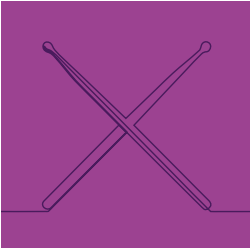
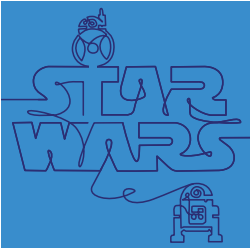
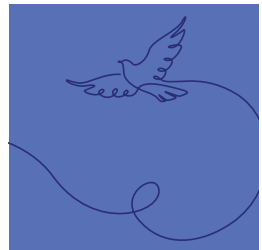
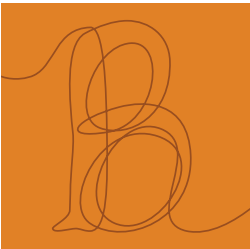


A Season of Genius



2025
2026
CONCERT GUIDE



Come along for bombastic **Beethoven**, beautiful **Brahms**, wondrous **Williams** and marvelous **Mozart**. Embrace the emotion of acclaimed violinist **William Hagen** and pianist **Alon Goldstein**, both back by popular demand!

Bask in a full evening of *Star Wars* and the exciting debut of a special edition nightclub concert with a unique lineup.

Soak up the artistry and talent of MSO's gifted musicians as they deliver knockout full-orchestra experiences plus tender moments in solos and ensembles, at a variety of remarkable venues.

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Enjoy our 81st season, one captivating concert after another, presented in three splendid season-ticket series, plus one special edition concert, and a host of open-air concerts throughout the metro area.

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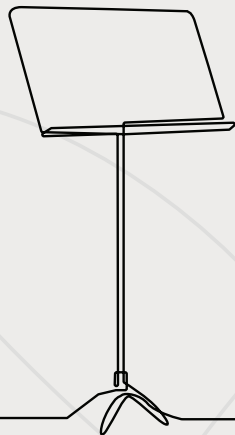
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3rd Floor Mezzanine

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alternate venues
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RUSSIAN BRILLIANCE

10.4.25

THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM

Experience the galloping, "Listen up!" pow of **Shostakovich's** *Festive Overture* and the crystal clear splendor of **Stravinsky's** *Symphonies of Wind Instruments*, then get ready for the dazzling orchestral fireworks and intoxicating melodies of **Rachmaninoff's** *Symphony No. 2*. This concert's collection of guilty pleasures, neoclassical innovation and monumental indulgence hits all the right notes for the start of a radiant season.



EPIC DREAMSCAPE

11.8.25

THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM



The sonorous and sparkling virtuosity of MSO Principal Clarinetist **Jorge Diez** holds the spotlight in two definitive works by **Debussy** and **Weber**. Plus, **Berlioz's** daring blockbuster *Symphonie Fantastique* engages the senses and enlivens the imagination to deliver a bold genius-stroke of a finish, in a program that will take you places, you never knew you wanted to go.

MIGHTY KEYS

3.28.26 THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM

Pianist **Alon Goldstein**, an MSO audience favorite, is back in the solo spotlight, supplying all the drama, passion and expressive verve that **Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1** demands. Everything is kicked up a notch in this concerto, and Goldstein meets this monumental moment head-on. *Lt. Kijé Suite*, **Prokofiev's** first film score, delivers the biting humor that made it his best-known and most-frequently recorded work.

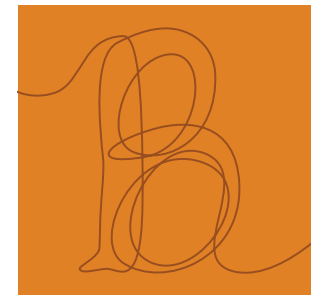


TRANSCENDENT VOICES

1.24.26

THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM

The intensely moving prelude of **Wagner's Parsifal** and ethereal beauty of **Crafton Beck's** *Passage* set the stage for an extraordinary interwoven dialogue between **Joel Thompson's** powerful and critically-acclaimed *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed* and **Gabriel Faure's** serene and comforting *Requiem*. Jackson State University Chorale joins MSO in a program that will touch your soul and transform your spirit.



ULTIMATE BEETHOVEN

2.28.26

THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM



You know the name, now brace for the impact of the master's music live! **Beethoven's** sublime *Violin Concerto* is among his most transcendent works, and international sensation **William Hagen** is back by popular demand to bring flair and consummate artistry to the task. **Beethoven's** playfully imaginative and bold *Symphony No. 2* makes this evening a perfect balance of genius.



COZY CONCERTS

CHAMBER SERIES: UNWIND IN SMALLER SPACES WITH EXCELLENT ACOUSTICS AROUND JACKSON

Imagine your living room could hold a couple hundred folks for a house concert, and you'll have an idea of the special intimacy you'll find in our Chamber Series.

These concerts at neighborhood venues in the metro area put you closer to ensembles and smaller orchestras, and shoulder to shoulder with fellow music fans for an exceptional and memorable experience. From Baroque and Beethoven to Mozart and marvelous newer works, this makes a fine outing for friends, dates, couples, families and, really, everyone with an ear for the expressive power of beautiful music.

THE VENUES

- St. Andrew's Cathedral
- Cade Chapel M.B. Church
- Belhaven University Center for the Arts
- St. James' Episcopal Church
- Woodworth Chapel Tougaloo College



BELOVED BAROQUE

9.6.25

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
7:30PM

Settle in for a lovely evening that starts with a **Vivaldi** string concerto and a **Corelli** concerto grosso and finishes in grand style with **Bach's** stellar *Orchestral Suite No. 2*. In between, enjoy two fabulous **Vivaldi** bassoon concertos in the skilled hands of MSO's own **Taylor Shorey**, cutting loose in spirited romps that show off the instrument's melodic grace, jaunty nimbleness and undeniable charm.



TAYLOR SHOREY, BASSOON



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RESONANT SONG

10.26.25

CADE CHAPEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH 3:00PM



DEANNA TISDALE JOHNSON, SOPRANO

Celebrate the capital city's deep well of creativity, as Jackson soprano **DeAnna Tisdale Johnson** lends her stunning voice to Margaret Walker's best-loved poems in three song-settings by **Crafton Beck**. Honor the Mississippi premiere of **Carlos Simon's** powerful 2023 Grammy-nominated, multi-genre *Requiem for the Enslaved* – original compositions infused with African American spirituals and Catholic liturgical melodies. Stay for conversation and more.

DVOŘÁK TO DEBUSSY

4.11.26 WOODWORTH CHAPEL AT TOUGALOO COLLEGE 7:30PM

Hear **Taylor Shorey** and the jazzy, off-the-rails surprise of **Wynton Marsalis' Meelaan for Bassoon and String Quartet** in an extraordinary musical conversation not to be missed. Plus, savor the dawn of modernism in an evening centered on the comforting serenades and old-world charm of **Dvořák's** famous *Wind Serenade* and **Debussy's** propelling and compelling *String Quartet*.



MOZART MAGIC

1.10.26

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS 7:30PM

Mozart's dramatic *Don Giovanni* overture opens an evening wrapped in warmth and beauty, and his *Symphony No. 39* triumphs at the close, revealing the master at the top of his game. In-between nestles **Schneider's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola**, and the chance for MSO soloists **Ausra Jasineviciute** and **Ruvim Echiusciu** to really shine in showpieces for strings.



AUSRA JASINEVICIUTE, VIOLA



RUVIM ECHIUSCIU, VIOLIN

SPRING DELIGHTS

3.7.26

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL
CHURCH 7:30PM

Breeze into spring with **Stravinsky's** delectable *Pulcinella*, then bask in the beauty and heart of *From a Brother to the World*, Ecuador-born **Emilio Villacis'** winning top-prize selection in MSO's 2024 Premier Orchestral Institute Competition. The joys keep coming with **Haydn's Symphony No. 82**, nicknamed "The Bear" for its rustic finale's kinship to popular 18th-century carnival accompaniment for dancing bears.

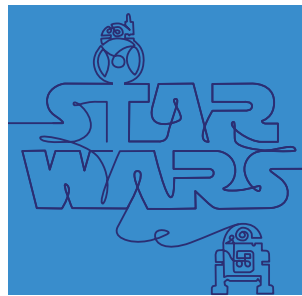


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Popular music holds the spotlight in our Pops Series – pop, blues, jazz, rock and R&B faves, plus movie music and show tunes get full orchestra treatment for an experience like you've never heard before.

Deeper, richer, fuller and all-around fantastic! Jeans and kicks are fine, festive attire is welcome, and cosplay action is always a win – just come for the pops music party and bask in all that sumptuous sound! It's a fun date, a fab family outing and a cool evening out on the town with your circle.



STAR WARS

2.14.26

THALIA MARA HALL 7:30PM

May the Force be with you as MSO covers nearly the entire *Star Wars* saga across the span of a single evening – truly an Olympic-level effort – with top selections from almost every film, plus *Rogue One* to boot. Cosplay enthusiasts should feel free to fly their fan flag, and come in costume as their favorite characters. It's fun for all, sweeping you down a memory lane of movie music magic.



PEPSI POPS

5.8.26

OLD TRACE PARK ON THE REZ
7:30PM



*Presented by
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Grab a friend, neighbor, date, parent – heck, the whole extended family – and embrace this beloved tradition of picnicking and soaking up the sunset on the banks of the Reservoir with MSO. Share time-honored movie-score favorites, including music from *Frozen* and the *Twilight Saga*, plus more from the Great American Songbook, then stick around for the spirit-swelling patriotic tunes and thrilling fireworks finale saluting 250 years of America!

THE VENUES

Thalia Mara Hall *

Old Trace Park on the
Ross Barnett Reservoir

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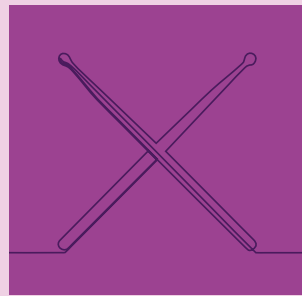
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KICKIN' CONCERT

SPECIAL EDITION:
CHILL OUT WITH NOVEL WORKS
IN A COOL HANGOUT



QUAD FUSION

10.18.25

DULING HALL 7:30PM

It's a fusion of reggae, classical, jazz and blues! Come for the unexpected and whimsical in casual, club-like quarters as MSO explores classical and unconventional instruments in cutting-edge works.

Viet Cuong's fascinating percussion quartet concerto *Re(new)al* brilliantly opens an evening that tucks into **Thomas Adés'** intriguing arrangements of **François Couperin's** *Les Barricades Mistérieuses* and **Madness'** stress-test hit *Cardiac Arrest*. Brace yourself for the fab finish of DBR's *Voodoo Violin!*

Think nightclub and new wave plus table seating and service for an experience that can't get any cooler or closer than our special edition concert at Duling Hall!

Sit back and order up, as MSO delivers bold, stimulating, and novel works from the international scene.

Not part of any series, general admission tickets for this limited seating concert go on sale July 15, 2025, so jump on your ticket purchases, come early, and kick back for a night to remember!

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9.11.25

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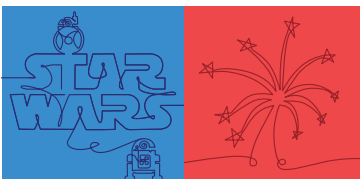
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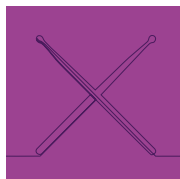


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PEPSI POPS
5.8.26

SPECIAL EDITION

general admission for table seating at Duling Hall



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10.18.25

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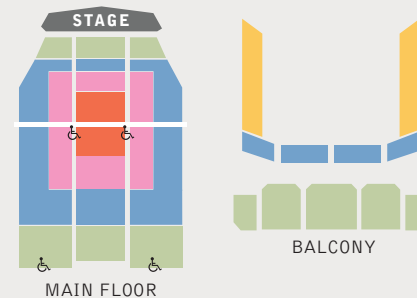
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| 9.18.25 |  | SUNDOWN AT RENAISSANCE * <i>fun by the fountain + fall guest talent</i> |
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| 10.18.25 |  | QUAD FUSION <i>fresh music takes + cool space</i> |
| 10.26.25 |  | RESONANT SONG <i>multi-cultural matinee + soprano DeAnna Tisdale Johnson</i> |
| 11.8.25 |  | EPIC DREAMSCAPE <i>clarinet showcase with Forge Diez + Berlioz best</i> |
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| 5.8.26 | | PEPSI POPS <i>blast in the park + celebrating America's 250th</i> |

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