



## ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL

### 2026 SEASON CALENDAR

# for all

**JULY 1–AUGUST 23**

Wall Family  
Music Director  
Robert Spano

Munroe President  
and CEO  
Alan Fletcher



RENÉE  
FLEMING  
July 5

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 30**

**6:00 PM**

Pre-Season Artist Dinner  
with Thomas Hampson  
baritone and Myra Huang  
piano (\$)

Private Residence

For tickets, contact  
gifts@aspenmusic.org.

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 1**

**5:30 PM**

A Mariachi  
Celebration (Free)

Klein Music Tent

Celebrate Mexican music and dance  
with a featured performance by AMFS  
Mariachi Workshop participants  
alongside a professional mariachi  
ensemble and Aspen Santa Fe Ballet  
Folklórico!

Join us for a Fiesta starting at 4 PM  
with community partners and local  
vendors.

**7:30 PM**

A Recital by Joyce Yang  
piano (\$)

Harris Concert Hall

**THURSDAY  
JULY 2**

**6:00 PM**

A Recital by Thomas  
Hampson baritone and  
Myra Huang piano (\$)

Harris Concert Hall

**FRIDAY  
JULY 3**

**9:00 AM**

Chamber Symphony  
Dress Rehearsal (\$)

Klein Music Tent

**4:30 PM**

Overtures: Preconcert  
Chamber Music (Free)

Harris Concert Hall

**5:30 PM**

Chamber Symphony:  
Beethoven's Symphony  
No. 7 (\$)

Klein Music Tent

James Gaffigan conductor

Key'mon W. Murrah  
countertenor

JAKE HEGGIE: Earth 2.0  
(AMFS Co-Commission)

—  
BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 7  
in A major, op. 92



KEY'MON  
W. MURRAH  
July 3 / August 23

**SATURDAY  
JULY 4**

**4:00 PM**

Fourth of July  
Concert (Free)

Klein Music Tent

Lawrence Isaacson conductor

William T. Newman narrator

The annual free Independence Day  
celebration brings a full orchestra to  
the Tent stage with stirring patriotic  
favorites. A beloved tradition.

**SUNDAY  
JULY 5**

**9:30 AM**

Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)

Klein Music Tent

**10:00 AM**

Piano Department  
Master Class (Free)

Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus

**3:00 PM**

Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)

Harris Concert Hall

Joseph Pfender speaker



**4:00 PM**

Festival Orchestra:  
Opening Sunday with  
Renée Fleming and  
Thomas Hampson (\$)

Klein Music Tent

Robert Spano conductor

Renée Fleming soprano

Thomas Hampson baritone

Kantorei

Joel Rinsema chorus director

IVES/SCHUMAN: Variations  
on "America"

JOHN ADAMS: Selections  
from Nixon in China

—  
COPLAND: Symphony No. 3

Artists and programs are subject to change.

**WEEK 1**

**FOR UP-TO-DATE CONCERT INFORMATION:**

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MONDAY  
JULY 6

8:00 AM

Sing Play Move (\$; ages 0–5; registration required)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*

11:00 AM

Violin Concerto Competition (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall, Bucksbaum Campus*

4:30 PM

Chamber Music (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

TUESDAY  
JULY 7

8:00 AM

Sing Play Move (\$; ages 0–5; registration required)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*

1:00 PM

Harris Concert Hall Master Class (\$)

6:30 PM

## 2026 Opera Benefit

**Klein Music Tent (\$)**  
Join celebrated countertenor **Anthony Roth Costanza** and the brilliant young artists of Aspen Opera Theater and VocalARTS for an elegant evening in the Klein Music Tent.

Hosted by **Renée Fleming** and **Patrick Summers**, Mrs. Mercedes T. Bass Co-Artistic Directors of Aspen Opera Theater and VocalARTS.

For benefit information and tickets, contact [gifts@aspenmusic.org](mailto:gifts@aspenmusic.org).

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 8

8:00 AM

Sing Play Move (\$; ages 0–5; registration required)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*

10:30 AM

Tunes and Tales (Free; ages 8 and under with adult)  
*Basalt Regional Library*

12:00 PM

High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

3:00 PM

Salon Showcase House Music (\$)  
*Private Residence*

3:00 PM

Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

5:00 PM

Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
WAGNER: Prelude and Liebestod, from *Tristan und Isolde*  
RESPIGHI: Fountains of Rome

BRAHMS: Symphony No. 4 in E minor, op. 98

7:30 PM

A Recital by **Leonidas Kavakos violin** and **Enrico Pace piano** (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 4 in A minor, op. 23  
STRAVINSKY: Divertimento  
—  
MOZART: Violin Sonata in E minor, K. 304  
FRANCK: Violin Sonata in A major, M. 8

THURSDAY  
JULY 9

8:00 AM

Sing Play Move (\$; ages 0–5; registration required)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*

10:30 AM

Tunes and Tales (Free; ages 8 and under with adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

3:00 PM

Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

5:00 PM

Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

6:00 PM

A Recital by **Alisa Weilerstein cello** and **Inon Barnatan piano** (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
SHOSTAKOVICH/ LERA AUERBACH: from 24 Preludes, op. 34  
BRAHMS/ALISA WEILERSTEIN, INON BARNATAN: Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in G major, op. 78 "Regensonate"

BRAHMS: Selection of Songs  
SHOSTAKOVICH/SHAFRAN: Sonata for Viola and Piano, op. 147

6:00 PM

Artist Dinner with **Robert McDuffie violin** (\$)  
*Private Residence*  
For tickets, contact [gifts@aspenmusic.org](mailto:gifts@aspenmusic.org).

7:00 PM

String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall, Bucksbaum Campus*

FRIDAY  
JULY 10

8:00 AM

Sing Play Move (\$; ages 0–5; registration required)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*

9:00 AM

Chamber Symphony Dress Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

10:00 AM

Piano Department Master Class (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

12:30 PM

The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church*  
Tom Buesch speaker

2:30 PM

Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

4:30 PM

Overtures: Preconcert Chamber Music (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*



5:30 PM

Chamber Symphony: **Beethoven, Mozart, Handel** (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Nicholas McGegan conductor  
Leonidas Kavakos violin  
BEETHOVEN: Overture to *King Stephen*, op. 117  
MOZART: Violin Concerto No. 4 in D major, K. 218  
—  
ELGAR: Introduction and Allegro, op. 47  
HANDEL: Music for the Royal Fireworks

SATURDAY  
JULY 11

10:00 AM

Opera Encounters (\$)  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Renée Fleming and Patrick Summers hosts

1:00 PM

Music on the Mountain (Free; gondola ticket required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

1:30 PM

Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

4:30 PM

Chamber Music (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

7:30 PM

Time Traveler Suite with **Inon Barnatan piano** (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

SUNDAY  
JULY 12

9:30 AM

Festival Orchestra Dress Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

3:00 PM

Prelude: Preconcert Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Katie Brill speaker

4:00 PM

Festival Orchestra: **Weilerstein Plays Dvořák** (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Rafael Payare conductor  
Alisa Weilerstein cello

STILL: Darker America  
DVOŘÁK: Cello Concerto in B minor, B. 191, op. 104

PROKOFIEV: Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, op. 100

6:30 PM

Low Strings Concerto Competition (Free)  
*Hurst Hall, Bucksbaum Campus*



ALISA  
WEILERSTEIN  
July 9 / 12

MONDAY  
JULY 13

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

**7:30 PM**  
Starlight Series (S):  
Annual Musical Concert  
Collaboration with  
Theatre Aspen (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Andy Einhorn conductor  
Celebrate with the cast after the  
show. VIP After Party ticket price  
includes both performance and party.

TUESDAY  
JULY 14

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$)   
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**7:30 PM**  
Starlight Series (S):  
Annual Musical Concert  
Collaboration with  
Theatre Aspen (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Andy Einhorn conductor

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 15

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with  
adult)  
*Basalt Regional Library*

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

**3:00 PM**  
Opera House Music (\$)   
*Private Residence*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Aspen Conducting  
Academy Orchestra (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
CELKA OJAKANGAS: New  
Work (World Premiere,  
AMFS Commission)  
Violin Competition Winner  
—  
TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony  
No. 5 in E minor, op. 64

**7:30 PM**  
Peak Series (P): Opera  
Star Joyce DiDonato and  
Pianist Patrick Summers  
in Recital (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*

THURSDAY  
JULY 16

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with  
adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:15 PM**  
Basalt Regional Library  
Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by Augustin  
Hadelich violin (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Program to include Tchaikovsky's  
Souvenir de Florence, op. 70.

**8:00 PM**  
Wind Orchestra  
Recital (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Elaine Douvas conductor  
Darrett Adkins cello  
BRAHMS/POPKIN: Variations  
on a Theme by Haydn,  
op. 56a  
IBERT: Concerto for Cello and  
Winds  
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS:  
Scherzo alla Marcia, from  
Symphony No. 8 in D minor  
TCHEREPNIN: Sonatine in  
C major, op. 61

FRIDAY  
JULY 17

**9:00 AM**  
Chamber Symphony  
Dress Rehearsal (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*

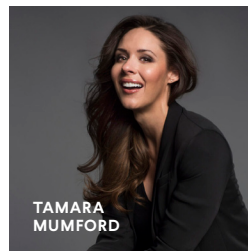
**12:30 PM**  
The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church*  
Tom Buesch speaker

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**4:30 PM**  
Overtures: Preconcert  
Chamber Music (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:30 PM**  
Chamber Symphony:  
McDuffie Celebrates  
Bernstein (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Robert Spano conductor  
Darrett Adkins cello  
Tamara Mumford  
mezzo-soprano  
Robert McDuffie violin  
BERNSTEIN: Three  
Meditations from Mass  
BERNSTEIN: Symphony No. 1,  
"Jeremiah"

—  
ALAN FLETCHER: An  
American Song  
BERNSTEIN: Serenade, after  
Plato's Symposium



TAMARA  
MUMFORD

SATURDAY  
JULY 18

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$)   
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Joyce DiDonato host

**1:00 PM**  
Music on the Mountain  
(Free; gondola ticket  
required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*

**6:30 PM**  
Duo Sonata  
Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**7:30 PM**  
Peak Series (P): Favorite  
Film Scores (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Ken Yanagisawa conductor  
William Yeh violin  
(2025 Dorothy DeLay  
Competition Winner)  
Favorite film scores (without film)  
performed by a full orchestra.

SUNDAY  
JULY 19

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*

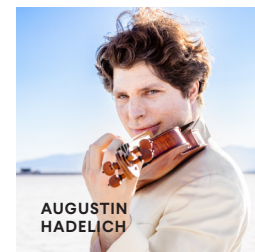
**10:00 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**3:00 PM**  
Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Austin Stewart speaker

**4:00 PM**  
Festival Orchestra:  
Hadelich Plays Barber (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Cristian Măcelaru conductor  
Joyce DiDonato  
mezzo-soprano  
Augustin Hadelich violin  
DVOŘÁK: Carnival Overture,  
B. 169, op. 92  
MATTHEW AUCOIN:  
Symphony No. 1 (World  
Premiere, AMFS Co-  
Commission)

—  
BARBER: Violin Concerto,  
op. 14  
ENESCU: Romanian Rhapsody  
in A major, op. 11, no. 1

**7:00 PM**  
A Recital by David Higgs  
organ (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*



AUGUSTIN  
HADELICH



JOYCE  
DIDONATO  
July 15 / 19



**MONDAY  
JULY 20**

**2:30 PM**  
Woodwind Bash I (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:00 PM**  
**Starlight Series ⑤:**  
**The Science of Music—  
Music and AI (\$)**  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Alan Fletcher moderator  
*Presented in association with Aspen  
Science Center.*

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

**7:00 PM**  
**Britten's A Midsummer  
Night's Dream (\$)**  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Jane Glover conductor  
Simon Godwin director  
Anthony Roth Costanzo  
countertenor  
Artists of Aspen Opera  
Theater and VocalARTS  
Colorado Children's Chorale  
Emily Crile chorus director  
BRITTEN: *A Midsummer  
Night's Dream*, op. 64

**TUESDAY  
JULY 21**

**9:30 AM**  
Composition Program  
Readings (Free)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$)

**6:00 PM**  
**Great American  
Songbook Evening (\$)**  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Andy Einhorn host

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**8:00 PM**  
Brass Bash I (Free)  
*Hurst Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 22**

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with  
an adult)  
*Basalt Regional Library*

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Aspen Conducting  
Academy Orchestra (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
CAROLINE SHAW: The  
Observatory  
Low Strings Competition  
Winner

NICO MUHLY: Mixed  
Messages  
R. SCHUMANN: Symphony  
No. 2 in C major, op. 61

**7:00 PM**  
**Britten's A Midsummer  
Night's Dream (\$)**  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Jane Glover conductor  
Simon Godwin director  
Anthony Roth Costanzo  
countertenor  
Artists of Aspen Opera  
Theater and VocalARTS  
Colorado Children's Chorale  
children's choir  
Emily Crile chorus director  
BRITTEN: *A Midsummer  
Night's Dream*, op. 64

**7:30 PM**  
A Recital by Daniil  
Trifonov piano (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
TANEYEV: Prelude and Fugue  
in G-sharp minor, op. 29  
PROKOFIEV: Visions fugitives,  
op. 22

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 22 CONTINUED**

MYASKOVSKY: Sonata No. 2  
in F-sharp minor, op. 13  
—  
R. SCHUMANN: Piano Sonata  
No. 1 in F-sharp minor, op. 11

**THURSDAY  
JULY 23**

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with an  
adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Composition Program  
Readings (Free)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:15 PM**  
Basalt Regional Library  
Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by  
María Dueñas violin and  
Eric Lu piano (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
SCHUBERT: Duo Sonata in  
A major, D. 574, op. 162  
MOZART: Violin Sonata in E  
minor, K. 304  
—  
BRAHMS: Violin Sonata No. 3  
in D minor, op. 108

**FRIDAY  
JULY 24**

**9:00 AM**  
Chamber Symphony  
Dress Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**12:30 PM**  
The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church*  
Graeme Boone speaker

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**4:30 PM**  
Overtures: Preconcert  
Chamber Music (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:30 PM**  
**Chamber Symphony: An  
All-Mozart Program (\$)**  
*Klein Music Tent*  
James Conlon conductor  
Michael Rusinek clarinet  
William Yeh violin  
(2025 Dorothy DeLay  
Competition Winner)  
MOZART: Symphony No. 29  
in A major, K. 186a (K. 201)  
MOZART: Clarinet Concerto  
in A major, K. 622  
—  
MOZART: Adagio in E major,  
K. 261  
MOZART: Symphony No. 38  
in D major, K. 504, "Prague"

**SATURDAY  
JULY 25**

**10:00 AM**  
Family Concert (Free)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Ken Yanagisawa conductor  
A lively, short concert for the whole  
family. Come early or stay after  
for musical activities on the David  
Karetsky Music Lawn (9:15–11:15 AM).  
For all ages.

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$)  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Nico Muhly and  
Anthony Roth Costanzo hosts

**1:00 PM**  
Music on the Mountain  
(Free; gondola ticket  
required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:30 PM**  
Woodwinds Concerto  
Competition (Free)  
*Hurst Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

**7:30 PM**  
**Starlight Series ⑥:**  
**Emanuel Ax Plays  
Mozart (\$)**  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Robert Spano conductor  
Ken Yanagisawa conductor  
Emanuel Ax piano  
MOZART: Overture to *La  
Clemenza di Tito*, K. 621  
MOZART: Piano Concerto  
No. 17 in G major, K. 453  
—  
CAROLINE SHAW: Entr'acte  
MOZART: Piano Concerto  
No. 25 in C major, K. 503

**SUNDAY  
JULY 26**

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**10:00 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**2:30 PM**  
Ice Cream Social (Free)  
*David Karetsky Music Lawn*

**3:00 PM**  
Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Graeme Boone speaker



**4:00 PM**  
**Festival Orchestra:**  
**Piano Sensation**  
**Daniil Trifonov (\$)**  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Dima Slobodeniouk  
conductor  
Daniil Trifonov piano  
COPLAND: *Quiet City*  
GLAZUNOV: Piano Concerto  
No. 2 in B minor, op. 100  
—  
VARÈSE: *Amériques*  
RAVEL: *La valse*

**7:00 PM**  
Art Song Showcase (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*



EMANUEL AX  
July 25

MONDAY  
JULY 27

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
Peak Series (P): All  
Debussy with Pianist  
Jean-Yves Thibaudet (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*  
DEBUSSY: Preludes, Book I  
—  
DEBUSSY: Preludes, Book II



TUESDAY  
JULY 28

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$)



**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by Angel  
Stanislav Wang piano (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*

GRANADOS: Quejas o la  
Maja y el Ruiseñor (The  
Maiden and the Nightingale),  
from Goyescas, op. 11, no. 4

LISZT: Piano Sonata in B  
minor, LW A179

—  
DEBUSSY: Estampes  
STRAVINSKY: Three  
Movements from Petrushka

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 29

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with an  
adult)  
*Basalt Regional Library*

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

**3:00 PM**  
Salon Showcase House  
Music (\$)   
*Private Residence*

**7:30 PM**  
Starlight Series (S):  
A Night of Latin Jazz with  
Pianist Yuja Wang and  
People of Earth (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*

Ahmed Alom  
musical director  
Raul Rios  
trumpet and vocals  
Jesus Ricardo  
trumpet and vocals  
Rubén Rengel  
violin and vocals  
Ivan Llanes  
percussion and vocals  
Gabriel Globus-Hoenich  
percussion and  
bandleader

THURSDAY  
JULY 30

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with an  
adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:30 PM**  
Caroline Shaw's *Brush*  
(Free)  
*Meadows Campus*  
Teddy Abrams conductor

**7:30 PM**  
Wind Orchestra Recital  
(FREE)  
*Christ Episcopal Church*  
Joaquín Valdepeñas  
conductor

VARESE: Octandre  
MOZART: Wind Serenade  
in B-flat major,  
K. 361 (K.  
370a),  
"Gran  
Partita"

FRIDAY  
JULY 31

**12:30 PM**  
The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church*  
Tom Buesch speaker

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:00 PM**  
Brass and Percussion  
Concerto Competition  
(Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**7:00 PM**  
Sarah Kirkland Snider's  
*Hildegard* (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Aspen Contemporary  
Ensemble  
Timothy Weiss conductor  
SARAH KIRKLAND SNIDER:  
*Hildegard* (AMFS Co-  
Commission)

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 1

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$)   
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Jane Glover host

**1:00 PM**  
Music on the Mountain  
(Free; gondola ticket  
required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

**1:00 PM**  
Piano Concerto  
Competition (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Collective Composition:  
Student-Led Work (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*



**5:30 PM**  
Chamber Symphony:  
Yuja Wang Plays Barber (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*  
Teddy Abrams conductor  
Yuja Wang piano  
Fleur Barron mezzo-soprano  
Davóne Tines baritone  
Kantorei  
Joel Rinsema chorus director  
BARBER: Piano Concerto,  
op. 38  
—  
DAVID LANG: *the wealth  
of nations* (AMFS Co-  
Commission)

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 1 CONTINUED

**7:30 PM**  
Duo Sonata  
Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 2

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*

**10 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (Free)  
*Scanlan Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

**2:00 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$)   
*Harris Concert Hall*

**4:00 PM**  
Festival Orchestra:  
Thibaudet Plays  
Gershwin (\$)   
*Klein Music Tent*

Robert Spano conductor  
Jean-Yves Thibaudet piano  
SCHOENBERG: Variations for  
Orchestra, op. 31  
STRAVINSKY: Symphony in  
Three Movements

—  
GERSHWIN: Piano Concerto  
in F major



YUJA WANG  
July 29 / August 1

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**MONDAY  
AUGUST 3**

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
**2026**  
**Season Benefit**  
*A Feast of Music*

Hurst Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus (\$)

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and tickets, contact  
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**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by the Danish  
String Quartet (\$)



Harris Concert Hall  
Frederik Øland violin  
Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen  
violin  
Asbjørn Nørgaard viola  
Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin cello

STRAVINSKY/DANISH  
STRING QUARTET: Suite  
Italienne

BEETHOVEN: String Quartet  
in F major, op. 135

DANISH STRING QUARTET:  
Original Compositions and  
Arrangements

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 4**

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by Lawrence  
Brownlee *tenor*,  
Erin Morley *soprano*, and  
Myra Huang *piano* (\$)



Harris Concert Hall  
ROSSINI: "Ah, quel respect...  
Ce téméraire qui croit nous  
plaître," from *Le Comte Ory*  
VERDI: "Gualtier Maldè!...  
Caro nome," from *Rigoletto*  
BIZET: "À cette voix quel  
trouble... Je crois entendre  
encore," from *Les Pêcheurs  
de Perles*  
DELIBES: "D'où viens-tu?...  
C'est le dieu de la jeunesse,"  
from *Lakmé*

BIZET: "Ils verront si je mens!"  
from *La Jolie Fille de Perth*  
BELLINI: "Nel furor delle  
tempeste... Per te di vane  
lagrime," from *Il Pirata*  
DELIBES: "Où va la jeune  
Indoue," from *Lakmé*  
DONIZETTI: "Quoi? Vous  
m'aimez?... De cet aveu si  
tendre," from *La Fille du  
Régiment*

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 5**

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

**3:00 PM**  
Opera House Music (\$)  
*Private Residence*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Aspen Conducting  
Academy Orchestra (\$)  
(AMFS Appreciation  
Event: Free to Aspen-  
area volunteers with  
registration\*)  
*Klein Music Tent*

DEBUSSY: *Prelude to the  
Afternoon of a Faun*  
Woodwind Competition  
Winner

STRAVINSKY/  
JONATHAN  
MCPHEE: *The Rite of  
Spring*

\*Registration instructions to  
come.

**5:00 PM**  
AMFS Guitar Students  
in Recital at  
Anderson Ranch  
Arts Center (Free)

**7:30 PM**  
A Recital by Abel  
Selaocoe *cello* (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*



**THURSDAY  
AUGUST 6**

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free; 8  
and under with an adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:15 PM**  
Basalt Regional Library  
Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
Beethoven's Complete  
Violin Sonatas, Part I (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Gil Shaham violin  
Akira Eguchi piano

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 7**

**9:00 AM**  
Chamber Symphony  
Dress Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**10:00 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**12:30 PM**  
The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church*  
Harlow Robinson speaker

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**4:30 PM**  
Overtures: Preconcert  
Chamber Music (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*



**5:30 PM**  
Chamber Symphony:  
Slatkin Leads Dvořák's  
"New World" (\$)

*Klein Music Tent*  
Leonard Slatkin conductor  
Steven Banks saxophone

LEONARD SLATKIN:  
Schubertiade: *An  
Orchestral Fantasy*

JOAN TOWER: Love Returns  
(AMFS Co-Commission)

DVOŘÁK: Symphony No. 9  
in E minor, op. 95, "From the  
New World"

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 8**

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$)  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Patrick Summers host

**1:00 PM**  
Music on the Mountain  
(Free; gondola ticket  
required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**7:30 PM**  
Beethoven's Complete  
Violin Sonatas, Part II (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Gil Shaham violin  
Akira Eguchi piano

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9**

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**3:00 PM**  
Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Harlow Robinson speaker

**4:00 PM**  
Festival Orchestra:  
Mahler's First Symphony  
(\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Stéphane Denève conductor  
Abel Selaocoe cello

CARLOS SIMON: Fate Now  
Conquers  
JESSIE MONTGOMERY:  
*These Righteous Paths*  
(AMFS Co-Commission)

G. MAHLER: Symphony No. 1  
in D major

**7:00 PM**  
Art Song Showcase (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**7:00 PM**  
A Recital by Paul Jacobs  
*organ* (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*  
J. S. BACH: The Art of Fugue,  
BWV 1080



**MONDAY  
AUGUST 10**

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by the  
Aspen Contemporary  
Ensemble (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*  
Timothy Weiss conductor

JOHN ADAMS: Chamber  
Symphony

SAMUEL ADAMS: Lighthouse

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JOHN ADAMS: Shaker Loops

**6:00 PM**  
Music with a View (Free)  
*Aspen Art Museum*

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 11**

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$) **6:00 PM**  
Beethoven's Complete  
Violin Sonatas, Part III (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*  
Gil Shaham violin  
Akira Eguchi piano

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 12**

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome  
Alan Fletcher moderator*

**3:00 PM**  
AOTVA/Composer  
Project Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Aspen Conducting  
Academy Orchestra (\$) *Klein Music Tent*  
COPLAND: Suite from  
*Appalachian Spring*  
Brass/Percussion  
Competition Winner

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BEETHOVEN: Symphony No.  
5 in C minor, op. 67

**6:00 PM**  
Artist Dinner with  
Gil Shaham and  
Adele Anthony violin (\$) *Private Residence*  
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**7:30 PM**  
A Recital by the  
Pacifica Quartet (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*  
Simin Ganatra violin  
Austin Hartman violin  
Mark Holloway viola  
Brandon Vamos cello

MENDELSSOHN: String  
Quartet No. 2 in A minor,  
op. 13

LIGETI: String Quartet  
No. 1, "Métamorphoses  
nocturnes"

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BEETHOVEN: String Quartet  
in B-flat major, op. 130

**THURSDAY  
AUGUST 13**

**10:30 AM**  
Tunes and Tales (Free;  
ages 8 and under with an  
adult)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**3:00 PM**  
Guitar Recital (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:15 PM**  
Basalt Regional Library  
Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by Giovanni  
Andrea Zanon violin and  
Tony Siqi Yun piano (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*

**8:00 PM**  
Wind Orchestra in Recital  
with Adele Anthony  
violin (\$) *Klein Music Tent*  
Joaquín Valdepeñas  
conductor

BEETHOVEN: Rondino for  
Wind Octet in E-flat major,  
WoO 25

KROMMER: Octet-Partita in F  
major, op. 57

WEILL: Violin Concerto, op. 12

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 14**

**9:00 AM**  
Chamber Symphony  
Dress Rehearsal (\$) *Klein Music Tent*

**12:30 PM**  
The Art of Listening (Free)  
*Crossroads Church  
Tom Buesch speaker*

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**4:30 PM**  
Overtures: Preconcert  
Chamber Music (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**5:30 PM**  
Chamber Symphony:  
Robertson with  
Gil Shaham and  
Orli Shaham (\$) *Klein Music Tent*  
David Robertson conductor  
Gil Shaham violin  
Orli Shaham piano

R. STRAUSS: Serenade for  
Winds in E-flat major, op. 7

REENA ESMAIL: Concerto  
for Violin and Piano (AMFS  
Co-Commission)

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BRAHMS: Symphony No. 2 in  
D major, op. 73



ORLI  
SHAHAM

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 15**

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$) *Wheeler Opera House  
Christopher Theofanidis host*

**1:00 PM**  
Composer  
Workshop (Free)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**1:00 PM**  
Music on the Mountain  
(Free; gondola ticket  
required)  
*Top of Aspen Mountain*

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*

**6:30 PM**  
Duo Sonata  
Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**7:30 PM**  
Dinnerstein Plays Bach  
and Philip Glass (\$) *Harris Concert Hall*  
Simone Dinnerstein piano

PHILIP GLASS/MICHAEL  
RIESMAN: Suite from *The  
Hours*

J. S. BACH: Keyboard  
Concerto No. 2 in E major,  
BWV 1053

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PHILIP GLASS: Piano  
Concerto No. 1 "Tirol  
Concerto"

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 16**

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$) *Klein Music Tent*

**10:00 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

**1:00 PM**  
Composition House  
Music (\$) *Private Residence*

**3:00 PM**  
Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**4:00 PM**  
Festival Orchestra:  
Malofeev Plays  
Rachmaninoff (\$) *Klein Music Tent*  
Delyana Lazarova conductor  
Alexander Malofeev piano

BARBER: Medea's Meditation  
and Dance of Vengeance,  
op. 23a

RACHMANINOFF: Piano  
Concerto No. 4

—

SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony  
No. 5 in D minor, op. 47

**7:00 PM**  
Art Song Showcase (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**7:00 PM**  
Woodwind Bash II (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall,  
Bucksbaum Campus*

GIL SHAHAM  
August  
6 / 8 / 11 / 12 / 14

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MONDAY  
AUGUST 17

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**5:00 PM**  
Percussion Ensemble  
Recital (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Jonathan Haas conductor

**5:30 PM**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
Piano Recital (Free)

TUESDAY  
AUGUST 18

**1:00 PM**  
Harris Concert Hall  
Master Class (\$)



**6:00 PM**  
Peak Series (P): A Recital  
by Edgar Meyer bass and  
Amy Yang piano (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**6:00 PM**  
Music with a View (Free)  
*Aspen Art Museum*

WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 19

**12:00 PM**  
High Notes (Free)  
*Bad Harriet, Hotel Jerome*  
Alan Fletcher moderator

**3:00 PM**  
First Glimpse Composition  
Recital I (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**4:00 PM**  
Aspen Conducting  
Academy Orchestra (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Piano Competition Winner  
MENDELSSOHN: Piano  
Concerto No. 1 in G minor,  
op. 25

G. MAHLER: Symphony No. 5  
in C-sharp minor

**7:30 PM**  
A Recital by Sharon Isbin  
guitar (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 20

**3:00 PM**  
First Glimpse  
Composition Recital II  
(Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**3:00 PM**  
Spotlight Marathon (Free)  
*Hurst Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

**5:00 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Chapel*

**5:15 PM**  
Basalt Regional Library  
Recital (Free)

**6:00 PM**  
A Recital by Marc-André  
Hamelin piano (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

WEINBERG: Piano Sonata  
No. 5, op. 58  
CHOPIN: Piano Sonata No. 2 in  
B-flat minor, op. 35

ENESCU: Carillon Nocturne,  
from *Pièces impromptues*,  
op. 18, no. 7

DEBUSSY: Images, series 2  
GERSHWIN/WILD: Seven  
Virtuoso Etudes on  
Gershwin Songs

**7:00 PM**  
String Showcase (Free)  
*Edlis Neeson Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

FRIDAY  
AUGUST 21

**10:00 AM**  
Piano Department  
Master Class (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**2:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Pitkin County Library*

**3:00 PM**  
Brass Bash II (Free)  
*Hurst Hall, Bucksbaum  
Campus*

**7:30 PM**  
Mozart's *The Magic Flute*  
(\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*  
Patrick Summers conductor

Paula Suezzi director  
Artists of Aspen Opera  
Theater and VocalARTS  
Kantorei

Joel Rinsema chorus director  
MOZART: *Die Zauberflöte*  
(*The Magic Flute*), K. 620

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 22

**10:00 AM**  
Opera Encounters (\$)  
*Wheeler Opera House*  
Ana María Martínez and  
Darrell Babidge hosts

**1:30 PM**  
Spotlight Recital (Free)  
*Aspen Community Church*

**4:30 PM**  
Chamber Music (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

**7:30 PM**  
A Recital by Anton Nel  
piano (\$)  
*Harris Concert Hall*

HAYDN: Piano Sonata in C  
major, Hob. XVI/50

SCHUBERT: Drei  
Klavierstücke, D. 946

CHAMINADE: Thème varié,  
op. 89

SKRYABIN: Prelude in G-flat  
major, op. 16, no. 3

SHOSTAKOVICH: Prelude in  
C-sharp minor, op. 34, no. 10

PROKOFIEV: Prelude in  
C major, op. 12, no. 7

RACHMANINOFF: Prelude in  
G major, op. 32, no. 5

CHOPIN: Andante spianato et  
Grande polonaise brillante,  
op. 22

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 23

**9:30 AM**  
Festival Orchestra Dress  
Rehearsal (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

**3:00 PM**  
Prelude: Preconcert  
Talk (Free)  
*Harris Concert Hall*  
Joseph Pfender speaker

**4:00 PM**  
Festival Orchestra:  
Beethoven's Heroic Ninth  
Symphony (\$)  
*Klein Music Tent*

Robert Spano conductor  
Ken Yanagisawa conductor  
Key'mon W. Murrah  
countertenor

Ana María Martínez soprano  
Kelley O'Connor mezzo-  
soprano

Issachah Savage tenor  
Ryan McKinny baritone

Kantorei

JOEL RINSEMA chorus director

BERNSTEIN: Chichester  
Psalm

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 9  
in D minor, op. 125 "Choral"



FINAL SUNDAY!

KEY'MON W. MURRAH  
ANA MARÍA MARTÍNEZ  
KELLEY O'CONNOR  
ISSACHAH SAVAGE  
RYAN MCKINNY  
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