

The 2014/2015 Seattle Symphony subscription season at a glance



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For many years, I've put together a little pocket guide to the Seattle Symphony subscription season for my symphony friends to help them decide which ticket package they want. For a few years now, we haven't ordered any tickets at all because we all have young children, but I still make this guide out of some sense of obligation.

So here's the at-a-glance season guide for the 2014/2015 season anyway, again with no comments from me because nobody I know is going to use them to decide which tickets to order. Besides, you can probably preview nearly all of the pieces nowadays (minus the premieres) by searching on YouTube.

Here is the official brochure for those who want to read the details, and you can see what *The Seattle Times* thinks of it.

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Week	Program	21	13	7G	4A	SU
09/18 2014	Wagner: <i>Die Meistersinger</i> Overture Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto #1 Dvořák: Symphony #7					
09/25 2014	Dutilleux; <i>Métaboles</i> Rachmaninoff: <i>Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini</i> Dvořák: Symphony #8					

10/02 2014	Dvořák: <i>Bagatelles</i> John Adams: <i>Lollapalooza</i> Korngold: Violin Concerto Dvořák: Symphony #9, "From the New World"					
10/30 2014	R. Strauss: <i>Metamorphosen</i> Mozart: Requiem					
11/06 2014	Barber: Second Essay for Orchestra Esa-Pekka Salonen: Violin Concerto Tchaikovsky: Symphony #4					
11/13 2014	Esteban Bezecry: <i>Colors of the Southern Cross</i> Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto Mussorgsky: <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i>					
11/20 2014	Boccherini: String Quintet in E major Rossini: <i>The Barber of Seville</i> Overture Respighi: <i>Church Windows</i> Beethoven: Symphony #6					
12/11 2014	Prokofiev: <i>Lieutenant Kijé</i> Suite Mason Bates: Cello Concerto Tchaikovsky: <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> excerpts					
01/16 2015	Bach: Violin Concerto #2 Brahms: <i>Academic Festival Overture</i> Beethoven: Symphony #3, "Eroica"					
01/29 2015	Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto #3 Ives: Symphony #4					
02/05 2015	Berlioz: <i>Le Corsaire</i> Overture Beethoven: Violin Concerto Debussy: <i>Ibéria</i> Ravel: <i>La valse</i>					
02/12	Berlioz: <i>Roméo et Juliette</i> , Op. 17					
03/12 2015	Sibelius: <i>Finlandia</i> Sibelius: Symphony #1 Sibelius: Symphony #2					
03/19 2015	Sibelius: Symphony #3 Sibelius: Violin Concerto Sibelius: Symphony #4					
03/26 2015	Sibelius: Symphony #5 Sibelius: Symphony #6 Sibelius: Symphony #7					

04/02 2015	Szymanowski: Concert Overture Chopin: Piano Concerto #2 Prokofiev: Symphony #5					
04/16 2015	Schnittke: Violin Concerto #4 Shostakovich: Symphony #7, "Leningrad"					
04/23 2015	Sebastian Currier: World Premiere Grieg: Piano Concerto Schumann: Symphony #2					
04/30 2015	Beethoven: Piano Concerto #4 Beethoven: Symphony #7					
05/28 2015	Glinka: <i>Ruslan and Ludmilla</i> Overture Borodin: Symphony #2 Prokofiev: <i>Cinderella</i> excerpts					
06/11 2015	Beethoven: <i>Egmont</i> Overture Julian Anderson: Violin Concerto Brahms: Symphony #1					
06/18	Mahler: Symphony #3					
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Legend:

21	Masterworks 21-concert series (Choice of Thursdays or Saturdays)
13	Masterworks 13-concert series (Choice of Thursdays or Saturdays)
7A	Masterworks 7-concert series A (Thursdays)
7B	Masterworks 7-concert series B (Saturdays)
7C	Masterworks 7-concert series C (Thursdays)
7D	Masterworks 7-concert series D (Saturdays)
7E	Masterworks 7-concert series E (Thursdays)
7F	Masterworks 7-concert series F (Saturdays)
7G	Masterworks 7-concert series G (Sunday afternoons)
4A	Masterworks 4-concert series A (Friday afternoons)
SU	Symphony Untuxed (Fridays, reduced program)

For those not familiar with the Seattle Symphony ticket package line-ups: Most of the ticket packages are named *Masterworks nX* where *n* is the number of concerts in the package, and the letter indicates which variation. Ticket packages have been combined if they are identical save for the day of the week. For example, 7C and 7D are the same concerts; the only difference is that 7C is for Thursday nights, while 7D is for Saturday nights.

The *WolfGang* series is available only to members of the WolfGang club. It also includes one concert not listed in the chart above: *The Movie Music of John Williams*.

This chart doesn't include concert series such as the Mozart Concertos or Distinguished Artists series which share no concerts with any of the Masterworks concerts.

Notes and changes:

- The 7[AB], 7[CD], and 7[EF] concert series do not overlap, so you can create your own 14-concert series by taking any two of them, or recreate the 21-concert series by taking all three.
- The 13-concert series is the same as the 7[CD] and 7[EF] series combined, minus the November 13 concert.
- The non-Masterworks series line-up has been tweaked. The Mozart series is now a concerto series, and there is a *Sunday Untuxed* series for families.
- The *Sunday Untuxed* series squeezes out the *Behind the Score* series, though there is a one-shot *Behind the Score* concert for Sibelius's Fifth Symphony.

There are two festivals: Dvořák and Sibelius. Although there are no ticket packages specifically for the Dvořák or Sibelius concerts, tickets for the concerts are available individually so you can make your own festival.

And this year, they made a promotional video.

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