



Holland Symphony Orchestra

26-27 SEASON

Johannes Müller Stosch, Music Director & Conductor

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OUR MISSION

Your Holland Symphony Orchestra is committed to engaging all people in music to enrich the cultural life of our community.

OUR GOALS

- ▶ Create varied, quality symphonic concerts that inspire;
- ▶ Provide educational programs to promote a lifelong interest in music;
- ▶ Expand community collaborations;
- ▶ Increase audience and patron participation; and
- ▶ Assure responsible stewardship of financial and human resources.



OUR CORE VALUES

- ▶ Commitment to our community
- ▶ Excellence in symphonic music
- ▶ Opportunities for growth for musicians
- ▶ An appreciation of music through education
- ▶ Financial and corporate stability
- ▶ Honesty, loyalty, integrity, sensitivity, and trust

OUR VISION

Holland Symphony Orchestra will be universally recognized as an exceptional cultural institution based on artistic quality, community impact, the success of its education programs, and its fiscal strength and stability.

FROM BROADWAY TO THE BIG SCREEN

Pops at the Pier

THURS, JUNE 18, 2026, AT 7 PM

Eldean Shipyard

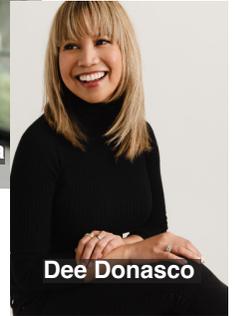
Fernanda Lastra, Guest Conductor
Dee Donasco, Vocalist

A special thank you to the Eldean family for their hospitality and support.

Enjoy hits from *Les Misérables*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Wicked*, *Chicago*, and *West Side Story* featuring your HSO, the 2024 Women in Classical Music award-winning conductor Fernanda Lastra, and the soaring vocals of Tennessee favorite Dee Donasco. The orchestra will take the spotlight with hits from movies such as *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *Titanic*, and *Indiana Jones*. Enjoy the pre-concert Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra performance at 6 pm, along with a variety of food trucks and beverages for sale.



Fernanda Lastra



Dee Donasco



Johannes Müller Stosch

THE ARTHUR J. AND KATHRYN MERVENNE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY CONCERT

Free Family Concert

SAT, AUG 15, 2026, AT 2 PM

West Ottawa Performing Arts Center

Johannes Müller Stosch, Conductor
Amanda Dykhouse and Michelle Bessemer, violins
Allison Shinnick Keep & David Keep, pianos



CLAUDE DEBUSSY	"Allegro giusto" from <i>Petite Suite</i>
CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS	<i>The Carnival of the Animals</i>
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH	Double concerto in D minor, BWV 1043
OTTORINO RESPIGHI	<i>Ancient Airs and Dances: Suite 1</i>

Join your HSO for a family-friendly afternoon of four-hand piano fun and sizzling strings featuring HSO principal violinists. Famed for its brilliant musical wit, vivid imagery, and accessible charm, *The Carnival of the Animals* is a "zoological fantasy" that uses instruments to mimic animals, such as the double bass for an elephant, the xylophone for fossils, and the cello for the swan. Attendance is free.

Please RSVP online at www.HollandSymphony.org/CommunityConcert or call 616-796-6780. Subscribers and donors will receive priority seating.

HSO MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

The 2026-2027 HSO Season features our three Music Director finalists: Todd Craven, Micah Gleason, and Wesley Schulz. Each will conduct one classical concert as well as participate in community outreach, pre-concert talks and videos, and the Q & A session at intermission. Their full bios can be found online at

www.HollandSymphony.org/MusicDirectorSearch

A special thank you to our Music Director finalist hosts James and Kathy Hekman.

NOTE: All classical concerts will be held at the West Ottawa Performing Arts Center.

THE FORCES OF FATE

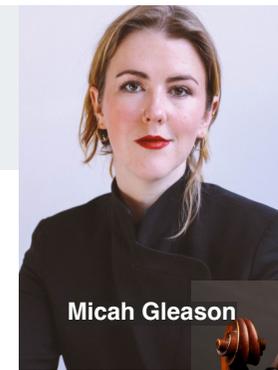
Season Ticket Series

SAT, NOV 21, 2026, AT 7:30 PM

Micah Gleason, Conductor
Alicia Eppinga, Cello

Sponsored by Caron Farmer

CARLOS SIMON	<i>Fate Now Conquers</i>
EDWARD ELGAR	Cello Concerto, Op.85
PETER ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY	Symphony No.4 in F Minor, Op.36



Micah Gleason



Alicia Eppinga

This sonic odyssey explores fate, longing, and triumph! Carlos Simon's *Fate Now Conquers* responds to Beethoven's iconic Seventh Symphony, weaving gospel roots with classical brilliance. Elgar's haunting Cello Concerto, born from post-war grief, contrasts deep melancholy with flashes of resilience. Tchaikovsky's autobiographical Fourth Symphony erupts with passion, its "fate" motif driving a journey from turmoil to euphoric triumph.

RESONANCE AND RENEWAL

Season Ticket Series

SAT, SEPT 12, 2026, AT 7:30 PM

Todd Craven, Conductor
Sookkyung Cho, Piano

Sponsored by George & Sibilla Boerigter

VALERIE COLEMAN	<i>Seven O'Clock Shout</i>
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART	Piano Concerto in D Minor, K.466
JEAN SIBELIUS	Symphony No.2 in D Major, Op.43



Todd Craven



Sookkyung Cho

Experience an unforgettable evening of music celebrating resilience and unity! Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Valerie Coleman's *Seven O'Clock Shout*—an anthem honoring frontline workers—opens the program with vibrant energy. Mozart's stormy and dramatic D minor Piano Concerto follows with brilliance and passion. The night culminates in Sibelius's majestic Symphony No. 2, a sweeping journey from darkness to light that echoes the strength of the human spirit.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Season Ticket Series

SAT, DEC 12, 2026 AT 3:30 & 7:30 PM

West Ottawa Performing Arts Center

Johannes Müller Stosch, Conductor
Jennie Judd Reyes, Soprano

Guest Artist Sponsors Neil & Mary Carter



Jennie Judd Reyes

Join your HSO in a festive family-friendly concert filled with Holiday classics and sacred music with famed West Michigan soprano Jennie Judd Reyes!

MUSIC FROM THE NEW WORLD



Season Ticket Series

SAT, MAR 20, 2027, AT 7:30 PM

Wesley Schulz, Conductor
Lynne Aspnes, Harp

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR *The Bamboula Symphonic Rhapsody*
NINO ROTA *Harp Concerto*
ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK *Symphony No.9 in E Minor, Op.95, "From the New World"*

Embrace the vibrant spirit of American music in this dynamic celebration of cultural fusion and timeless masterpieces! Dvořák's New World Symphony dazzles with its soulful English Horn solo and infectious rhythms, inspired by Native and Black American traditions and spiritual tunes heard in New York City in the 1890s. Coleridge-Taylor brings the pulse of "The Bamboula," rooted in African heritage, to life with rich melody and rhythm. Adding a lyrical touch, Italian composer Nino Rota—famed for his award-winning score to the hit movie *The Godfather*—is also revered for his elegant and rarely played Harp Concerto.



A CLOSING CHAPTER

Season Ticket Series

SAT, APRIL 17, 2027 AT 7:30 PM

Johannes Müller Stosch, Conductor
Kayleigh Decker, Mezzo-Soprano

Sponsored by Doug & Kay Walvoord

JOSEF MARX *Transfigured Year*
PETER ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY *Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op.74, "Pathétique"*

Johannes Müller Stosch conducts his final concert as Music Director in a program reflecting transformation, passion, and gratitude. The program opens with Joseph Marx's enchanting *Transfigured Year*, a lush song cycle blending lyrical beauty and sweeping orchestration. Tchaikovsky's final symphony—a masterpiece of raw emotion and daring structure, goes from brooding despair to fleeting joy. The fiery climax, ending in haunting sorrow, is a poignant farewell that has captivated audiences for generations.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

SEASON TICKET BENEFITS

- Renewing subscribers - save your current seats
- Exchange tickets
- Replace lost tickets
- No credit card fees

SAVE MY SEAT — MARCH 1 - APRIL 10, 2026

Returning subscribers get priority seating at the new West Ottawa Performing Arts Center. Returning subscribers will receive an email with a link for renewal, or can mail the enclosed form to HSO. Orders must be received by April 10, 2026.

CHANGE MY SEAT — APRIL 13 - APRIL 30, 2026

Seat change requests for returning subscribers will be honored, if available. Limited accessible seating, for those with special needs, is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the HSO office at your earliest convenience (616-796-6780).

NEW SEASON TICKET ORDERS | MAY 1, 2026

New season ticket orders available online. First-time subscribers receive a 10% discount.

SINGLE TICKET ORDERS — JULY 1, 2026

Single ticket orders for the classical concerts available online. A 4% credit card fee applies to all single ticket orders.

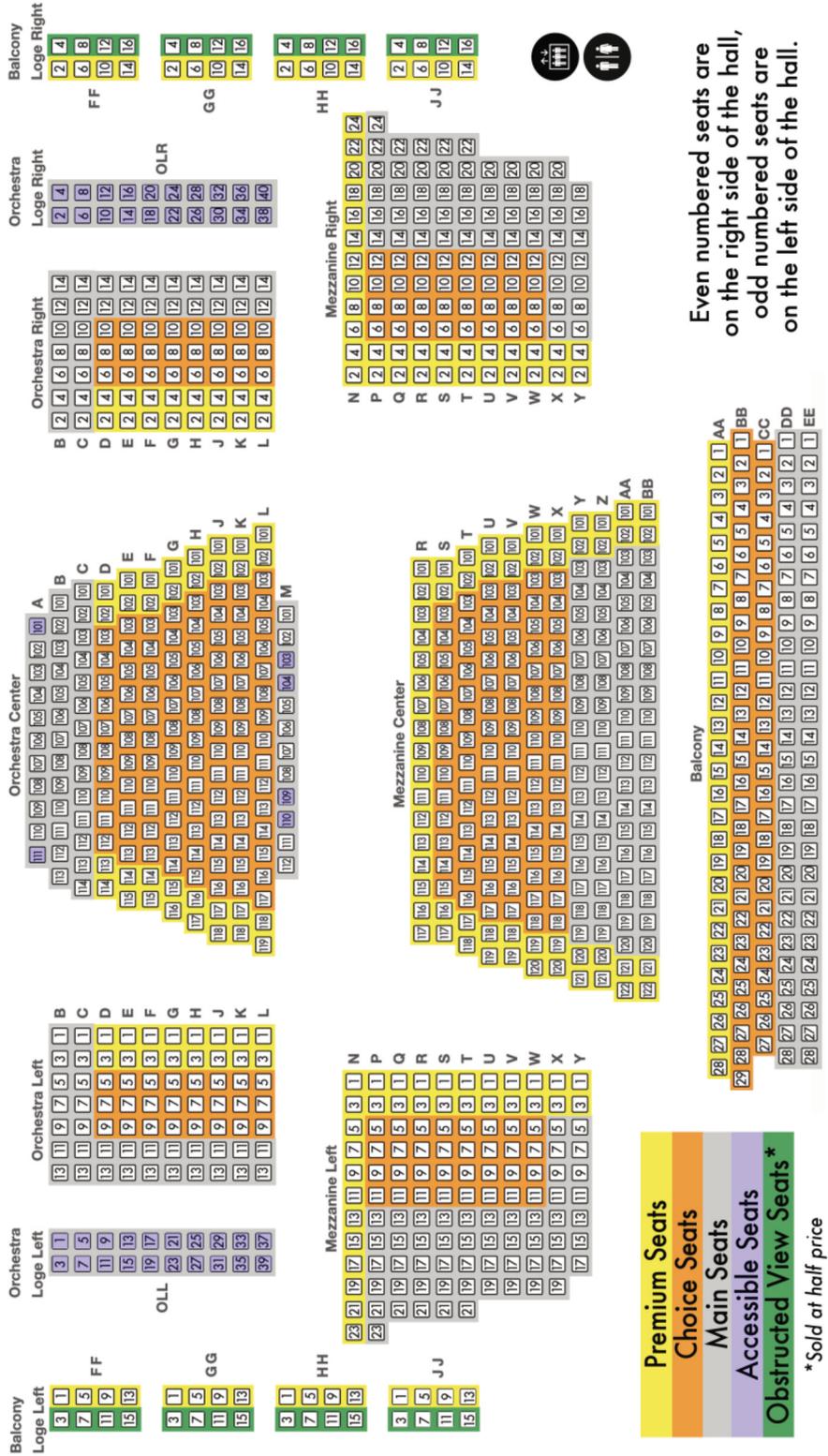
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Classical Chats, led by the concert's conductor, take place at Freedom Village at 3 PM the Thursday prior to the September 12, November 21, March 20, and April 17 concerts. Open to all ticket holders.
- Pre-Concert Videos with the concert's conductor and concertmaster Amanda Dykhouse will be available on the website (www.HollandSymphony.org) one week ahead of the four Classical Concerts.

Program, prices, and/or artists are subject to change without notice.

West Ottawa Performing Arts Center

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Premium Seats
Choice Seats
Main Seats
Accessible Seats
Obstructed View Seats*
 *Sold at half price

Even numbered seats are on the right side of the hall, odd numbered seats are on the left side of the hall.



ORDER YOUR TICKETS

SEASON TICKETS		First-Time Subscriber	# of Seats	Seat Preference	Holiday Concert Choice (Sat, Dec. 12)	Total
Premium	\$165	\$149			3:30 PM or 7:30 PM	
Choice	\$160	\$144			3:30 PM or 7:30 PM	
Main	\$155	\$140			3:30 PM or 7:30 PM	
Student	\$60	N/A			3:30 PM or 7:30 PM	

SINGLE TICKETS		# of Seats	Seat Preference	Total
Pops at the Pier <i>From Broadway to the Big Screen</i> Thurs., June 18, 2026		Adult: \$40 Student: \$12	Open Seating	
<i>Resonance & Renewal</i> Sat., Sept. 12, 2026*		Premium: \$33 Choice: \$32 Main: \$31 Obstructed: \$15 Student: \$12		
<i>The Forces of Fate</i> Sat., Nov. 21, 2026*				
<i>Music From the New World</i> Sat., Mar. 20, 2027*				
<i>A Closing Chapter</i> Sat., April 17, 2027*		Premium: \$33 Choice: \$32 Main: \$31 Obstructed: \$15 Student: \$12		
Home for the Holidays* Sat., Dec. 12, 2026, at 3:30 PM or 7:30 PM (circle your choice)				

*Included in season ticket package.
 Online at HollandSymphony.org

By phone at 616-796-6780
 or mail at PO Box 2685,
 Holland, MI 49422

A 4% fee is added to all single ticket credit card orders

HOW DO I GET MY TICKETS? Please check one of the boxes:	
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THANK YOU!

Ticket sales only cover 34% of our overall operating budget, so please consider including a tax-deductible gift to our Annual Fund. Other ways to give are on page 11.

Donation Total: _____

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**A 4% credit card fee applies to all single ticket orders.*

GET INVOLVED & SUPPORT HSO

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HollandSymphony.org/Education



- **Link Up Program:** The HSO Link Up program is a partnership with Carnegie Hall to provide general music curriculum to fourth grade classrooms in over 18 area schools, with a culminating concert at the end of the year where they perform the music with the Holland Symphony. The concert is free to all students and our gift to the community. For many students, this is the first time they will experience a live orchestra.
- **Holland Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO):** Our HSYO program manages three youth ensembles (6th through 12th grades) with weekly rehearsals culminating in concert performances in the fall and spring.
- **Holland Community Strings:** Adult musicians can join our Holland Community Strings program to play, learn, perform, and enjoy music-making in a pressure-free setting.

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SUPPORT YOUR HSO

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- **Sponsor a Student Musician:** Empower our Link Up and HSYO programs by sponsoring a student musician. For just \$20 per month, you can cover the cost for a student to join HSYO and experience the joy of creating live music!
- **Sponsor a Musician:** Sponsor an HSO musician chair by making a transformative gift to cover their pay for an entire concert season. Chair sponsorships start at \$2,500 and can be paid for monthly.
- **Join the Encore Society:** Leave a lasting legacy gift to ensure the future of HSO! Join the Encore Society by naming HSO as a beneficiary in your Will, Trust, or Life Insurance.



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