



# INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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## Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra OCTOBER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Printing Partners *Pops Series*

### **Broadway Divas**

Friday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. (The Stratford *Coffee Pops Series*)

Friday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m.

Christina Bianco, N’Kenge, Mandy Gonzalez, Kristen Plumley, Vocalists

From the Great White Way to the Circle City! Four of Broadway’s greatest talents will join Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for three jaw dropping performances. The four divas will sing favorites from blockbusters including *Chicago*, *My Fair Lady*, *Dream Girls* and the heart-wrenching *Les Misérables*.

- Christina Bianco is best known by younger fans for her popular YouTube account, where she often posts musical impressions of other notable artists.
- N’Kenge, a graduate of the illustrious Julliard School, is widely regarded for her ability to sing in 11 languages.
- Mandy Gonzalez is best known for her award winning role in Broadway musical *In the Heights* as Nina Rosario. She also has starred as Elphaba in *Wicked*.

*Learning Community Event*

### **Teddy Bear Series Concert**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m.

The Indianapolis Public Library

Free; reservations required by calling the Central Library at (317) 275-4100

Join the ISO for the second annual *Teddy Bear Series*, mini-concerts full of discovery and fun for young children (ages 3-5) and their families. Preschoolers are introduced to orchestral string instruments through interactive stories, movement and live music.

- The first program of the Teddy Bear Series is *The Giant’s Violin*, based upon the original story written by ISO violinist Victoria Griswold.

- *The Giant's Violin* will feature five ISO string players performing excerpts from the classic *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Lilly Classical Series

**Beethoven's *Missa solemnis***

Friday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Hans Graf, Conductor

Cyndia Sieden, Soprano

Julie Boulianne, Mezzo-soprano

Colin Balzer, Tenor

Nathan Berg, Bass-Baritone

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will join the ISO and guest conductor Hans Graf to present Beethoven's heartfelt piece, *Missa solemnis*. Written around the same time as his grand Ninth Symphony, the Mass took five years to complete and is considered to be one of Beethoven's crowning achievements.

- *Missa solemnis* has not been performed by the ISO and ISC since 1987.
- Beethoven wrote the Mass to honor Rudolph, the Archduke of Austria and one of the composer's patrons and personal friends.

Lilly Classical Series

**IVCI Winner Jinjoo Cho Plays Tchaikovsky**

Thursday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m.

Michael Francis, Conductor

Jinjoo Cho, Violin

Violin virtuoso Jinjoo Cho will perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major, a masterpiece often cited as the most difficult and complex compositions in existence. Cho, guest conductor Michael Francis and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra also will perform excerpts from Edward Elgar's enchanting *Enigma Variations*.

- South Korean native Jinjoo Cho received the Gold Medal at the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis in 2014.
- The *Times Argus* of Montreal described her performance at the 2006 Montreal International Musical Competition at age 17 as possessing "an undeniable charisma and depth...with an intense lyricism and heartfelt tenderness that sends shivers up the spine."

ISO Special Concert

**Back to the Future: Film + Live Orchestra – ALMOST SOLD OUT!**

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

The ISO "will go back in time" with a special screening of the 1985 film classic, *Back to the Future*, complete with full orchestra. So power up your DeLorean, recharge your flux capacitor and get ready to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an unforgettable movie classic as you've never seen or heard it before.

- The film will be shown in its entirety with a 20-minute intermission.

- *Back to the Future's* composer, Alan Silvestri, has composed scores for a variety of box office hits, including *Forrest Gump*, *The Polar Express* and 2012's *The Avengers*.

Printing Partners *Pops Series*

**Kenny Rogers with the ISO**

Friday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.

Jack Everly, Conductor

Kenny Rogers, Vocalist

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcome American music icon Kenny Rogers back to the Hilbert Circle Theatre stage. Known throughout the world for his distinctive voice and powerful lyrics, Rogers will perform fan favorites including, "The Gambler," "Lady," "She Believes in Me," "Islands in the Streams" and more.

- Kenny Rogers was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2013.
- More than 120 of Kenny Rogers' songs have reached the Billboard charts, cementing his place as one of the most successful recording artists in music history.
- Kenny Rogers recently appeared on *The Today Show* to announce his retirement after a "farewell" tour next year.

*SymFUNy Sundays* presented by Dow AgroSciences

**Symphonic Spooktacular**

Sunday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m.

Goblins, ghouls and ghosts will haunt Hilbert Circle Theatre for this spooktacular event! The entire family is invited to don their Halloween costumes and listen to eerie sounds of the season, including a special presentation of Lemony Snicket's "The Composer is Dead."

- *SymFUNy Sundays* Family Concerts are designed to create a lifelong relationship with music through interactive experiences with musicians and their instruments.
- Lemony Snicket is the pseudonym of author Daniel Handler. Under the guise of Lemony Snicket, Handler penned the wildly successful children's series, "A Series of Unfortunate Events."

*Lilly Classical Series*

**Mahler's Symphony No. 4**

Thursday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. (*Coffee Classical Series*)

Saturday, Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.

Alexander Shelley, Conductor

Malin Christensson, Soprano

It's an evening of music inspired by folk songs from around the world. Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 4, composed from 1899-1900, was written with a single soprano vocalist and a smaller orchestra in mind, making for a unique and intimate musical experience. Other works to be performed include Béla Bartók's *Rumanian Folk Dances* and the *Seven Early Songs* of composer Alban Berg.

- Symphony No. 4 is based off a children's song entitled, "Des Knaben Wunderhorn," or, "The Boy's Magic Horn."
- In addition to being a world renowned conductor, Alexander Shelley of London is also an accomplished cellist and pianist.

- Swedish-born soprano Malin Christensson has performed with symphony orchestras around the globe, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

*Special Event in Support of the ISO*

***Haunted Hilbert***

Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.-midnight

Mystery, magic and music will rule the night during the ISO's special masquerade event, *Haunted Hilbert*. Patrons 21 and older will enjoy a night of masks, music, mixed drinks and munchies. All proceeds from the event benefit the ISO's education programs.

- ISO musician ensembles, Q Artistry, and DJs Slater Hogan and John Lerner will provide the evening's entertainment.
- Masqueraders can sample food and drinks by Indy's best local restaurants including Bluebeard, Coca-Cola, Monarch Beverage, Palomino, Sahn's, Shoefly Public House, Sun King Brewery and The Winner's Circle. A doughnut bar by Rocket 88 Doughnuts finishes the evening.
- The evening's theme is "masquerade chic." All attendees are encouraged to wear a mask with their best cocktail attire.

***--Looking ahead to November--***

- Krzysztof Urbanski returns to Indianapolis for back-to-back Brahms weekends with pianist Dejan Lazić. Enjoy **Brahms' First Piano Concerto** on Nov. 6 and 7, and **Second Piano Concerto** the following weekend, Nov. 12-14.
- Jack Everly and the ISO take audiences on a musical journey through four decades of hits with **Classic FM: Radio Hits of the Decades**, Nov. 20-21.
- Emmy and Tony Award-winning singer and actress, **Kristin Chenoweth**, makes her Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra debut on Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets for any of the above performances, contact:

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