



OCTOBER 7-9, 2023 Kern Plays Grieg

Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor Olga Kern, piano

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY: Polonaise from Eugene Onegin MICHAEL DJUPSTROM: From the Northern Wilds EDVARD GRIEG: Concerto in A minor for Piano and Orchestra JEAN SIBELIUS: Symphony No. 2 in D major

Be swept away in the fiords of the romantic era, in this stunning season opener. Pianist Olga Kern gifts us with her vivid stage presence and extraordinary musicianship in Grieg's renowned Piano Concerto.

NOVEMBER 4-6, 2023 Mahler's *Titan*

Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor
Third Coast Percussion, percussion ensemble
Clarice Assad, composer

GIOVANNI GABRIELI: Two Canzoni for Brass CLARICE ASSAD: PLAY! (World Premiere) GUSTAV MAHLER: Symphony No. 1 in D major, *Titan*

Grammy-winning sensation, Third Coast Percussion, joins acclaimed composer Clarice Assad for the world premiere of her new percussion concerto, PLAY! Mahler's symphonic poem takes you on a unique artistic journey painting an extraordinary musical self-portrait.



DECEMBER 2-4, 2023

FLC Conducts Messiah!

Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor and harpsichord Christina Pier, soprano Abigail Nims, alto Daniel Weeks, tenor Michael Dean, bass SSU Symphonic Chorus, Jenny Bent, director

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL: Messiah [oratorio] for Solo Voices, Orchestra and Chorus

Handel's *Messiah* is an uplifting and joyful musical rite of the holiday season, capped off with the wondrous 'Hallelujah' chorus. Francesco brings his dramatic, acclaimed interpretation—directing the soloists, chorus, and orchestra while performing from the harpsichord.



MARCH 23-25, 2024

Boléro & Tchaikovsky



Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor Geneva Lewis, violin

MAURICE RAVEL: *Boléro* [ballet] for Orchestra MICHAEL DJUPSTROM: Symphony No. 1

[First Symphony Project]
HILDUR GUÐNADÓTTIR: Fólk fær andlit

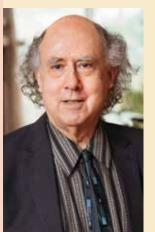
[People Get Faces] for String Orchestra
PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY: Concerto in D major

for Violin and Orchestra

The soaring melodies and dazzling virtuosity of the violin are on full display in Tchaikovsky's beloved Concerto. Celebrate Ravel's intense creativity with *Boléro* along with First Symphony Project's Michael Djupstrom debuting his First Symphony.

JANUARY 20-22, 2024

RACH & the Hollywood Sound



Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor Joseph Edelberg, violin

BERNARD HERRMANN: Suite from Psycho for Orchestra JOHN WILLIAMS: Three Pieces from Schindler's List MAURICE JARRE: Suite from Lawrence of Arabia for Orchestra SERGEI RACHMANINOFF: Symphony No. 3 in A minor

Experience three of the most dazzling and iconic film scores in concert arrangements: *Psycho, Lawrence of Arabia,* and *Schindler's List*—the last featuring concertmaster, Joseph Edelberg. RACH's Symphony No. 3 with its colorful orchestration and expansive instrumentation brings the concert to its triumphant conclusion.

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2024

Kahane Returns!

Jeffrey Kahane, conductor and piano

NOKUTHULA NGWENYAMA: Primal Message LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN: Concerto No. 4 in G major for Piano and Orchestra

DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony No. 1 in F minor

Revel in the return of Conductor Emeritus Jeffrey Kahane as he conducts and performs Beethoven's Concerto No. 4. Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1 showcases a multitude of musicians and instruments in this fiery and momentous work.



MAY 11-13, 2024

Gershwin & Ellington

Francesco Lecce-Chong, conductor Conrad Tao, composer and piano

GEORGE GERSHWIN: Catfish Row: Symphonic Suite

from Porgy and Bess

GEORGE GERSHWIN: Rhapsody in Blue for Piano and Orchestra [jazz band version] CONRAD TAO: Concerto for Piano and Jazz Band

(World Premiere)

EDWARD "DUKE" ELLINGTON: Black, Brown and Beige – Suite for Orchestra

Renowned pianist and composer, Conrad Tao has been called "the kind of musician who is shaping the future of classical music." Celebrating the 100th year of *Rhapsody in Blue*, Tao performs the original jazz band version as well as the premiere of his concerto that is filled with a mosaic of sounds inspired by Gershwin and Ellington.



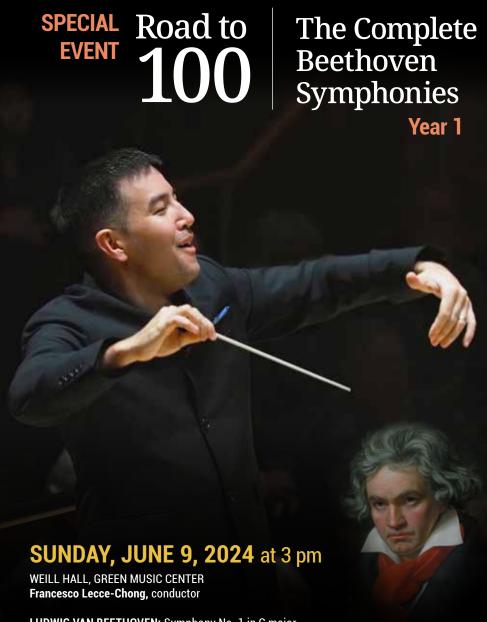
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LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 1 in C major LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, *Eroica*

Be a part of history as the Santa Rosa Symphony begins the journey to its centennial celebration in the 2027-2028 season. All nine of Beethoven's magnificent symphonies will be performed in a series of special concerts over the next five seasons. Beginning in June 2024, these performances will feature the orchestra in unique configurations reflecting how the symphonies, in Beethoven's time, may have been played, while making use of the incredible modern-day acoustics of the Green Music Center.

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