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Press Calendar of Events: Summer 2015 Fine Arts, By Genre

Tickets for Wolf Trap's 2015 Summer Season:

Online: WolfTrap.org

By phone: 1.877.WOLFTRAP

In person: Filene Center Box Office
1551 Trap Road | Vienna, Virginia 22182

Locations

All performances held at the Filene Center (unless otherwise noted)

1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Select performances held at The Barns at Wolf Trap (noted on listing)

1635 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

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National Symphony Orchestra

Back to the Future*

National Symphony Orchestra

Emil de Cou, *conductor*

Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$58

Power up the DeLorean and join Marty McFly and the National Symphony Orchestra as they take you *Back to the Future* with this beloved film projected in HD on the big screen with Alan Silvestri's expanded score performed live. Don't miss this exclusive North American premiere!

Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture
Emanuel Ax* Plays Brahms
National Symphony Orchestra

Andrew Litton, *conductor*
Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Litton last appeared in 2014
Tickets \$20-\$58

Tchaikovsky's triumphant masterpiece complete with cannon blasts, and his romantic overture to *Romeo and Juliet*, with internationally-acclaimed pianist Emanuel Ax's "thoughtful, lyrical, lustrous" (*The Washington Post*) playing of Brahms.

Audra McDonald
National Symphony Orchestra

Andy Einhorn, *conductor*
Monday, June 22, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

McDonald last
appeared in 2001
Tickets \$25-\$75

Spend an enchanting evening with the six-time Tony and double Grammy-winning queen of Broadway praised as "one of the most consummate performers there is," (*The Boston Globe*) as she sings beloved show tunes and pop standards with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5
Sarah Chang Plays Bruch
National Symphony Orchestra

Shi-Yeon Sung*, *conductor*
Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Chang last appeared in 2009
Tickets \$20-\$58

The world's most recognizable classical composition revered as "splendid beyond all measure" (E.T.A. Hoffmann) provides a dramatic finale to the Wolf Trap debut of an award-winning international violinist's performance of Bruch.

Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions*
National Symphony Orchestra

Susie Benchasil Seiter*, *conductor*
Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$45

Pokémon trainers, Wolf Trap chooses you! Journey through nearly 20 years of memorable Pokémon music from the popular video game series as the orchestra performs them live with clips from the beloved games projected on the big screen.

Rufus Wainwright
National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, *conductor*
Friday, July 31, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Wainwright last
appeared in 2012
Tickets \$25-\$58

Referred to by Elton John as “the greatest songwriter on the planet” and praised by *The New York Times* for his “genuine originality,” this award-winning singer/songwriter pairs his poignant lyrics with the dynamic sounds of the National Symphony Orchestra.

Verdi’s *Aida* in Concert
National Symphony Orchestra
The Washington Chorus
Daniele Callegari, conductor
Wolf Trap Opera Alumni
Marjorie Owens, Michelle DeYoung,
Carl Tanner, Scott Hendricks
Friday, July 24, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Aida last performed in 1980 by
the Opera Company of Boston
Tickets \$22-\$75

Venture into Ancient Egypt with the majestic music of Verdi’s grand opera *Aida*, sung by Metropolitan Opera artists and Wolf Trap Opera alumni Marjorie Owens, Michelle DeYoung, Carl Tanner, and Scott Hendricks.

Star Trek*
National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, *conductor*
Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$58

Boldly go where no one has gone before in J.J. Abrams’ acclaimed *Star Trek* (2009), presented in HD on the big screen while the NSO performs Michael Giacchino’s unforgettable score live!

The Music of John Williams
National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, *conductor*
Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets \$20-\$58

From a galaxy far, far away to the edge of Neverland, John Williams’ iconic scores have accompanied you on epic adventures—journey now with the NSO as they perform entrancing and exhilarating music by the most Oscar-nominated man alive, with songs from beloved films like *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones*, *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Harry Potter*, *Hook*, and more.

Madama Butterfly (New Production)

Wolf Trap Opera

National Symphony Orchestra

Choral Arts

Grant Gershon, *conductor*

Friday, August 7, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Wolf Trap Opera premiere

Madama Butterfly last

performed in 1990 by

New York City Opera

Tickets \$25-\$75

Experience Puccini’s heartbreaking masterpiece of passion, honor, and sacrifice with Wolf Trap Opera and the National Symphony Orchestra in this new, staged, and costumed production with custom video projections.

Wolf Trap Opera

Mozart

The Marriage of Figaro

Sung in Italian with supertitles

The Barns at Wolf Trap

Tickets \$32-\$88

Friday, June 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

In one crazy day in the Almaviva household, Figaro and Susanna must devise and disguise their way to thwarting the Count’s plans of ruining their happiness. Originally banned for suggesting a servant could outwit his master, this political play turned beloved comic opera tells a moving tale of love, forgiveness—and an immensely chaotic wedding day—through sublime music and wry humor.

CAST

FigaroThomas Richards
 Susanna Talya Lieberman
 Count Almaviva Reginald Smith, Jr.
 Countess Almaviva Kerriann Otaño
 Cherubino..... Abigail Levis
 Bartolo.....Christian Zarembo
 MarcellinaJenni Bank
 Barbarina.....Amy Owens
 Basilio Anthony Ciaramitaro⁺
 Curzio Joshua Sanders⁺
 Antonio Alex Rosen⁺
 Bridesmaids..... Alexandra Nowakowski⁺
 Rebecca Claborn⁺

PRODUCTION

Conductor Kathleen Kelly
 Director David Paul
 Scenic Design..... Wilson Chin
 Costume Design Stephanie Cluggish
 Lighting Design Robert H. Grimes
 Hair & Makeup Anne Nesmith
 Language Consultant..... Franca Gorraz

⁺*Studio Artists*

Aria Jukebox

The audience gets to choose!
Wolf Trap Opera soloists
Kim Pensinger Witman, *pianist*

The Barns at Wolf Trap
Tickets \$32-\$48

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 3 p.m.

The 2015 artists sing your favorite opera highlights, with Kim Witman at the piano. Ticket price includes wine and cheese reception beginning at 2:00 p.m. Come early and put your quarters in the jukebox to vote for the arias of your choice!

John Corigliano
The Ghosts of Versailles
Sung in English with supertitles

Company Premiere, Washington, D.C.-area premiere
The Barns at Wolf Trap
Tickets \$32-\$88

Friday, July 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

To rewrite history and save Marie Antoinette from the guillotine, the famed playwright of *The Marriage of Figaro* and *The Barber of Seville* stages an opera for the ghost queen that can reverse her fate. Figaro, a beloved character in these two operas, refuses to follow the playwright’s new script, stirring a surprise plot twist. Completing the Figaro trilogy, this comic opera-within-an-opera follows the ghosts from the Court of Louis XVI as they tempt life, death, politics, love, and destiny.

CAST

Marie Antoinette Melinda Whittington
Beaumarchais Will Liverman
Bégearss Robert Watson
Figaro Morgan Pearse
Susanna Sarah Larsen
Count Almaviva Frederick Ballentine
Rosina D’Ana Lombard
Florestine Amy Owens
Léon David Margulis
Samira Jenni Bank
Louis XVI Timothy Bruno
Cherubino Abigail Levis
Suleyman Pasha William Clay Thompson⁺
Woman with Hat Nadia Fayad⁺
Marquis Ian Koziara⁺
Jaded Aristocrats at the Opera (Ghost Quartet)
..... Christine Price⁺
..... Grace Newberry⁺
..... Michael Anderson⁺

..... Thomas Glass⁺
Gossips
..... Nicolette Book⁺
..... Annalise Dzwonczyk⁺
..... Rebecca Claborn⁺
Wilhelm Joshua Sanders⁺
English Ambassador Brandon Bell⁺

⁺ *Studio Artists*

PRODUCTION

Conductor Eric Melear
Director Louisa Muller
Scenic Design Wilson Chin
Costume Design David Woolard
Lighting Design Robert H. Grimes
Hair & Makeup Anne Nesmith

Verdi's *Aida* in Concert
National Symphony Orchestra
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Friday, July 24, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Aida last performed in 1980
Tickets \$22-\$75

Wolf Trap Opera Alumni and Filene Center Young Artists come together with the National Symphony Orchestra at Wolf Trap's Filene Center for a concert performance of Verdi's *Aida*.

CAST

Aida..... Marjorie Owens
AmnerisMichelle DeYoung
Radamés Carl Tanner
AmonasroScott Hendricks
Ramfis..... Evan Boyer**
Il Re.....Christian Zaremba**
Priestess..... Kerriann Otaño**

***Filene Young Artist*

The Rodgers Family – A Century of Musicals
Steven Blier & Wolf Trap Opera Soloists

The Barns at Wolf Trap
Tickets \$46

Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 3 p.m.
Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Three generations of American musical theatre in one family – from Richard Rodgers' *Oklahoma* to Mary Rodgers' *Once Upon A Mattress* and Adam Guettel's *A Light in the Piazza*.

CAST

Talya Lieberman, soprano
Sarah Larsen, mezzo-soprano
Abigail Levis, mezzo-soprano
Frederick Ballentine, tenor
Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone
Thomas Richards, bass-baritone

Madama Butterfly

Wolf Trap Opera
National Symphony Orchestra
Choral Arts
Grant Gershon, *conductor*
New *Operascope* production
Sung in Italian with English supertitles in-house

The Filene Center
Tickets \$25-\$75

Friday, August 7, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

Experience Puccini’s heartbreaking masterpiece of passion, honor, and sacrifice with Wolf Trap Opera and the National Symphony Orchestra in this new, staged, and costumed production with custom video projections.

CAST

Cio-Cio San Alexandra Loutsion
Lt. B.F. Pinkerton Robert Watson
Sharpless Joo Won Kang
Suzuki J’nai Bridges
Goro David Margulis
The Bonze Evan Boyer
Kate Pinkerton Grace Newberry⁺
Prince Yamadori Ian Koziara⁺

PRODUCTION

Conductor Grant Gershon
Director Tara Faircloth
Scenic Design Zane Pihlstrom
Video & Projection Design S. Katy Tucker
Costume Design Rooth Varland
Lighting Design Mark Stanley
Hair & Makeup Anne Nesmith
Language Consultant Franca Gorraz

⁺Studio Artist

Master Class with Michelle DeYoung

Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Wolf Trap Center for Education
Tickets *FREE*. *RSVP to:*
opera@wolftrap.org

Audiences can watch a master at work, as Wolf Trap Opera’s 2015 Artist in Residence Michelle DeYoung works with select Wolf Trap Opera singers on style, performance enhancement, language, stagecraft and more!

Recitative: Plain Talk About the Future of Opera

Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 11 a.m.

Wolf Trap Center for Education
Tickets *FREE*. *RSVP to*
opera@wolftrap.org

2015 Artist in Residence Michelle DeYoung will moderate a panel discussion on issues of concern to the opera community and the young artists of Wolf Trap Opera. Topics will include career development, life on the road, new media, competitions, artist management, and industry trends.

Dance

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10-\$44

The elegance and athleticism of jazz, ballet and modern dance fuse perfectly when this critically-acclaimed contemporary troupe creates their “near-perfect storm of movement, music and choreography.”—*L.A. Times*

National Ballet of China*

National Ballet of China Symphony Orchestra

The Peony Pavilion

Thursday, July 14, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20-\$65

Fusing classical western ballet with traditional Chinese dance, this spellbinding performance tells the story of star-crossed lovers through luscious costumes and poetic staging.

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