### Boston Symphony Orchestra 2017-18 Season Program Listing (All programs and artists are subject to change.)

\*denotes BSO debut

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Friday, September 22, 6 p.m.

Opening Night

Leonard Bernstein Centennial Season Celebration

Andris Nelsons, conductor

Elizabeth Rowe, flute

Julia Bullock, soprano\*

Frederica von Stade, mezzo-soprano and host

ALL-BERNSTEIN PROGRAM

Divertimento for Orchestra

Divertimento for Orchestra

Halil, for flute and orchestra

Vocal selections

Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Saturday, September 23 Tuesday, September 26 **Andris Nelsons, conductor** HAYDN Symphony No. 103, *Drumroll* MAHLER Symphony No. 1

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Thursday, September 28
Friday, September 29, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 30
Tuesday, October 3
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Paul Lewis, piano
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 11, The Year 1905

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Thursday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. (Open Rehearsal)
Thursday, October 5
Friday, October 6, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 7
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Gil Shaham, violin
Arlene SIERRA *Moler*TCHAIKOVSKY Violin Concerto
RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2

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Thursday, October 12
Friday, October 13, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 14
Gustavo Gimeno, conductor\*\*
Hilary Hahn, violin
LIGETI Concert Românesc
DVOŘÁK Violin Concerto
SCHUMANN Symphony No. 1, Spring

Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20
Saturday, October 21
Tuesday, October 24
Ken-David Masur, conductor
Camilla Tilling, soprano
Tanglewood Festival Chorus,
James Burton, conductor
Actors
Bill Barclay, stage director
Cristina Todesco, set designer
Kathleen Doyle, costume designer
BEETHOVEN Incidental music to Egmont
(October 19, 21, 24)
GRIEG Incidental music to Peer Gynt

Thursday, October 26
Friday, October 27, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 28
Charles Dutoit, conductor
Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano (Marguerite)
Paul Groves, tenor (Faust)
David Kravitz, baritone (Brander)
John Relyea, bass-baritone (Mephistopheles)
Tanglewood Festival Chorus,
James Burton, conductor
Children's Chorus
BERLIOZ The Damnation of Faust

Sung in French with English supertitles

Thursday, November 16
Friday, November 17, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 18
Christoph von Dohnányi, conductor
Martin Helmchen, piano
J.S. BACH (arr. WEBERN) Ricercar from
The Musical Offering

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3 BARTÓK *Two Portraits*, Op. 5 JANÁČEK Sinfonietta

Tuesday, November 21
Friday, November 24, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 25
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Rudolf Buchbinder, piano
BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 1
BRUCKNER Symphony No. 4, Romantic

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Thursday, November 30, 10:30 a.m. (Open Rehearsal)
Thursday, November 30
Friday, December 1, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 2
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Leonidas Kavakos, violin
Derek BERMEL *Elixir*PROKOFIEV Violin Concerto No. 2
STRAUSS *An Alpine Symphony* 

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Thursday, January 4
Friday, January 5
Saturday, January 6
Tuesday, January 9
François-Xavier Roth, conductor

Benjamin Grosvenor, piano\*
MÉHUL Overture to *The Amazons, or The Founding of Thebes* (January 4, 6, 9)
MOZART Piano Concerto No. 21 in C, K.467
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5

Thursday, January 11
Friday, January 12, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 13
François-Xavier Roth, conductor
Pierre-Laurent Aimard, piano
WEBERN Passacaglia, Op. 1
BARTÓK Piano Concerto No. 1
STRAVINSKY *The Firebird* (complete)

Thursday, January 18
Friday, January 19, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 20
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano
Women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus,
James Burton, conductor
Children's Chorus

MAHLER Symphony No. 3

Thursday, January 25
Friday, January 26, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 27
Thomas Adès, conductor
Augustin Hadelich, violin
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 8
LIGETI Violin Concerto
Thomas ADÈS Suite from Powder Her Face

STRAVINSKY Divertimento from *The Fairy's Kiss* 

Thursday, February 1
Friday, February 2
Saturday, February 3
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Kristine Opolais, soprano
Bryn Terfel, bass-baritone
MOZART Serenade No. 10 in B-flat for winds, K.361,
Gran Partita
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 14
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<sup>†</sup>Sung in Russian with English supertitles

Thursday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. (Open Rehearsal)

Thursday, February 8 Friday, February 9 Saturday, February 10 Andris Nelsons, conductor

Thomas Adès, piano\*\* (debut as soloist)

Kirill Gerstein, piano Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano Tanglewood Festival Chorus, James Burton, conductor

J.S. BACH Concerto in D minor for three pianos, BWV 1063 SCHUMANN *Nachtlied* and *Neujahrslied*, for chorus and orchestra (February 8, 10)

Sean SHEPHERD New work (world premiere; BSO co-commission) MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 3, Scottish

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Thursday, February 15
Friday, February 16, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 17
Charles Dutoit, conductor
Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
Tanglewood Festival Chorus,
James Burton, conductor

DEBUSSY (orch. RAVEL) Sarabande et Danse RAVEL Piano Concerto for the left hand RAVEL Daphnis et Chloé (complete)

Thursday, February 22 Friday, February 23, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 24 Tuesday, February 27

Herbert Blomstedt, conductor ALL-MOZART PROGRAM Symphony No. 34 Symphony No. 36, *Linz* Symphony No. 41, *Jupiter* 

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Thursday, March 1 Friday, March 2, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3 Alan Gilbert, conductor Leila Josefowicz, violin SIBELIUS *En saga* DEBUSSY *Jeux* 

John ADAMS Scheherazade.2, for violin and orchestra

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Thursday, March 15
Friday, March 16
Saturday, March 17
Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor
Narrator
Tanglewood Festival Chorus,
James Burton, conductor
American Boychoir,
Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, artistic director
TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 6, Pathétique
BERNSTEIN Symphony No. 3, Kaddish

Thursday, March 22

Friday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 24
Tuesday, March 27
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
BERNSTEIN Symphony No. 2, *The Age of Anxiety*SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 4

Thursday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. (Open Rehearsal)
Thursday, March 29
Friday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Tuesday, April 3
Andris Nelsons, conductor
Yo-Yo Ma, cello
Steven Ansell, viola
MOZART Symphony No. 23
Jörg WIDMANN New work
(American premiere; BSO co-commission)

STRAUSS Don Quixote

Thursday, April 5 Saturday, April 7

Andris Nelsons, conductor Camilla Nylund, soprano\* (Isolde) Jonas Kaufmann, tenor (Tristan)

Mihoko Fujimura, mezzo-soprano\* (Brangäne)

Georg Zeppenfeld, bass\* (Marke)
Andrew Rees, tenor\* (Melot)
David Kravitz, baritone (Kurwenal)

ALL-WAGNER PROGRAM Siegfried Idyll Tristan und Isolde, Act II <sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Sung in German with English supertitles

Friday, April 6

Andris Nelsons, conductor
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 4

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Thursday, April 19
Friday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
Tuesday, April 24 **Tugan Sokhiev, conductor\* Jan Lisiecki, piano\***BRITTEN *Simple Symphony*CHOPIN Piano Concerto No. 1
MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 4, *Italian* 

Thursday, April 26 Friday, April 27, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Tugan Sokhiev, conductor Vadim Gluzman, violin\*\*

BRAHMS Violin Concerto PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 5

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Tuesday, May 1 Thursday, May 3 Saturday, May 5 Bernard Haitink, conductor Emanuel Ax, piano BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 2 DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 7

Friday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

Moritz Gnann, conductor

John Ferrillo, oboe

GABRIELI Canzonas for brass

MARCELLO Concerto in D minor for oboe and strings

ROSSINI (arr. SEDLAK) Excerpts from *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, for wind ensemble

MOZART Symphony No. 40

### **Special "Leipzig Week in Boston" Chamber Performance**

Sunday, February 11, 3 p.m.

Symphony Hall

Boston Symphony Chamber Players

Gewandhaus-Quartett

Program to include

MENDELSSOHN Octet in E-flat for strings, Op. 20

#### **Boston Symphony Chamber Players 2017-18 season programs**

New England Conservatory of Music's Jordan Hall 30 Gainsborough St., Boston

Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m.

Lowell LIEBERMAN *Night Music*, Op. 109, for flute, clarinet, and piano
Kevin PUTS *Seven Seascapes*, for flute, horn, viola, cello, bass, and piano
André PREVIN Trio for oboe, bassoon, and piano
MOZART String Quintet in G minor, K.516

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Sunday, January 21, 3 p.m. with Thomas Adès, piano

BEETHOVEN Quintet in E-flat for piano and winds, Op. 16 SCHUBERT *Notturno* in E-flat for piano, violin, and cello, D.897 LIGETI Six Bagatelles, for wind quintet JANÁČEK Concertino for piano, two violins, viola, clarinet, horn, and bassoon

Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m. with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano

SAINT-SAËNS Caprice on Danish and Russian Airs, Op. 79, for flute, oboe, clarinet, and piano
BERWALD Grand Septet in B-flat, for winds and strings
DVOŘÁK Quintet in A for piano and strings, Op. 81

Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m.

BRUCH Selection from Eight Pieces for clarinet, viola, and piano, Op. 83

BOULANGER Nocturne and Cortège, for cello and piano Elena LANGER New work for winds and strings (world premiere; BSO commission)

MOZART String Quintet in C, K.515

#### 2017-18 BSO Family Concert Series

Saturday, November 4, 12 noon Boston Youth Symphony PROKOFIEV *Peter and the Wolf* 

Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. & 12 noon
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Thomas Wilkins, BSO Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor
"Learning By Heart: A Journey of Exploration and Engagement"

Saturday, April 14, 12 noon Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras Marta Żurad, conductor Matt Roberts, magician "Step in Time"