

Introducing the 2026–2027 Season

Beloved Beethoven

Commemorating the 200th anniversary
of the passing of Ludwig van Beethoven

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SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

LAWRENCE GOLAN
THE HELEN N. JEWETT MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

On March 26, 1827, the world lost the greatest symphonic composer that ever lived. Thankfully though, his music will live on forever. Throughout the 2026–2027 season, the Yakima Symphony Orchestra will be celebrating the music of Ludwig van Beethoven. Each of our Classical Series concerts will include at least one piece by Beethoven, and some concerts will be completely devoted to the great master. The symphonies that we will play throughout the season include Beethoven's first, his last—the epic *Symphony No. 9 "Ode to Joy,"*—and of course, the most famous symphony ever penned, Beethoven's fifth.

We also have an epic Pops Series lined up for you. In addition to our annual Holiday Pops Spectacular that will feature the **Kouyate Arts African Drumming Ensemble**, guest conductor **Dirk Meyer** will lead a patriotic salute to America at 250. We will celebrate the 95th birthday of legendary film composer John Williams, and also mark the 50th anniversary of Star Wars by performing **Star Wars: A New Hope** in concert; the film playing on a giant screen with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra playing the soundtrack live!





We are also happy to announce our inaugural **Summer Chamber Music Series**. Five weekends of community building concerts and lectures at local libraries, wineries, and museums featuring the music of Beethoven. These concerts feature Denise Dillenbeck leading the Yakima Symphony String Quartet, the Yakima Symphony Chorus lead by Chorusmaster Steven S. Slusher, and four lectures by resident historian Dr. Jeffrey Snedeker.

We wanted to give you, one of our most loyal and valued donors, a sneak peak of what the 2026–2027 Season has in store, and invite you to be an important part of its success. We all have a part to play in sustaining the rich legacy of orchestral music in the Yakima Valley. With your financial leadership supporting the Yakima Symphony Orchestra through sponsorships and underwriting, we can keep the music playing for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Laurence Solan
The Helen N. Jewett Music Director

Donn McClellan
Executive Director

Announcing Yakima Symphony Orchestra's inaugural

Summer Chamber Music Series

Featuring concertmaster Denise Dillenbeck leading the Yakima Symphony String Quartet, historian Jeffrey Snedeker, and the Yakima Symphony Chorus in five weekends of community-building concerts and events!

SUMMER SERIES SPONSORSHIPS

\$2,000 per concert | \$1,000 per lecture

Youthful Brilliance & Heroic Expansion

Featuring the Yakima Symphony String Quartet

FRIDAY, MAY 22 | WEST VALLEY LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 23 | TREVERI CELLARS

String Quartets by Beethoven

Hollywood & Harmony

Featuring the Yakima Symphony Chorus, Young Artists Steven S. Slusher, Chorusmaster

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | KAMINSKI CENTER

Wit, Passion & the First Glimpse of Transcendence

Featuring the Yakima Symphony String Quartet

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | CENTRAL LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | WHITMAN HILL WINERY

String Quartets by Beethoven

Intensity & Revelation

Featuring the Yakima Symphony String Quartet

THURSDAY, JULY 2 | SELAH LIBRARY

FRIDAY, JULY 3 | GILBERT CELLARS

String Quartets by Beethoven

Late Style & the Threshold of Silence

Featuring the Yakima Symphony String Quartet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 | SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 | NARRITIF WINERY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Music by Beethoven

Lecture Series with Jeffrey Snedeker

YAKIMA VALLEY MUSEUM

THURSDAY, MAY 21

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

THURSDAY, JULY 2

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Classical Series Sponsorships

\$5,000 per concert | \$3,500 per featured artist

Beethoven's 5th

Saturday, September 26

Featuring Martin Kuuskmann, basson

PROKOFIEV Classical Symphony

CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS Bassoon Concerto

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5

Beethoven Violin Concerto

Saturday, November 7

Featuring Rachel Barton Pine, violin

JESSIE MONTGOMERY Starburst

PHILIP GLASS Dracula Suite

BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto

Beethoven at the Theatre—Egmont & Fidelio

Saturday, February 27, 2027

Yakima Symphony Chorus

(Steven S. Slusher, Chorusmaster)

Rebecca Krynski Cox, soprano

Andrew Lunsford, tenor

Young Artists

Incidental music from Beethoven's *Egmont*,
and selections from *Fidelio*





Dream Big

Saturday, March 25

Featuring actors from the Warehouse Theatre

BEETHOVEN King Stephen Overture

QUINN MASON She Dreams of Flying

LAWRENCE GOLAN Joseph, the Dream Reader (*West Coast Premiere*)

PETER BOYER Ellis Island: The Dream of America

Beethoven Triple

Saturday, May 1

Lawrence Golan, violin

Christopher Young, cello

Leonel Morales, piano

ARVO PÄRT Fratres

LOUISE FARRENC Symphony No. 3

BEETHOVEN Concerto for Violin, Cello & Piano "Triple"

Full Circle—Beethoven's 1st and Beethoven's 9th

Saturday, May 22

Yakima Symphony Chorus

(Steven S. Slusher, Chorusmaster)

Naomi Wickson, soprano

Melissa Schiel, mezzo soprano

Stephen Rumph, tenor

Charles Robert Stephens, bass



Pop Series Sponsorships

\$5,000 per concert | \$10,000 per Star Wars performance*
\$3,500 per featured artist

From Sea to Shining Sea—America at 250

Saturday, October 17

Featuring Dirk Meyer, guest conductor

Musical celebration of the United States of America

Holiday Pops Spectacular

Saturday, December 5 | Sunday, December 6

Two Performances!

Yakima Symphony Chorus

(Steven S. Slusher, Chorusmaster)

Kouyate Arts African Drumming Ensemble

Music by Tchaikovsky, John Williams,
Leroy Anderson, Handel, and traditional holiday classics!

John Williams 95th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, January 30 | Two Performances!

Featuring film scores by John Williams

Star Wars, Episode IV: A New Hope in Concert

Saturday, April 10 | Sunday, April 11 | Two Performances!

**Sponsorship of Star Wars, A New Hope in Concert is subject to approval by Disney Concerts and Lucasfilm Ltd. Contact Executive Director Sam McClung at sam@ysomusic.org for more details.*

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Chair Sponsorships

Financial leadership to support positions in the Yakima Symphony Orchestra.

Concertmaster Chair | \$3,500

Principal Chair | \$2,500

Section Chair | \$1,000



Available principal and section chair sponsorships include—flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, harp, piano, timpani, percussion, violin I, violin II, viola, cello, double bass.

Season Underwriting Opportunities

Student Concerts Underwriter | \$35,000

Classical Series Underwriter | \$30,000

Pops Series Underwriter | \$25,000

Yakima Symphony Chorus Underwriter | \$20,000

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra Underwriter | \$15,000

Yakima Ensemble for Strings Underwriter | \$10,000

Young Artist Underwriter | \$8,000

All dates, programs, and venues are subject to change.





Donor Benefits

Conductors Circle

Benefit Description	\$1,000+	\$2,500+	\$5,000+	\$10,000+	\$15,000+	\$20,000+
Recognition in Season Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full page advertising in Season Program (corporate support)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary tickets to a concert		2 Tickets	2 Tickets	4 Tickets	6 Tickets	8 Tickets
Orchestra Rehearsal Invitation			✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to meal with Music Director				✓	✓	✓
Invitation to private soiree and concert					✓	✓
Two free Capitol Series Subscriptions						✓

Donor benefits will be applied to cumulative gifts made during the Yakima Symphony Orchestra's July through June fiscal years. Accepted donor benefits may impact your tax deduction. Please contact your tax professional for details.

Other Ways to Give

The Yakima Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors proudly leads the way with 100% Board giving. Join us in supporting the Symphony in one of the following ways.

MONTHLY GIVING

Join our most loyal patrons in supporting the Symphony through a monthly gift of any amount. Monthly gifts can be recognized individually, or annually before tax season, and can be set up to be automatic for convenience.

GIVE IRA ASSETS

Patrons over the age of 70 and a half can donate \$100,000+ to charitable organizations directly from their Individual Retirement Account through qualified charitable distributions. Gifting can be accomplished with appreciated stock, enabling you to take a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock and avoid capital gains tax. Contact your IRA administrator to make a qualified charitable distribution to the Yakima Symphony Orchestra.

For more information on ways to give and for the best selection of sponsorships, contact:

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