

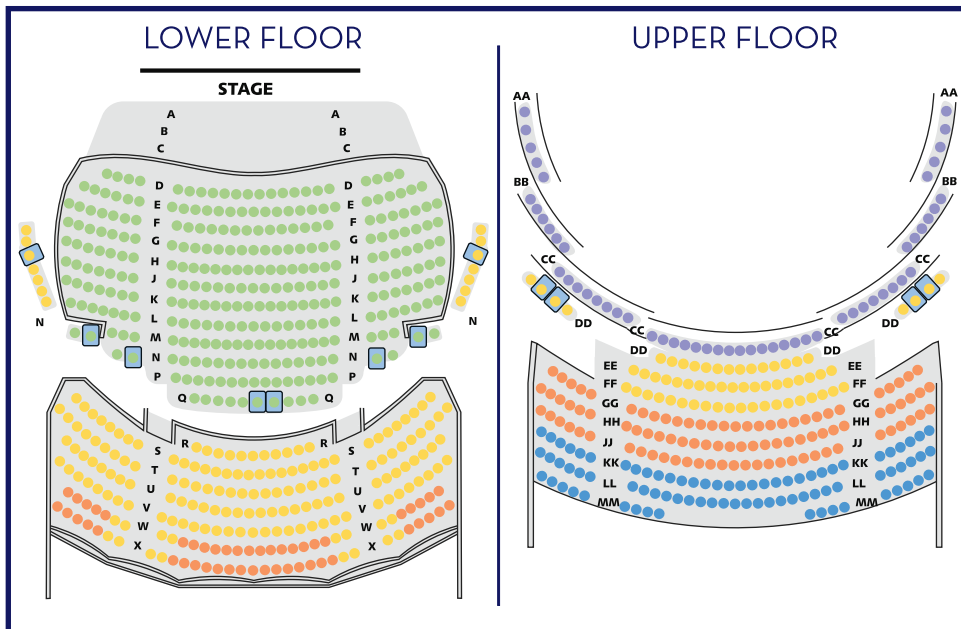


# Folsom Lake Symphony

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## 2023-24 CONCERT SEASON

HARRIS CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
10 College Parkway | Folsom, California 95630



- Zone 1 \$65
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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAESTRO

Hard to believe, but the Folsom Lake Symphony is now twenty years old. You and fellow music lovers in the community deserve some well-earned pride: you've kept our remarkable orchestra thriving for two decades!

Whenever we reach a milestone, it's great to look back and gaze ahead at the same time. The world was a very different place twenty years ago—it was pre-recession and pre-COVID, and our glorious venue, Harris Center, didn't exist! Look where we've come—building on our founders' legacy, the artistic excellence of the orchestra continues to soar, our guest artist roster features some internationally recognized stars, your response to our Community Enrichment concerts has been wonderful, and this season will mark the inaugural launch of our Young Artist Competition.

Exploring the past, present, and future is embedded right into the great music you love to hear—it's part of the fantastic journey. There's a point when something familiar returns: it could be the second verse in a pops tune or it could be themes returning in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, Mahler's First, or Carmina Burana with huge chorus. And while you listen to that recurrence in the present, you remember the first encounter with that music and also experience a sense of expectation—what's going to happen next, how will it be enhanced and transformed? It's as if the sound world takes you on an epic quest involving time travel.

The constants through all the Folsom Lake Symphony's glorious years have been emotionally charged live performances, talented and passionate guest artists, and you, our beloved audience, who enable us to fulfill our mission—we play for you. The twenty-year anniversary gemstone is emerald—and green means go! What new adventures and innovations will the Folsom Lake Symphony experience? Join us, as together we move ahead with a renewed sense of appreciation, expectation, and wonder.



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EMERALD EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, October 14, 2023 7:30 pm  
Chee-Yun, violin

Dave Brubeck/Paul Desmond: Time Out Suite,  
arr. Chris Brubeck  
Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto  
Respighi: Feste romane (Roman Festivals)

Violinist Chee-Yun's flawlessly compelling technique, tone, and artistry has enraptured audiences on five continents. She has performed with many of the world's foremost orchestras including the San Francisco Symphony, Japan's NHK Symphony, and Seoul Philharmonic. Her storied career includes performances at the White House, United Nations and Carnegie Hall. Her violin was made by Francesco Ruggieri in 1669 and is rumored to have been buried with a previous owner for 200 years.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 7:30 pm  
Sunday, December 10, 2023, 2:00 pm  
Roberto Perlas Gomez, baritone  
Northern California Children's Chorus

A brilliant baritone and adorable young talents join the festivities for a program packed with goodies—It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, The Night Before Christmas, Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, O Holy Night, Nutcracker excerpts, and many more!



Known for his deep rich voice, baritone Roberto Perlas Gomez has performed with the Los Angeles Opera, Michigan Opera, Philippine National Opera, San Francisco Opera, and Shanghai Opera, among others.

THAT'S AMORE!

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 7:30 pm  
Pasquale Esposito, tenor

Hot off the trail from international touring and PBS specials, a charismatic guest artist returns! You and your Valentine will bask in a stellar evening including That's Amore, Besame mucho, Be My Love, and many other romantic Italian and Latin favorites.

We are happy to welcome internationally acclaimed tenor, Pasquale Esposito back to our stage. Since his last appearance he has filmed two TV Specials at the historic Teatro Politeama in



Naples, Italy. In addition to touring extensively, he has recorded nine albums and two PBS specials. In 2015 he made his San Francisco Opera debut and has been described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as “a charismatic and dulcet-toned singer.”

TITAN

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 7:30 pm  
Jon Nakamatsu, piano

Jaffe: Symphonic Birthday  
Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue  
Mahler: Symphony No. 1, “Titan”

Distinguished pianist Jon Nakamatsu is making his third appearance with our symphony. As a Van Cliburn Gold Medalist, he is the only American to achieve this distinction since 1981. He has been the guest artist with over 150 orchestras worldwide including those of Baltimore, Berlin, Boston, Cincinnati, Detroit, Florence, Los Angeles, Milan, San Francisco, Tokyo, and Vancouver. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. In addition to performing worldwide, he serves on the piano faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.



CARMINA BURANA

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 7:30 pm  
Sunday, June 9, 2024, 2:00 pm  
Carrie Hennessey, soprano  
Daniel Ebbers, tenor

Ralph Cato, baritone  
Music in the Mountains Chorus  
Sacramento Master Singers  
Northern California Children's Chorus

With Carmina Burana's huge performing forces, scenes from spring, a tavern, a court of love, and the iconic O fortuna chorus that bookends the work, this blockbuster has become wildly popular ever since its premiere. An experience not to be missed!



Soprano Carrie Hennessey is known for her soaring voice and richly nuanced characters on stage. Her performances include opera, theater, and appearances with symphonies around the world. She has performed with the Pacific, Duluth, and Houston Symphonies, among others.



Operatic tenor Daniel Ebbers has performed extensively throughout the US and Israel. He has appeared with many of the leading symphonies and opera companies, and has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Avery Fisher Hall. In addition to his performing schedule, he is a professor of voice at University of the Pacific.



Baritone Ralph Cato, esteemed for his warm, rich voice, travels the world telling stories in song. Whether he's performing oratorio, opera, or show tunes, his performances are consistently memorable. Since his premiere Carmina Burana performance with the Estonia National Symphony, he has sung it numerous times to critical acclaim.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONCERTS

SYMPHONY AL FRESCO

Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7:00 pm, Free  
El Dorado Hills Town Center  
Steven Young Amphitheater

Featuring blockbuster hits from the worlds of jazz, stage, and screen that are gonna make your toes wanna tap! Start your fall season off with a bang!

YOUNG ARTISTS RECITAL

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 2:00 pm  
Harris Center for the Arts

A very special recital featuring the winners of our inaugural Young Artist's Competition, which is open to musicians ages 8–18. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear these rising stars in the music world perform and say I heard them when...

CONSTRUCTION ZONE:  
MUSICIANS AT WORK!

Saturday March 16, 2024, 11:00 am  
Harris Center for the Arts

Explore music's fascinating building blocks—the instruments and people who play them, and especially the grand architecture. The “instrument petting zoo” will return bigger than ever. New this year, a performance by the winner of our Young Artist Competition!

TWILIGHT DELIGHT

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 8:30 pm, Free  
Folsom Historic District, Zittel Family Amphitheater

The tradition of hearing music that's out of this world continues! Revel in upbeat selections from stage and screen that will be enjoyed by all!