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Press Calendar of Events: Summer 2015

Additional performances to be announced April 9, 2015

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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May 2015

A Prairie Home Companion

With Garrison Keillor

And Special Guests:

Sara Watkins

Sarah Jarosz

Aofie O'Donovan

in association with Minnesota Public Radio & WAMU 88.5 FM

Friday, May 22, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 5:45 p.m. (Live Broadcast)

Last appeared in 2014

Tickets \$25-\$65

Watch as the nation's favorite radio host leads an ensemble cast through his radio variety show featuring comedy sketches, musical guests, and Keillor's signature monologue, "The News from Lake Wobegon."

*Wolf Trap Debut

Sheryl Crow

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2010

Tickets \$35-\$55

“Soak Up the Sun” with the nine-time Grammy-winning pop, rock, and country queen, whose “delicious harmonies and insightful lyrics” (Variety) fuel her worldwide fame.

A.R. Rahman****The Intimate Concert Tour***

Friday, May 29, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$40-\$175

From Bollywood to Hollywood, this Grammy and Academy Award-winning musician is one of the world’s most prolific film composers—he was the mastermind behind Slumdog Millionaire’s award-winning score and he mixes genres spanning Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap to create his astonishing compositions.

Kool & The Gang***Chaka Khan***

Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$60

It’s a “Celebration”! “Get Down On It” with the pop funk party-starters whose arrangements have made them the most sampled band of all time; then dance it up with the international music icon widely-regarded as the “Queen of Funk,” as she delivers hits like “I’m Every Woman” and “I Feel For You.”

June 2015

The B-52s**Berlin**

Friday, June 5, 2015 at 8 p.m.

B-52’s last appeared in 2012

Berlin last appeared in 2011

Tickets \$25-\$50

Known as the world’s greatest party band, The B-52’s remain one of pop rock’s beloved and enduring forces—dance your heart out to their underground club anthems like “Love Shack,” “Rock Lobster,” “Private Idaho,” and new favorites.

*Wolf Trap Debut

An Evening with the Creators of SERIAL:*

Sarah Koenig & Julie Snyder

Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$45

Go behind the scenes with the creators of the world's most gripping and popular podcast as they talk crime, modern journalism, and how their *This American Life* spin-off project became "the greatest murder mystery you will ever hear." (*The Guardian*).

Wolf Trap's 26th Annual

Louisiana Swamp Romp™

Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$35

Dance to infectious Cajun, zydeco, and blues tunes at Wolf Trap's cherished New Orleans-style summer party featuring live music, food, and dancing—this year's lineup includes the award-winning "Southern Knight" who "brought the New Orleans sound to the national stage" (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) and more.

"Weird Al" Yankovic*

The Mandatory World Tour

Friday, June 12, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$40-\$65

Fueled by clever, zany lyrics, this parody master transforms pop hits from Michael Jackson's "Beat It" to Lorde's "Royals" into hilarious, new renditions.

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 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 Almoviva 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.

*Wolf Trap Debut

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 p.m. Come early and put your quarters in the jukebox to vote for the arias of your choice!

The Pirates of Penzance

New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players
Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 8 p.m.

NYGSP Last appeared in 2013
Tickets \$15-\$55

Head to the swashbuckling high seas with Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular comic opera, featuring the hits "Poor Wandering One" and "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General."

Classic Albums Live Presents

The Beatles – Abbey Road

Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2014
Tickets \$25-\$45

World-class musicians take on one of the greatest albums of all time from the English rock band that "startled the ears and energized the lives of virtually all who heard them" (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame)—experience the album in its entirety with classics like "Something" and "Here Comes the Sun."

David Gray*

Amos Lee

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Lee last appeared in 2011
Tickets \$25-55

Best known for the multiplatinum hit "Babylon," this English indie rocker presents crowd favorites and works from his new album that "makes a striking initial impact then seeps in deeply" (AllMusic.com)—joining him is an American singer/songwriter whose style encompasses folk, rock, and soul to produce a sound that's as soothing as it is inspiring.

Steve Miller Band

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2013
Tickets \$35-\$60

The multiplatinum "Space Cowboy" brings his signature blues-rock into the future with "slick guitar boogie as catchy as ABBA and as danceable as disco." (*Rolling Stone*)

*Wolf Trap Debut

Lindsey Stirling*

The Music Box Tour

Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$50

Made famous by her viral YouTube video “Crystallize,” the ever-innovative dancing violinist and Billboard chart-topper fuses the romance of Celtic folk and modern classical with the infectious energy of dance and electronica.

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!

Celtic Woman

10th Anniversary World Tour

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2013

Tickets \$30-\$65

Known as “*Riverdance* for the voice,” these four celestial sirens perform breathtaking renditions of contemporary ballads alongside traditional music from the Emerald Isle.

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!

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.

*Wolf Trap Debut

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.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago
Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

Last appeared in 2005
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*

Grammy winner
Peter Frampton
Cheap Trick
Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Both last appeared in 2013
Tickets \$35-\$60

Don't miss the ultimate night of classic rock legends from a Grammy-winning guitar sensation and the band who delivered “I Want You to Want Me” and “Surrender.”

Million Dollar Quartet*
Friday, June 26, 2015 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Tickets \$22-\$80

Inspired by the 1956 impromptu jam session of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis, this Tony Award-winning musical filled with classic rock 'n' roll “whips the crowd into a frenzy.” (*The New York Times*)

John Fogerty
1969
Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2000
Tickets \$35-\$65

Embrace the warm, rootsy vocals and classic rockabilly of the creative force behind Creedence Clearwater Revival—named one of Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Guitarists and 100 Greatest Singers of all time, this singer/songwriter remains one of classic rock's treasures.

*Wolf Trap Debut

July 2015

MOVE featuring Derek & Julianne Hough*

Friday, July 3, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$55

Join *Dancing with the Stars'* champion duo composed of an Emmy-winning choreographer and a *Billboard* chart-topping movie-star as they sing, dance, and perform their way through a "futuristic dance fest that exceed[s] even the ultimate fans' expectations." (*303 Magazine*)

Frank Sinatra, Jr.*

Sinatra Sings Sinatra

The Centennial Celebration

Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$55

Son of "the 20th century's greatest singer" (*Rolling Stone*), Frank Sinatra Jr. keeps that elegant crooning style of jazz, swing, and big band alive with classics including "Strangers In The Night" and "New York, New York."

John Corigliano

The Ghosts of Versailles

Sung in English with supertitles

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. Don't miss this comic opera-within-an-opera in which the ghosts from the Court of Louis XVI tempt life, death, politics, love, and destiny.

*Wolf Trap Debut

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.

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.

Punch Brothers

Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn

Friday, July 15, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2011

Tickets \$30-\$50

Full of "fierce ambition and undeniable charm," (*Uncut* magazine) this acoustic quintet is known for their warm, progressive, and elegantly emotive sound—joining them is the 15-time Grammy-winning banjo virtuoso who switches effortlessly from bluegrass to classical (Fleck) and the highly-accomplished singer/banjoist who creates music "recommended even to those who think they hate banjos." (*The Guardian*)

Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions (Video)*

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 franchise as the orchestra performs all-new arrangements live, with clips from the video games projected on huge screens.

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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.

Brandi Carlile

First Aid Kit*

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Carlile last appeared in 2013

Tickets \$30-\$55

Spend a summer evening with the dynamic singer/songwriter who perfectly bridges folk rock with Americana—her newest album *The Firewatcher's Daughter* (2015) was hailed by NPR as a “glorious storm” for its “emotional openness, beautiful melodicism and rich textures.”

Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!*

in association with WAMU 88.5

Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$60

Watch comedians, journalists, celebrity guests, and more compete in NPR's Award-winning current events quiz show, hosted by actor and playwright Peter Sagal, for their chance to win a coveted prize from scorekeeper emeritus Carl Kasell.

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

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 Michelle DeYoung, Marjorie Owens, Carl Tanner, and Scott Hendricks.

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Diana Krall
With Wolf Trap Orchestra
Wallflower World Tour
Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2012
Tickets \$40-\$75

Enjoy the rich, honeyed vocals and tender piano melodies of this five-time Grammy Award-winning jazz sensation as she performs audience favorites and music from her new album with the Wolf Trap Orchestra.

Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals
Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Harper last appeared in 2012
Tickets \$35-\$60

For the first time since 2008, the triple-Grammy winners known for their eclectic mix of blues, soul, reggae, and rock reunite on tour, bringing back their explosive live performances.

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.

August 2015

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*.

*Wolf Trap Debut

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!

David Sedaris*

Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$55

NPR humorist and best-selling author of *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, dubbed "the funniest ...writer since SJ Perleman," (*The Guardian*) brings his storytelling to the stage, transforming tales of ordinary life into sardonic vignettes and witty social commentaries.

The Piano Guys*

Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$55

Inspiration ensues when these piano and cello YouTube phenoms bring their beautiful compositions to the stage, with original works and classical/pop mashups ranging from Swedish House Mafia to Vivaldi.

Madama Butterfly

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.

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.

*Wolf Trap Debut

**NEEDTOBREATHE'S
TOUR DE COMPADRES
NEEDTOBREATHE**

Switchfoot*

**Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors*
Colony House***

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.

NEEDTOBREATHE last
appeared in 2010
Tickets \$25-\$45

Immerse yourself in captivating alt-rock from premier bands, including the sensations behind “Multiplied” and “Something Beautiful,” the Grammy-winning rockers who reminded you that you’re “Meant to Live,” and more.

Jim Gaffigan

Contagious

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2014
Tickets \$30-\$60

With a new sitcom on TV Land and Comedy Central, plus a new standup tour across the country, summer 2015 is raging for “the king of (clean) comedy” (*Wall Street Journal*)—laugh it up with the Grammy-nominated humorist as he dishes on food, fatherhood, and everything in between.

Lyle Lovett & His Large Band

Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2014
Tickets \$25-\$50

Texas’ Grammy-winning “Cowboy Man,” known for his wry humor and deep storytelling creates richly layered, foot-tapping, Americana, alt-country, and blues with the help of his large band.

Little Big Town*

The Pain Killer Tour

David Nail

Ashley Monroe*

Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$35-\$55

Hop on the “Pontoon” and enjoy free-wheeling, harmony-driven songs from these Grammy-winning country rockers, as they perform fan favorites and songs from their “most eclectic, boldest album yet.” (*Miami Herald*)

*Wolf Trap Debut

ABBA – The Concert

A Tribute to ABBA

Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2014

Tickets \$25-\$42

“Mamma Mia” here they go again! Take a chance on this ultimate tribute band, featuring original members of ABBA’s rhythm section, which recreates the look and sound of the world’s most phenomenal pop ensemble.

Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2013

Tickets \$25-\$55

Savor the unique falsetto and 1960s-quartet blend of the iconic pop group that inspired a Tony-winning musical, with blockbuster hits like “Sherry” and “December 1963 (Oh What A Night).”

The Beach Boys

Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Last appeared in 2011

Tickets \$30-\$50

America’s favorite surf rockers bring the “Fun, Fun, Fun” with their iconic summer soundtrack featuring songs like “Surfin’ USA,” “Good Vibrations,” “Wouldn’t It Be Nice,” and more.

Santana

The Corazón Tour

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Last appeared in 1995

Tickets \$40-\$85

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and 10-time Grammy-winning guitarist leads his namesake band in the fusion of Latin, rock, and blues, to perform smash hits like “Black Magic Woman” and “Smooth.”

Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club*

Adios Tour

The Pedrito Martinez Group*

Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$50

Warm, acoustic rhythms and Afro-Cuban jazz made this band a staple of Cuban music’s golden age and a Grammy-winning international success—don’t miss their final tour as they deliver “a shot of pure musical adrenalin that hits the mark every time.” (*BBC*)

*Wolf Trap Debut

September 2015

Jackson Browne

Friday, September 11, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2012

Tickets \$30-\$60

Indulge in heartfelt classic rock from the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer whose music includes everything from romantic songs to social commentaries—“Somebody’s Baby,” “Doctor My Eyes,” and “Running on Empty,” are well-known favorites, and his new compositions are what Rolling Stone calls “superb, inspiring.”

Kelly Clarkson*

Pentatonix*

Eric Hutchinson

Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$45-\$125

“Breakaway” from the ordinary with the first star of *American Idol* who became a triple Grammy-winning success praised as “one of music’s most remarkable voices” (*Rolling Stone*)—empowering pop anthems like “Stronger” and “Since U Been Gone” continue on her new album *Piece by Piece*, as well as reflective and personal ballads.

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