



YAKIMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

LAWRENCE GOLAN • THE HELEN N. JEWETT MUSIC DIRECTOR

2024-25 SEASON

THE SOUNDTRACK TO OUR LIVES

In Memory of Michael J. Murphy, MD



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

For the past several years, we have been performing a John Williams birthday celebration concert each time the legendary film composer reaches another milestone. We played one for his 80th birthday, his 85th birthday, and most recently his 90th birthday. Each time it has been an overwhelming success; everyone simply loves the music of John Williams. For me personally, each time I hear a Williams tune, it brings me back to a certain time and place in my life. For example, when I hear the theme from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, it brings me back to the summer of 1981, when I was Indiana Jones. Just to clarify, I didn't *pretend* to be Indiana Jones...I *was* Indiana Jones! I've often thought to myself: too bad we can't play John Williams at every concert! But this year I thought: what if we could? Instead of playing one All-Williams concert, what if we played a single Williams piece on each of our concerts? This was the genesis of our 2024-25 season, sponsored in memory of Michael J. Murphy, MD: ***The Soundtrack to Our Lives***.

The next step was to formulate individual concert programs for the **Yakima Valley Classical Series**. Taking into account suggestions and requests from all within the YSO family, and always trying to balance standards of the symphonic repertoire with less-familiar works, I started coming up with thematic programs. Finally, I added a John Williams score that would complement each program. For example, our *Gaelic Celebration* program started with the Bruch *Scottish Fantasy*, a staple of the violin concerto repertoire that was requested by our amazing guest artist for that concert, David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. A lesser known but equally beautiful piece that pairs well with the Bruch is the *Gaelic Symphony* by Amy Beach. The perfect John Williams selection to complement this program is the Suite from *Far and Away*, a Steven Spielberg film about Irish immigrants that starred Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. In the case of our Opening Night concert, which features *The Planets* by Gustav Holst, I had tough choices to make (*E.T.*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*), but I ultimately decided to include Williams' most iconic score, *Star Wars*!

Other highlights of the season include the Berlioz *Symphonie fantastique*, a special presentation of the Verdi Requiem, Mahler Symphony No. 1—the Titan, paired with Williams' music from *Jurassic Park*, and my own recent composition *Giovanna d'Arco* (Joan of Arc), composed in honor of my daughter, Giovanna. Local favorites Kendra Wheeler and Joshua Gianola will be featured on Williams' "Escapades" for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra from the film *Catch Me If You Can*, which starred Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio.

In addition to having its fair share of John Williams selections, **The Gilbert Orchards Pops Series** includes several very exciting events. We have *Remember When Rock Was Young*; *The Elton John Experience*, our annual *Holiday Pops Spectacular*, *Oscar Night*; *A Red-Carpet Event*, and *Lindsay Deutsch*; *Violin Rock Star*, with guest conductor Lawrence Loh.

Finally, we have a very special Halloween season treat for you: a screening of **Disney Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas**, with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra playing the soundtrack live!

We are very much looking forward to seeing you throughout our 2024-25 season, ***The Soundtrack to Our Lives***, and we hope that you are as excited about it as we are!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lawrence Golan".

Lawrence Golan, The Helen N. Jewett Music Director, Yakima Symphony Orchestra

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The Yakima Valley CLASSICAL SERIES

- Star Wars & The Planets
- Psycho
- Gaelic Celebration
- Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín
- The French Connection
- Mahler's First Symphony

The Gilbert Orchards POPS SERIES

- Remember When Rock Was Young – The Elton John Experience
- Holiday Pops Spectacular
- Oscar Night: A Red Carpet Event
- Lindsay Deutsch: Violin Rock Star

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Disney *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas*



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THE YAKIMA VALLEY CLASSICAL SERIES

Featuring the music of John Williams

CLASSICAL I – Star Wars & The Planets

October 12, 2024, 7:30pm

Gisele and Fabio Witkowski, piano duo

Yakima Symphony Chorus

Márquez *Paisajes bajo el signo de cosmos*

Poulenc Concerto for Two Pianos

Holst *The Planets*

Williams Main Title from *Star Wars*



The Witkowski Piano Duo

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CLASSICAL II – Psycho

November 23, 2024, 7:30pm

Christine Lamprea, cello

Hermann *Psycho*; A Narrative for String Orchestra

Williams *Essay for Strings*

Montgomery *Shift, Change, Turn*

Haydn Cello Concerto No. 2 in D Major



Christine Lamprea

CLASSICAL III – Gaelic Celebration

February 1, 2025, 7:30pm

David Kim, violin

Williams Suite from *Far and Away*

Bruch *Scottish Fantasy*

Beach *Gaelic Symphony*



David Kim

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CLASSICAL IV – Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin

March 15, 2025, 7:30pm

Murry Sidlin, creator

Yakima Symphony Chorus

A concert-drama and true story featuring Verdi's supremely powerful Requiem Mass, which was presented as a means of defiance by Jewish prisoners within the unspeakable confines of the Terezín Concentration Camp in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia during WWII.

CLASSICAL V – The French Connection

April 5, 2025, 7:30pm

Kendra Wheeler, alto saxophone

Joshua Gianola, vibraphone

Williams "Escapades" from *Catch Me If You Can*

Golan *Giovanna d'Arco* (Joan of Arc) (West Coast Premiere)

Berlioz *Symphonie fantastique*



Kendra Wheeler

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CLASSICAL VI – Mahler's First Symphony

May 31, 2025, 7:30pm

Williams Theme from *Jurassic Park*

Coleman *Umoja – Anthem of Unity*

Mahler Symphony No. 1 "Titan"

The 2024-25 season includes six Classical Series concerts, four Pops Series concerts and one Special Presentation at the Capitol Theatre, conducted by YSO Music Director Lawrence Golan except as noted.

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Craig A Meyer

THE GILBERT ORCHARDS POPS SERIES

POPS I – Remember When Rock Was Young – The Elton John Experience

September 21, 2024, 7:30pm

Starring Craig A Meyer

A spectacular musical journey celebrating the character, costumes and charisma of the famed pianist and singer; Meyer's portrayal of Elton John is electrifying!

POPS II – Holiday Pops Spectacular

December 8, 2024, 4:00pm Sunday matinee

Yakima Symphony Chorus

The Yakima Symphony Orchestra joins forces with the Yakima Symphony Chorus for the thirteenth year of this annual family-friendly Yakima tradition.

POPS III – Oscar Night: A Red Carpet Event

February 22, 2025, 7:30pm

A chronological journey through Oscar-winning films, including music from *The Godfather*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Titanic* and *Lord of the Rings*.

POPS IV – Lindsay Deutsch: Violin Rock Star

May 10, 2025, 7:30pm

Lawrence Loh, guest conductor

Lindsay Deutsch, violin

Music of The Beatles, Billy Joel, John Williams, *Game of Thrones* and more!



Lindsay Deutsch

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

October 26, 2024, 7:30pm

Film with Live Orchestra



Student tickets and discounts will not be available for this special presentation.

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Reserve your seat now for the YSO's 2024-25 Season! **Renew by May 31** to guarantee your existing seats, or subscribe by **May 14** for access to the Early Bird benefits. Subscription prices reflect discounts of up to 18% from regular single-ticket prices for each concert during the 2024-25 season. For new subscribers, or for those who would like to change seating location, new seating requests will be considered on a first-come basis after existing seats have been confirmed, so subscribe early!

Capitol Theatre Patron User Fee

While the YSO has not raised ticket prices for the past two years, the Capitol Theatre's Patron User Fee will increase from \$2 to **\$4 per ticket** for the 2024-25 concert season. These funds are used to help maintain this century-old facility as both community landmark and fully functional performance venue. **These increased fees are included in the listed price of each subscription package, and in the price of tickets for Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.**

Student Subscriptions

The Yakima Symphony Orchestra has worked hard to make our programs accessible and affordable to students, children and families. In order to maintain this commitment given the significant increase in the theater's Patron User Fee, which nearly doubles the current cost of these tickets, the YSO will be offering 2024-25 subscriptions at no cost to students with valid photo ID and to children with visual verification of age, subject to availability. **Students and children must appear in person at the YSO office during business hours in order to pick up student subscription tickets, with valid student ID or visual proof of age.** Free student subscription tickets are non-exchangeable and are available only to individual students or through a family subscription.

Early Bird Offer:

Subscribe by May 14!

Patrons who purchase or renew a subscription by **May 14** will receive a **voucher for one single ticket** per subscription purchased, good for any YSO Classical Series concert as availability permits. Vouchers will be for a single ticket at the same price level as the subscription ticket purchased or lower, and they may be redeemed after single tickets go on sale in early August. Patrons purchasing or renewing subscriptions **in Tier 1 by May 14** will receive a **voucher for a pair of Tier 1 single tickets** to any YSO Classical Series concert for each subscription ticket purchased. Please note that this voucher offer does not apply to student subscriptions.

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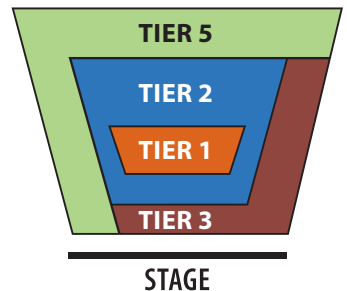
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CAPITOL THEATRE BALCONY SEATING



MAIN SEATING



On the front cover: "Conducting the Colors of the Valley" by Kate Bowditch. Watercolor & Ink, 2024.

Additional information will appear in the 2024-25 YSO program book and on the 2024-25 website at www.ysomusic.org.

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Prices include the Capitol Theatre's **\$4-per-seat** Patron User Fee for each concert.

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Six Classical Concerts and Four Pops Concerts

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Disney Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION SUBTOTAL		\$
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