

W^{SO} THE WILLIAMSBURG
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2023-2024 SEASON



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

MICHAEL BUTTERMAN

Our 2023-24 season promises to be our best ever—more concerts, meaningful community collaborations, world-class guest artists, and some of the greatest music ever written!

From Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Bach, and Bernstein to new discoveries (including some incredible “updates” of Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*), great film classics, and more, we have something for everyone. We’re joined by brilliant artists like pianists Simone Dinnerstein and Asiya Korepanova, violinist Philippe Quint, and composer/pianist Aldo López-Gavilán. And some of our very own WSO musicians take center stage for a program of double concertos in February. Our March program celebrates America’s natural beauty with chorus and video, and we salute our country’s immigrant roots with a presentation

What an absolute pleasure it is to conduct this marvelous orchestra and to share music with such a generous community. I couldn’t be more pleased with the work we’ve done so far and the foundation we’ve laid for future growth and success. Jennifer and I are so honored to be part of the WSO family!

—Michael Buttermann



of Peter Boyer's GRAMMY®-nominated, multi-media *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*, with video projections and professional actors.

Cirque de la Symphonie returns with a salute to cinematic masterpieces in a show that's bigger and better than ever—so much so that we're moving to the Ferguson Center to accommodate their spectacular aerial acts. Our Holiday Pops returns to the Kimball Theatre with award-winning tenor John Riesen, we welcome Capathia Jenkins and Ryan Shaw in a tribute to Aretha Franklin as our special guests for Cabaret and Cocktails in January.

Catch the excitement of your Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra and join us for our incredible new season!

Enjoy,

Michael



CATCH THE
Excitement



DINNERSTEIN PLAYS BRAHMS

Guest Artist: Simone Dinnerstein, piano

Mozart Symphony No. 40, K. 550

Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Simone Dinnerstein, piano

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

6:30–7:00 p.m.

PIANO MASTERCLASS

WITH SIMONE DINNERSTEIN

September 6, 2023  5:00 p.m.

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church



MASTERWORKS
CONCERT 2



FOUR SEASONS REIMAGINED

Guest Artist: Philippe Quint, violin

Piazzolla *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*
Philippe Quint, violin

Richter *The Four Seasons Recomposed*
Philippe Quint, violin

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

6:30–7:00 p.m.



MASTERWORKS
CONCERT 3

DYNAMIC DUOS: BACH & VIVALDI

This concert features the talented members of the Williamsburg Symphony in dynamic solo presentations with the orchestra.

Ravel	<i>Le Tombeau de Couperin</i>
Vivaldi	Concerto for Two Trumpets, RV 537 Brian Strawley & Luis Engelke, trumpets
Cuong	<i>Extra(ordinarily) Fancy: Concerto for Two Oboes</i> Shawn Welk & Victoria Hamrick, oboes
Bach	Concerto for Two Violins, BWV 1043 Akemi Takayama & Alana Carithers, violins
Bloch	Concerto Grosso No. 1

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

6:30–7:00 p.m.

MASTERWORKS
CONCERT 4

ELLIS ISLAND & RACHMANINOFF

Guest Artist: Asiya Korepanova, piano

Peter Boyer's GRAMMY®-nominated production features the stories of seven immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island from disparate nations between 1910 and 1940. The spoken texts for this concert come from the Ellis Island Oral History Project, a historical collection of interviews with actual immigrants about their experiences immigrating to America. Boyer's work weaves monologues from the actual words of these immigrants into an orchestral tapestry that frames and comments on their poignant, humorous, moving, and inspiring stories.

Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3
Asiya Korepanova, piano

Boyer *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*

FRIDAY

MARCH 15, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

6:30–7:00 p.m.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: COPLAND & BERNSTEIN

Lias	<i>Gates of the Arctic</i>
Bernstein	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> Regional Combined Chorus
Hovhaness	<i>Symphony No. 2, Mysterious Mountain</i>
Copland	<i>Suite from The Tender Land</i>

THURSDAY

APRIL 11, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

6:30–7:00 p.m.



MASTERWORKS
CONCERT 6

PASSION & VIRTUOSITY

Guest Artist: Aldo López-Gavilán, piano

Walker	<i>Lyric for Strings</i>
López-Gavilán	<i>Emporium</i> Aldo López-Gavilán, piano
Ginastera	<i>Variaciones concertantes</i> Aldo López-Gavilán, piano
Britten	Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell

TUESDAY
MAY 14, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg
Community Chapel

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE
6:30–7:00 p.m.





CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE at the MOVIES

Michael Buttermann, conductor

You won't believe your eyes as you experience the majesty and wonder of all-new Cirque acts, including breathtaking aerials flying high above the orchestra. As the orchestra takes you on a journey through the music of the movies, you will be thrilled by Cirque's astounding talent and death-defying feats. Bring your family and friends to experience this out-of-this-world concert event.

Purchase tickets through the Ferguson Center for the Arts. See the Ticket Information page in the back of this brochure for details.

Tickets: \$37.50–\$75

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Ferguson Center for the Arts

1 Avenue of the Arts, Newport News

Concert requires an additional ticket and is not included in season subscription.



HOLIDAY POPS

Guest Artist: John Riesen, tenor

Michael Buttermann, conductor

Ring in the season with the WSO right in the heart of Williamsburg at the charming Kimball Theatre. Guest artist John Riesen, first made famous by his appearance on *America's Got Talent*, will put you in the holiday spirit. This concert is one of the most popular concerts of the year and will appeal to the whole family.

*The running time for each concert is approximately 55 minutes.
Tickets: Adults \$35/Children \$15*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023

2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. daily

Kimball Theatre

428 West Duke of Gloucester Street

Concert requires an additional ticket and is not included in season subscription.



CABARET & COCKTAILS ARETHA: A TRIBUTE

Guest Artists: Capathia Jenkins & Ryan Shaw, vocalists
Michael Buttermann, conductor

This high-energy glittering tribute to the Queen of Soul features Broadway diva Capathia Jenkins and three-time GRAMMY® award nominee Ryan Shaw. They will thrill you with all your favorite Aretha Franklin iconic hits, including *Respect*, *Think*, *A Natural Woman*, *Chain of Fools*, *Amazing Grace*, and many others.

Tickets: \$70/\$90/\$115

SUNDAY

JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 p.m.

Williamsburg Lodge, Virginia Ballroom
310 South England Street

Concert requires an additional ticket and is not included in season subscription.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Masterworks Concert 1*

DINNERSTEIN PLAYS BRAHMS

Guest Artist: Simone Dinnerstein, piano

September 8 🎫 7:30 p.m. 🎫 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

PIANO MASTERCLASS

with Simone Dinnerstein

September 6 🎫 5:00 p.m. 🎫 Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

Free and Open to the Public

OCTOBER 2023

Masterworks Concert 2*

FOUR SEASONS REIMAGINED

Guest Artist: Philippe Quint, violin

October 18 🎫 7:30 p.m. 🎫 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2023

Specialty Concert

CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE at the MOVIES

November 4 🎫 3:00 p.m. 🎫 Ferguson Center for the Arts

DECEMBER 2023

Specialty Concert

HOLIDAY POPS

Guest Artist: John Riesen, tenor

December 2 & 3 🎫 2:00 & 3:30 p.m. daily 🎫 Kimball Theatre

JANUARY 2024

Specialty Concert

CABARET & COCKTAILS

ARETHA: A TRIBUTE

Guest Artists: Capathia Jenkins & Ryan Shaw, vocalists

January 21 🎫 8:00 p.m. 🎫 Williamsburg Lodge

FEBRUARY 2024

Masterworks Concert 3*

DYNAMIC DUOS: BACH & VIVALDI

Guest Artists: WSO Musicians

February 1 🎻 7:30 p.m. 🎻 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

MARCH 2024

Masterworks Concert 4*

ELLIS ISLAND & RACHMANINOFF

Guest Artist: Asiya Korepanova, piano

March 15 🎻 7:30 p.m. 🎻 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

ELLIS ISLAND EDUCATIONAL CONCERT

March 15, 2024 🎻 Time & Location TBD

By Invitation Only

APRIL 2024

Masterworks Concert 5*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL:

COPLAND & BERNSTEIN

April 11 🎻 7:30 p.m. 🎻 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

MAY 2024

Masterworks Concert 6*

PASSION & VIRTUOSITY

Guest Artist: Aldo López-Gavilán, piano

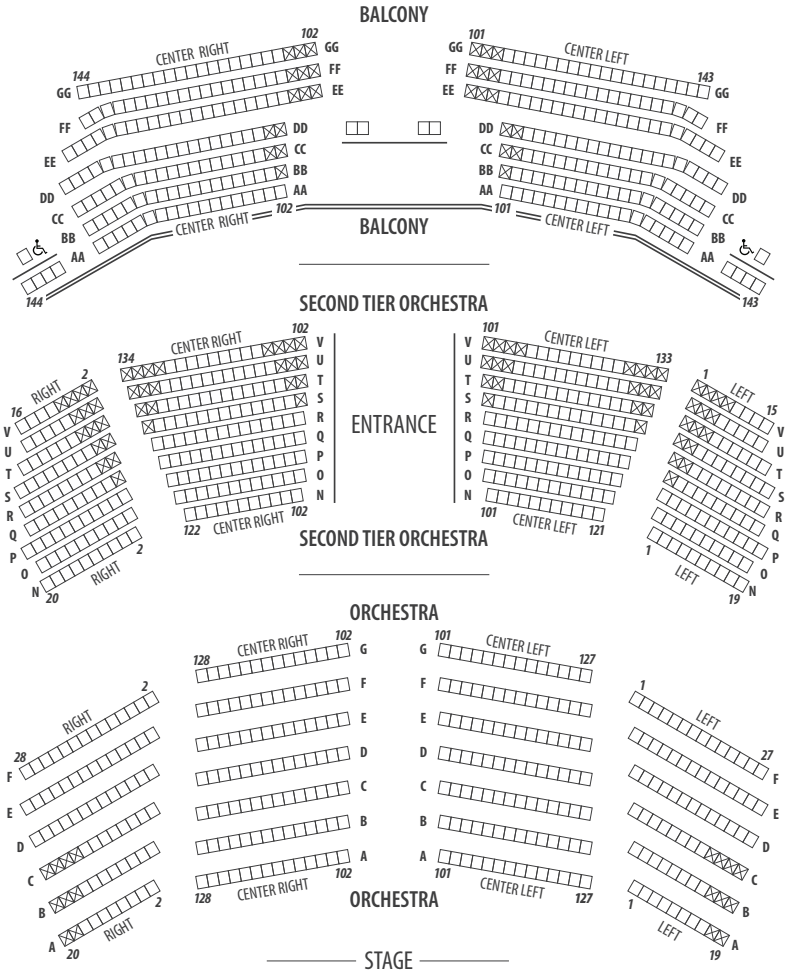
May 14 🎻 7:30 p.m. 🎻 Williamsburg Community Chapel

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

**Concerts are included in the season subscription price of \$330.
Tickets to specialty concerts must be purchased separately.*

WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Seats with an "X" have an obstructed view.



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Do you want to get closer to the music? Join the WSO League, a group of dedicated volunteers working to support the orchestra. League volunteers gain insights into the symphony's operations and have opportunities to interact with guest artists, symphony members, and the music director.






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In-Person and Live Stream Subscriptions are available for all Masterworks concerts.

The purchase of an in-person subscription guarantees access to the live stream.

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-  **TICKET INSURANCE:** Lost tickets will be replaced at no charge.



TICKET INFORMATION

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williamsburgsymphony.org/concerts

or scan WSO QR code below

MASTERWORKS CONCERTS

	SUBSCRIPTION 6 Concerts	SINGLE TICKETS*
IN-PERSON	\$330	\$65-\$75
LIVE STREAM ONLY	\$150	\$30

**Single tickets for the Masterworks series go on sale July 1, 2023.*

SPECIALTY/FAMILY CONCERTS

Tickets are available for purchase now.

	SINGLE TICKETS	
HOLIDAY POPS**	ADULT \$35	CHILD \$15
CABARET & COCKTAILS**	\$70-\$115	

***Purchase Masterworks Concerts, Holiday Pops, and Cabaret & Cocktails tickets through WSO website. Scan WSO QR code below or visit williamsburgsymphony.org/concerts.*

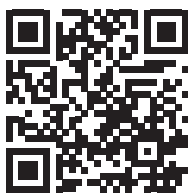
CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE†	\$37.50-\$75
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†Purchase Cirque tickets through the Ferguson Center for the Arts box office M-F from 11:00-3:00 p.m., scan QR code below, or visit fergusoncenter.org/events beginning May 15, 2023.

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Sign up for emails to stay current on all of the WSO concert events and educational offerings at williamsburgsymphony.org.

Subscription seating for the Masterworks season goes on sale to the general public on **May 1, 2023!** Purchase tickets at williamsburgsymphony.org.

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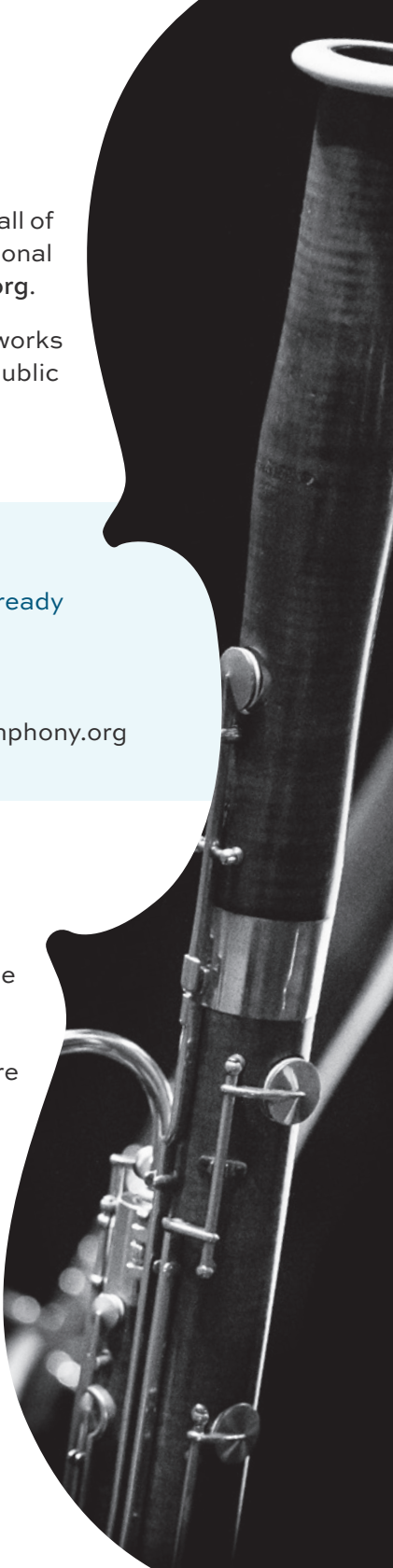
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Ticket income covers only **40%** of the costs to operate the symphony and provide wonderful concerts for you. Your gift makes a difference! For more giving options, including joining the Legacy Society, visit the WSO website for more information.

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