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Aspen Music Festival & School

June 29 - August 20

For 2023, Music Director Robert Spano presides over more than 200 events themed 'the Adoration of the Earth', exploring the ways the natural world has inspired composers, and engaging with music about nature, the environment and our impact on the planet. Open-air performances in the Benedict Music Tent include weekly concerts by the Aspen Festival Orchestra, Aspen Chamber Symphony and Aspen Conducting Academy Orchestra; and two operas by the Aspen Opera Theater and VocalARTS programme. Harris Concert Hall hosts recitals and chamber music, and there are student recitals, panel discussions, lectures and children's programmes. aspenmusicfestival.com

Bard SummerStage

June 23 - August 13

Hosted by Bard College in New York's Hudson Valley, this multi-arts festival celebrates its 20th anniversary. This year, the central Bard Music Festival offers two weekends of concerts and panels on Vaughan Williams and His World. There's a new production of Saint-Saëns's opera *Henri VIII* by French director Jean-Romain Vesperini, and the world premiere of a new commission: a dance-theatre adaptation by choreographer Justin Peck of Sufjan Stevens's album 'Illinois'. Bard's perennially popular Spiegeltent also returns, for cabaret and more. fishercenter.bard.edu/summerscape

Blossom Music Festival

July 1 - September 9

The Cleveland Orchestra's annual festival features 24 concerts at its scenic summer home, Blossom Music Center, nestled in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Classical concert programmes range from Mozart to contemporary music by John Adams, Yasushi Akutagawa, Caroline Shaw and Sarah Kirkland Snider. With a *Jurassic Park* movie night, an evening with Broadway icon Audra McDonald, and a Disney music tribute, there's something for everyone. clevelandorchestra.com

Bravo! Vail Music Festival

June 22 - August 3

Set in Colorado's stunning Rocky Mountains, Bravo! Vail has four resident orchestras this year: Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Dallas SO, Philadelphia Orchestra and New York Philharmonic - and among the conductors are Jaap van Zweden, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Fabio Luisi and Marin Alsop. Highlights include the opening concert from the ASMF under Joshua Bell which

features festival Artistic Director the pianist Anne-Marie McDermott; and world premieres by Anna Clyne and Nina Shekhar. Further guest artists include violinist Hilary Hahn. Plus, there's a robust chamber series. bravovail.org

Britt Festival Orchestra

June 15 - July 1

Set in Oregon's Rogue Valley, the Britt Music and Arts Festival's classical offering comes from the Britt Festival Orchestra (BFO) under Music Director Teddy Abrams. This year the BFO celebrates its 61st season with an exciting blend of popular classical pieces and new works. Guest artists are violinist Anne Akiko Meyers playing a work written for her; pianist and composer Timo Andres performing his own piece; violinist Alexi Kenney performing Barber's Violin Concerto; and pianist Aaron Diehl with Gershwin. A new element for 2023 is a film screening (*The Princess Bride*) with its score performed live by the BFO. brittfest.org/britt-festival-orchestra

Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music

July 30 - August 13

America's longest-running festival of new orchestral music is led by conductor Cristian Măcelaru, with 17 featured composers, 14 of whom will be in residence. World premieres include a festival commission from Anna Clyne to commemorate the final season of longtime Executive Director Ellen Primack, and a piece by Xavier Foley featuring violinist Eunice Kim and Foley himself on the double bass. Among the guest artists are percussionists Colin Currie, Beibei Wang, Svet Stoyanov and Matthew Strauss. cabrillomusic.org

California Festival

November 3-19

This significant new festival was conceived by LA Phil Music and Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel, San Diego Symphony Music Director Rafael Payare, and San Francisco Symphony Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen. It will showcase today's most compelling voices via performances of works written within the last five years, involving symphony orchestras, chamber music groups, jazz ensembles, choirs and more, in both traditional and alternative venues across California. cafestival.org

Caramoor

June 17 - August 6

Set in grounds boasting beautiful gardens and new SoundArt installations, this multigenre festival



The Rady Shell, home of the San Diego Symphony's summer season (see page 63)

in Katonah, New York, this year features Francesca Caccini's *Alcina*, the first known opera written by a female composer. Chamber highlights include quartet-in-residence the Ivalas Quartet; Sandbox Percussion with Andy Akiho's *Seven Pillars*; and Brooklyn Rider with Andreia Pinto-Correia's *Aere senza stela*, plus works by Shostakovich and Osvaldo Golijov. Performances by Caramoor staple the Orchestra of St Luke's include opening night with superstar vocalist Audra McDonald, and the closing concert with Alisa Weilerstein in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No 1. caramoor.org

Carmel Bach Festival

July 15-29

Based in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, this festival's venues include the Sunset Cultural Center and historic Carmel Mission Basilica. The main concert programme is enriched by preconcert talks, family concerts, a Young Artists' Showcase and more. Highlights in 2023 include Artistic Director Grete Pedersen conducting festival ensembles in a reimagined, immersive interpretation of Haydn's *The Creation*. bachfestival.org

Chelsea Music Festival

June 24-29

This Manhattan festival of concerts, food tastings, art exhibitions and family events is themed Songs for the Earth for 2023, celebrating the natural world, and exploring how the arts can bring attention to the needs of our changing planet and foster ecological awareness. chelseamusicfestival.org

Colorado MahlerFest

May 17-21

This festival in Boulder, Colorado, under the artistic direction of conductor Kenneth Woods, features its own orchestra, plus a busy programme of talks, chamber music

and film. In 2023, Mahler's influence on the next generation is explored, with a performance of the String Sextet by Korngold, whom Mahler mentored as a child prodigy, and the US premiere of the Fourth Symphony of Gál, who as a student would watch Mahler's Vienna Opera rehearsals. Gál later taught Thea Musgrave, whose *Phoenix Rising* closes the festival alongside Mahler's Symphony No 2. mahlerfest.org

Josef Gingold Chamber Music Festival of Miami

July 9-30

Under the artistic direction of violinist and pedagogue Andrés Cárdenas, this festival offers private and chamber tuition to pre-professional violinists, viola players and cellists, consolidated through public concerts spanning a wide range of chamber ensemble formations and concert repertoire. Also on offer are extramusical symposia and career seminars. The Composition Institute, a new initiative for 2023, is led by composer Orlando Jacinto Garcia. jgcmfestival.com

Glimmerglass Festival

July 7 - August 20

Named after Otsego Lake, on which its Alice Busch Opera Theater sits, this opera festival in the mountains this year features Puccini's *La bohème*, Bernstein's *Candide*, Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*, Handel's *Rinaldo* and the world premiere of youth opera *The Rip Van Winkles* by Ben Morris and Laura Fuentes. glimmerglass.org

Grand Teton Music Festival

June 30 - August 19

Set in the foothills of the Teton Mountain Range, this event has its Festival Orchestra under Music Director Sir Donald Runnicles at its heart. The new opera initiative continues with a semi-staged

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production of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. The Sunday afternoon recital series is also back. Visiting artists include violinists James Ehnes and Gil Shaham, pianists Yefim Bronfman and Marc-André Hamelin, cellist Alisa Weilerstein, mezzo Kelley O'Connor, Broadway star Audra McDonald, soprano Julia Bullock, guest conductor Stéphane Denève, and mandolinist-vocalist Chris Thile. gtmf.org

International Centre for Contemporary Music's Coming of Age Festival

October 8-15, Los Angeles
October 15-29, New York

As part of this year's multi-city event exploring the works and legacies of Lutosławski, Górecki and Penderecki, concerts in Los Angeles feature the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Pacific Chorale, and include the US premiere of Wojciech Błażejczyk's ICCM-commissioned Concerto for electric guitar, percussion and live electronics. Among the New York highlights are Julian Rachlin as solo violinist with the Orchestra of St Luke's in Penderecki's *Metamorphosen*, and Musica Sacra performing Schnittke's Requiem. iccmlondon.org

La Jolla Music Society SummerFest

July 28 - August 26

This Californian festival under the musical direction of pianist Inon Barnatan is based at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center and is themed the Great Unknown - from the mysteries of the physical world through to the those of the human spirit. The Wednesday series offers refreshments and socialising at intermission-free concerts. There's also a world premiere as part of the festival's ongoing Synergy Initiative. Visiting artists and ensembles include composer-in-residence Thomas Adès, violinists Augustin Hadelich and Liza Ferschtman, pianist Conrad Tao, cellist Alisa Weilerstein, and the Takács Quartet. LJMS.org/summerfest

Lake George Music Festival

August 6-17

Taking place in a historic, picturesque setting that's inspired figures such as Samuel Barber, this festival presents two weeks of chamber and orchestral concerts during which its core and guest artists - drawn from top international orchestras including the Czech Philharmonic, Fort Worth SO and the Cleveland Orchestra - nurture an academy-style roster of young musician 'fellows' working alongside them. For 2023 there will be eight chamber concerts, Piano Mania!, the Composer's Institute performance, and the opening- and closing-night symphony orchestra performances. lakegeorgemusicfestival.com

Music from Land's End Wareham

July 27 - August 13

Violinist Ariadne Daskalakis is Artistic Director of this US chamber music festival held near Boston. There are two programmes this year: the first (July 27-30) focuses on Baroque music plus contemporary composer Sebastian Gottschick, featuring soprano Sherezade Panthaki and countertenor Jay Carter; the second (August 10-13) is a crossover one, its music taking in Brahms, the Doors, and Rogliht Ishay. mlewareham.org

Marlboro Music Festival

July 15 - August 13

Under joint artistic directors Mitsuko Uchida and Jonathan Biss, this chamber festival takes place in beautiful southern Vermont and gives young professionals the opportunity to collaborate with and be nurtured by eminent artists. Groups who feel they've achieved especially successful results then recommend themselves for performance, making for especially dynamic public concerts whose performers and programmes are announced no more than a week in advance. marlboromusic.org

Midsummer's Music

Mid-June - early September

Based in scenic Door County, Wisconsin, this event presents an enticing variety of chamber music for wind, strings and piano, drawing on the talents of musicians from Lyric Opera Chicago, the symphony orchestras of Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit, Ravinia Festival and the Pro Arte Quartet. Enjoy Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Schubert, Dvořák and Mendelssohn intimately performed, plus discoveries from female and lesser-known composers. midsummersmusic.com

Montreal Chamber Music Festival

June 4-18

This year there are 15 concerts, with highlights including the Emerson Quartet's final visit to the festival before the four retire this autumn. There's also a healthy display of rising talent, including the Isidore Quartet, 2022 winner of the prestigious Banff International String Quartet Competition. festivalmontreal.org

Music Academy

June 12 - August 5

Its name has been shortened from Music Academy of the West, but it's the same Californian gathering of talented young artists with faculty and teaching artists for training, performance and personal connection (including more than 70 public masterclasses), hosted by Santa Barbara's picturesque Miraflores campus. Among 2023's teaching guest artists are clarinetist

Anthony McGill, and violinists Augustin Hadelich and Elena Urioste. Orchestra concerts are conducted by Stéphane Denève, Hannu Lintu, Anthony Parther and Osmo Vänskä, and include Jessie Montgomery's *Hymn for Everyone*. There are also three chamber series, and Alex Ross makes his debut as a speaker-in-residence for public talks. musicacademy.org

Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival and Institute

July 14 - August 5

Under the artistic directorship of cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, this festival based at Menlo School in Atherton, California, celebrates Beethoven's life, music and legacy, in parallel with the unfolding of chamber music history. Repertoire ranges from the 18th century to the present day, including two festival co-commissions and a world premiere. Concert highlights include a Beethoven string quartet cycle from the Calidore Quartet, preceded by lectures by Finckel. The festival's multimedia Encounters lecture series also returns. The long list of further visiting artists features pianist Wu Qian and violinists Stella Chen and Chad Hoopes. musicatmenlo.org

Newport Classical Music Festival

July 4-23

This Rhode Island festival offers 29 concerts from a mix of established and rising names, set in the interiors of Newport's historic mansions and venues, including the Breakers, Blithewold Mansion, the Elms and Castle Hill Inn. Visiting artists and ensembles include the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, the Knights, pianist Héléne Grimaud, the Aizuri Quartet, cellist Zlatomir Fung, Broadway and opera singer Kelli O'Hara, clarinetist Anthony McGill with pianist Anna Polonsky, and violinist-composer Curtis Stewart with the world premiere of a festival-commissioned work. newportclassical.org

Off the Hook Arts SummerFest Music Festival

June 21-28

Based in Fort Collins, Colorado, Off the Hook Arts presents a unique series of concerts and lectures probing the creative imagination in music and science. This year's theme, Visions and Decisions, focuses on the interaction of musical imagination and technique. Events include Artistic Director the pianist and composer Bruce Adolphe discussing the process of composition. offthehookarts.org

Ojai Music Festival

June 8-11

A different music director each year curates this Californian festival in Ojai Valley's Libbey Bowl, and for

2023 its American roots singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rhiannon Giddens. As for the guest artists and composers, the line-up is just as wide-ranging as usual, featuring names such as Attacca Quartet, percussionist and conductor Steven Schick, viola da gamba player Rodney Prada, and composers Tan Dun, Gabriela Ortiz and Carlos Simon. ojafestival.org

Orchestra of St Luke's Bach Festival

June 6-20

Based at Zankel Hall in New York's Carnegie Hall, this annual celebration of Bach's musical legacy kicks off this year with pianist Jeremy Denk playing and directing six of Bach's keyboard concertos. Principal Conductor of the Orchestra of St Luke's Bernard Labadie leads the other two programmes. The first comprises violin concertos and orchestral suites in the French Baroque style, with violinist Gil Shaham. The festival closes with the Baroque Voice, featuring rising-star countertenor Hugh Cutting in Bach's fervent Cantata No 170 and virtuoso opera arias by Handel. oslmusic.org/22-23/bach-festival

Oregon Bach Festival

June 30 - July 16

This one is themed Musical Wanderlust for 2023, with its events held in the city of Eugene at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, at historic Beall Concert Hall on the University of Oregon campus, and in local churches. Highlights include Craig Hella Johnson and the festival chorus performing Joby Talbot's *Path of Miracles*; Anna Sułkowska-Migoń conducting the silver-anniversary performance of Penderecki's *Credo* (commissioned by the festival and premiered in 1998); and pianist Angela Hewitt playing Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier*. Other visiting artists include the Brubeck Brothers Quartet and the Emerson Quartet. oregonbachfestival.org

Music in PyeongChang

July 26 - August 5

Under the artistic direction of cellist Sung-Won Yang, this South Korean classical music festival is based in the mountains of Gangwon Province, known for its natural beauty. This year it celebrates its 20th anniversary, presenting chamber music, symphonies, recitals and mentorship programmes, featuring artists such as cellists Sung-Won Yang himself and Jae-Min Han, violinists Guillaume Sutre and Ji-Yoon Park, guitarist Jose Maria Gallardo Del Rey, clarinetist Han-Kim, and chamber ensemble the Sejong Soloists. mpyc.kr