

EXPERIENCE
Choral Arts
THE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON
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THE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 SEASON

Season highlights include performances of Britten's War Requiem with the National Symphony Orchestra, a world premiere co-commission by Dominick DiOrio, and a program featuring Fauré's Requiem and works by his students.

Washington, DC - The Choral Arts Society of Washington (Choral Arts) today announced its 2018-2019 season. Choral Arts and Artistic Director Scott Tucker will present a season of masterworks and innovative programs including performances with a wide range of organizations and venues. This season Choral Arts will collaborate with the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO), New Orchestra of Washington (NOW), Aeolus String Quartet, and United States Marine Band. The choruses will perform at the Kennedy Center, The Music Center at Strathmore, Dupont Underground, Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, and more.

The Kennedy Center season opens with a guest appearance for the NSO's presentation of Britten's *War Requiem* conducted by Gianandrea Noseda followed by *Song of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts* in December with Artistic Director Scott Tucker at the podium. Choral Arts will reprise *A Family Christmas* at the Kennedy Center and add a performance of the popular holiday program at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall in Alexandria, VA.

In Spring 2019 Choral Arts will present a concert featuring Gabriel Fauré's Requiem as well as works by two of his students conducted by Scott Tucker; Florent Schmitt's bombastic *Psalms 47* and Lili Boulanger's *Psalms 24 "La terre appartient à l'Éternel."*

Additional appearances include Berlioz's *Symphonie Funèbre et triomphale* and the premiere of Dominick DiOrio's *Silent Moves the Symphony True* with the United States Marine Band, Philip Glass's *Itaipu* with the NSO and conductor Teddy Abrams, and NOW's *Dia de los Muertos* featuring Mozart's Requiem.

The Choral Arts Chamber Singers embark on their fifth season which includes an exploration of sound and resonance at *Into the Light* at the Dupont Underground with NOW, the Aeolus String Quartet, and director Jay D. Brock.

In December Choral Arts will celebrate its 38th Annual Holiday Concert and Gala under the gracious honorary patronage of His Excellency Henne Schuwer, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Mrs. Lena Boman Schuwer. The evening includes a performance of *Songs of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts* featuring a nod to the culture of the Netherlands in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, followed by an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, and a silent auction on the Terrace.

Education initiatives for the 2018-2019 season include the continuation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Community Initiative at the Kennedy Center with the presentation of the 16th annual Humanitarian Award, Concert for Students, and a community ticket initiative.

CHORAL ARTS 2018-2019 SEASON CALENDAR:

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 20, 2018 | 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Dusk and Dawn

Choral Arts Chamber Singers

Choral Arts Youth Choir

Live! at 10th & G

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 16, 2018 | 1:00 pm

Songs of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Monday, December 17, 2018 | 7:00 pm

Songs of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts and 38th Annual Holiday Concert and Gala

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Saturday, December 22, 2018 | 1:00 pm

A Family Christmas

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall - Alexandria, VA

Monday, December 24, 2018 | 11:00 am
A Family Christmas
Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Monday, December 24, 2018 | 2:00 pm
Songs of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts
Kennedy Center Concert Hall

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 17, 2019 | 7:00 pm
Living the Dream...Singing the Dream
31st Annual Choral Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Co-presentation with Washington Performing Arts
Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Wednesday, February 11, 2019 | 11:00 am
Concert for Students: Living the Dream...Singing the Dream
GW Lisner Auditorium

APRIL

Friday, April 5, 2019 | 8:00 pm
Into the Light
Choral Arts Chamber Singers
Choral Arts Youth Choir
New Orchestra of Washington
Aeolus String Quartet
Dupont Underground

Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 8:00 pm
Into the Light
Choral Arts Chamber Singers
Choral Arts Youth Choir
New Orchestra of Washington
Aeolus String Quartet
Dupont Underground

MAY

Sunday, May 19, 2019 | 5:00 pm
Gabriel Fauré: Requiem
Florent Schmitt: Psalm 47
Lili Boulanger: Psalm 24 "La terre appartient à l'Éternel"

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

GUEST APPEARANCES*

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 3, 2018 | 7:00 pm

Dia de los Muertos featuring Mozart's Requiem

Guest appearance with the New Orchestra of Washington

Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, conductor

Mexican Cultural Institute

Sunday, November 4, 2018 | 5:00 pm

Dia de los Muertos featuring Mozart's Requiem

Guest appearance with the New Orchestra of Washington

Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, conductor

Mexican Cultural Institute

Thursday, November 29, 2018 | 7:00 pm

Benjamin Britten: War Requiem⁺

Guest appearance with the National Symphony Orchestra

Gianandrea Noseda, conductor

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1, 2018 | 8:00 pm

Benjamin Britten: War Requiem⁺

Guest appearance with the National Symphony Orchestra

Gianandrea Noseda, conductor

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

MARCH

Monday, March 11, 2019 | 7:30 pm

Hector Berlioz: Symphonie Funèbre et triomphale

Dominick DiOrio: Silent Moves the Symphony True[^]

Guest Appearance with the United States Marine Band

Colonel Jason K. Fettig, conductor

The Music Center at Strathmore

[^]Co-commissioned by the Choral Arts Society of Washington and the United States Marine Band

Thursday, March 28, 2019 | 7:00 pm

Philip Glass: Itaipu⁺

Guest appearance with the National Symphony Orchestra

Teddy Abrams, conductor

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

*Tickets for guest appearances are available through the presenting organization.

⁺Tickets for this performance are also available through a Choral Arts Season Ticket Package

TICKETS:

Choral Arts season ticket packages are available starting May 1, 2018.

Choral Arts single tickets will go on sale in September 2018.

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ABOUT CHORAL ARTS

Established in 1965 by Norman Scribner (1936 - 2015), The Choral Arts Society of Washington (Choral Arts) maintains a dedication to excellence in choral repertoire and performance. Led by Artistic Director Scott Tucker, Choral Arts' commitment to artistic excellence is demonstrated by frequent invitations to perform with the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) and other world-class orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, London Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, and the Mariinsky Orchestra, as well as alongside legendary conductors such as Gianandrea Noseda, Gustavo Dudamel, Christoph Eschenbach, Valery Gergiev, Marin Alsop and Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

Today Choral Arts is comprised of three performing groups: the symphonic Choral Arts Chorus, the Choral Arts Chamber Singers, established in 2014, and the Choral Arts Youth Choir, established in 2015. Choral Arts produces an annual concert season primarily at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts including fall and spring concerts, a Christmas series, and a choral tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Concerts for Students, and a chamber series in intimate venues in addition to frequent artistic collaborations. Under the executive direction of Tad Czyzewski, Choral Arts is committed to connecting choral music to the country's growing diversity and partnering with global organizations to develop inspiring programs. Choral Arts also stands on a secure and stable financial and governance foundation.

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