lahav Shani; percussionist Christoph Sietzen; soprano Aphrodite Patoulidou; countertenor Tim Mead; cellist Jean-Guihen Queyras; pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason; organist James McVinnie; saxophonist Timothy McAllister; cellist Sol Gabetta; pianist Beatrice Rana; and director Nikolaus Habjan will be making his Cleveland Orchestra directing debut with Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Guest Conductors

Acclaimed guest conductors, who frequently work with the world's finest orchestras, opera companies and music festivals, will lead the Orchestra during the 2023-24 season. They are, in order of appearance, Richard Kaufman, Barbara Hannigan, Pietari Inkinen, Daniel Harding, Semyon Bychkov, Herbert Blomstedt, George Benjamin, Philippe Herreweghe, Susanna Mälkki, Fabio Luisi, Dalia Stasevska, John Adams, Klaus Mäkelä, and Lahav Shani.

Ticket Information for 2023–24

Tickets to individual performances are on sale Monday, August 7, 2023, at 10 a.m. Buy your tickets by going to clevelandorchestra.com, calling Ticket Services at 216-231-1111, or visiting the box office at Severance Music Center, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Subscriptions for the 2023–24 Severance Classical Season are on sale now and start at only \$96 for a three-concert package. Subscribers receive seating priority, ticket exchange privileges, and other benefits, including savings of up to 35% off individual ticket prices.

Cleveland Orchestra Memberships can be purchased at any time during the year. Memberships are designed to offer ultimate flexibility and value for patrons who want to experience more Cleveland Orchestra concerts year-round at both Severance Music Center and the Blossom Music Festival. In exchange for a monthly membership fee of \$29 (billed automatically), members can reserve a single ticket for \$10 to any concert at any time. For more information about the Members Club, please visit clevelandorchestra.com/tickets/memberships/.

Under 18s Free, which is the cornerstone program of The Cleveland Orchestra's Center for Future Audiences, continues during the 2023–24 season to foster young audiences by making attendance at orchestra concerts affordable for families, offering free tickets to young people ages 17 and under for select concerts. More than 200,000 children will have attended Cleveland Orchestra and Blossom Music Festival concerts for free through the Under 18s Free program. For more information, please visit clevelandorchestra.com/tickets/under-18s-free-for-families/

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The Cleveland Orchestra 2023–24 Severance Season Calendar (as of August 1, 2023)

Unless otherwise noted, performances take place at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Concert Hall at Severance Music Center

Amadeus Live

Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 2 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Richard Kaufman, *conductor*

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus

Amadeus (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Trifonov Plays Brahms

Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Daniil Trifonov, *piano*

BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 1

PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 6

Tchaikovsky's Second Symphony

Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Christoph Sietzen, *percussion* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

MOZART Symphony No. 29

STAUD *Whereas the reality trembles* (World Premiere; Cleveland Orchestra co-commission)

TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 2, "Ukrainian"

Mahler's Song of the Night

Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Simon Keenlyside, *baritone*

MAHLER Selected Songs

MAHLER Symphony No. 7

Renée Fleming & Friends: Music from Beethoven to Previn

Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Renée Fleming, *soprano*

Merle Dandridge, *narrator*

Emerson String Quartet

Simone Dinnerstein, *piano*

GLASS Etude No. 6

BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 14
PREVIN *Penelope*

Hannigan Conducts Strauss

Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 10, 2023, at 11 a.m.*

Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Barbara Hannigan, *conductor* (Severance Music Center Conducting Debut)

Aphrodite Patoulidou, *soprano** (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

HAYDN Symphony No. 44, "Trauersinfonie"

VIVIER *Lonely Child* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)*

LIGETI *Lontano**

R. STRAUSS *Death and Transfiguration*

**Not performed on Friday's matinee concert.*

Severance in Recital

Marc-André Hamelin: Schumann and Ravel

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 3 p.m.

Severance Music Center, Reinberger Chamber Hall

Marc-André Hamelin, *piano*

IVES Piano Sonata No. 2

R. SCHUMANN *Forest Scenes*

RAVEL *Gaspard de la nuit*

Marc-André Hamelin's performance is generously sponsored by Dr. Michael Frank and Patricia A.* Snyder.

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto

Friday, November 24, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Pietari Inkinen, *conductor* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Augustin Hadelich, *violin*

DVOŘÁK *Othello* Overture

TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto

DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 8

Mahler's Fourth Symphony

Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Daniel Harding, *conductor*

Lauren Snouffer, *soprano*

JOLAS *Ces belles années...* (United States Premiere, Cleveland Orchestra co-commission)

MAHLER Symphony No. 4

Cleveland Orchestra Holiday Concerts
Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Brett Mitchell, *conductor*
Capathia Jenkins, *vocals*
Cleveland Orchestra Choruses

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Elf in Concert

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Brett Mitchell, *conductor*

Elf (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet

Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Semyon Bychkov, *conductor*
Katia Labèque, *piano*
Marielle Labèque, *piano*

ANDERSON Symphony No. 2, "Prague Panoramas" (United States Premiere, Cleveland Orchestra co-commission)
MARTINŮ Concerto for Two Pianos (Cleveland Orchestra premiere)
TCHAIKOVSKY *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy Overture

Cyrus Chestnut & Friends: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Friday, December 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Cyrus Chestnut, *piano*

GUARALDI *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

The Miraculous Mandarin

Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

KŘENEK *Kleine Symphonie* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

MAHLER Adagio from Symphony No. 10 (ed. Ratz)

BARTÓK String Quartet No. 3 (string orchestra arrangement) (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

BARTÓK Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*

Modern Classicist: Welser-Möst Conducts Prokofiev 5 and 2

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.++

Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 2

WEBERN Symphony

PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 5

++ on Saturday subscription series

Severance in Recital

Beethoven for Three: Leonidas Kavakos, Yo-Yo Ma, and Emanuel Ax

Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Severance Music Center, Mandel Concert Hall

Leonidas Kavakos, *violin*

Yo-Yo Ma, *cello*

Emanuel Ax, *piano*

BEETHOVEN Piano Trio, Op. 70, No. 1, "Ghost"

BEETHOVEN/WOSNER Symphony No. 1

BEETHOVEN Piano Trio, Op. 70, No. 2

Beethoven's Fateful Fifth

Friday, February 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Herbert Blomstedt, *conductor*

SCHUBERT Symphony No. 6

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5

Ravel's Mother Goose

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

George Benjamin, *conductor*

Tim Mead, *countertenor* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Women of The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus

AMMANN *glut* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)
BENJAMIN *Dream of the Song* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)
KNUSSEN *The Way to Castle Yonder*
RAVEL *Mother Goose* (complete ballet)

The Princess Bride

Friday, February 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Sarah Hicks, *conductor*

The Princess Bride (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Beethoven's Pastoral

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Philippe Herreweghe, *conductor*
Jean-Guihen Queyras, *cello* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

BEETHOVEN *Egmont* Overture
HAYDN Cello Concerto No. 1
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral"

Kanneh-Mason Plays Schumann

Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 2024, at 11 a.m.*

Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Susanna Mälkki, *conductor*
Isata Kanneh-Mason, *piano* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

J.S. BACH/WEBERN *Ricercare* from *Musical Offering**
C. SCHUMANN Piano Concerto
HINDEMITH *Mathis der Maler* Symphony

**Not performed on Friday's matinee concert*

Brahms's Fourth Symphony

Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra
Fabio Luisi, *conductor*
Mary Kay Fink, *piccolo*

WEBER *Oberon* Overture
ZEHAVI *Aurora* (World Premiere, Cleveland Orchestra Commission)
BRAHMS Symphony No. 4

Severance in Recital

Yefim Bronfman: Chopin and Schubert

Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 3 p.m

Yefim Bronfman, *piano*

SCHUBERT Piano Sonata No. 14

R. SCHUMANN *Carnival Scenes from Vienna*

SALONEN *Sisar*

CHOPIN Piano Sonata No. 3

Yefim Bronfman's performance is generously sponsored by Dr. Michael Frank and Patricia A.* Snyder.

Levit Plays Mozart

Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Igor Levit, *piano*

MOZART Piano Concerto No. 27

BRUCKNER Symphony No. 4, "Romantic"

Sibelius's Second Symphony

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Dalia Stasevska, *conductor* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Josefina Maldonado, *mezzo-soprano*

RAUTAVAARA *Cantus Arcticus* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

PERRY *Stabat Mater* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 2

City Noir

Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

John Adams, *conductor*

James McVinnie, *organ* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Timothy McAllister, *saxophone* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

SMITH *Breathing Forests* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

DEBUSSY *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*

ADAMS *City Noir* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

Elgar's Cello Concerto

Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12, 2024, at 11 a.m.*

Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Klaus Mäkelä, *conductor*

Thomas Hampson, *baritone**

Sol Gabetta, *cello* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus*

LÓPEZ *Perú negro* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

ELGAR Cello Concerto

WALTON *Belshazzar's Feast**

**Not performed on Friday's matinee concert.*

Severance in Recital

Evgeny Kissin and Matthias Goerne: Schumann and Brahms

Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 3 p.m.

Severance Music Center, Mandel Concert Hall

Evgeny Kissin, *piano*

Matthias Goerne, *baritone* (Severance Music Center Debut)

R. SCHUMANN *Dichterliebe*

BRAHMS Four Ballades, Op. 10

BRAHMS Songs after poems by Heinrich Heine

BRAHMS *Lieder und Gesänge*

Yuja Wang Plays Ravel and Stravinsky

Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19, 2024, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Klaus Mäkelä, *conductor*

Yuja Wang, *piano*

RAVEL Concerto for the Left Hand

STRAVINSKY Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments

STRAVINSKY *The Rite of Spring*

Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto

Friday, April 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Lahav Shani, *conductor* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Beatrice Rana, *piano* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

CHIN *subito con forza* (Cleveland Orchestra Premiere)

RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 2

BARTÓK Concerto for Orchestra

Lang Lang Plays Saint-Saëns

Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Lang Lang, *piano*

SAINT-SAËNS Piano Concerto No. 2

BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*

Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique

Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11 a.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*

Mozart's Magic Flute

Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 24, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Nikolaus Habjan, *director* (Cleveland Orchestra Debut)

Julian Prégardien, *tenor* (Tamino)

Ludwig Mittelhammer, *baritone* (Papageno)

Christina Landshamer, *soprano* (Pamina)

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus

MOZART *The Magic Flute*

Staged production sung in German with projected supertitles.

Additional cast to be announced.

Performed as part of the 2024 Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Opera & Humanities Festival

Mozart's Gran Partita

Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25, 2024, at 8 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Franz Welser-Möst, *conductor*

Leila Josefowicz, *violin*

Trina Struble, *harp*

WAGNER Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*

REINVERE Concerto for Violin and Harp (World Premiere, Cleveland Orchestra Commission)

MOZART Serenade No. 10, "Gran Partita"

All programs and artists are subject to change.

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