



CELEBRATING

45

TALLAHASSEE  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

YEARS!

2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

# Season Opener!

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
Evren Ozel, Piano



Our 45th anniversary season opens in grand style with celebrated works by Mozart and Rachmaninoff. Award-winning pianist Evren Ozel, known for his thoughtful interpretations of Mozart, joins the TSO for the lithe and graceful Piano Concerto, K. 488. Continuing the celebration, our new Maestro will lead the orchestra in a performance of Rachmaninoff's ravishing Second Symphony, which embodies the composer's signature Romantic style.

Opening Piece: Conductor's Choice

MOZART: Piano Concerto No. 23 in A major, K. 488

RACHMANINOFF: Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27



# Classical Prodigies

Friday, October 17, 2025  
Amaryn Olmeda, Violin

As if their prodigious talents caused them to consume life at an accelerated pace, both Mozart and Mendelssohn died before the age of 40, leaving us with prolific and profound bodies of work. The two blockbusters on this program showcase the composers' immense talents, leaving one to wonder what might have been. This concert features another prodigy, violinist Amaryn Olmeda, performing Mendelssohn's soul-stirring Violin Concerto. Mozart's exuberant Symphony No. 41 wraps up the program, posthumously nicknamed the "Jupiter" after the Roman god because of its noble character, grandeur, and joy. This concert, much like the prodigious talents that inspired it, will leave you wanting more!

MENDELSSOHN: Violin Concerto in E minor

MOZART: Symphony No. 41 in C major, K.551, "Jupiter"

Program additions: Conductor's Choice



# Handel's *Messiah*

Friday, December 12, 2025 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00pm



Dr. Michael Hanawalt, Conductor  
Jessica Beebe, Soprano  
Kristen Dubenion-Smith, Mezzo-Soprano  
Eric Rieger, Tenor  
Marques Jerrell Ruff, Bass-Baritone

"Hallelujah!" The Tallahassee tradition returns to the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church. Few musical works are familiar to as many, and *Messiah* remains Handel's best-known piece. There is no better time of year to enjoy this beautiful, sacred oratorio that has long been associated with good will and charity.



# Hollywood for the Holidays

Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 3:00pm and 7:30pm  
Amy Owens, Soprano



This year, TSO goes Hollywood for the Holidays! Join the orchestra and soprano Amy Owens for a magical concert featuring music from beloved holiday films, including *White Christmas*, *Home Alone*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Elf*, and more. Experience the nostalgia, joy, and warmth of the season through these timeless melodies—don't miss this unforgettable concert!

*We are pleased to offer two wonderful holiday programs this concert season. Choose your favorite, or come to both! Select your preference on your renewal form.*

# Vive la France!

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Nicholas Canellakis, Cello



*Vivez la magie!* This concert program takes you on a sublime musical journey to France. Bask in the sensuous instrumental colors of Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* and his most famous work—*Bolero*. Celebrated cellist Nicholas Canellakis joins the TSO for Saint-Saëns' enduring concerto, which offers both sweeping lyrical melodies and virtuosic fireworks. The program's surprise finale will be the Conductor's choice!

RAVEL: *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

SAINT-SAENS: Concerto for Cello No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33

RAVEL: *Bolero*

Finale: Conductor's Choice





SEASON FINALE

# Radiant Romance

Saturday, May 2, 2026  
Michelle Cann, Piano

The works on this program are the quintessence of the Romantic Era's gorgeous aesthetic. GRAMMY® Award-winning pianist Michelle Cann will demonstrate her stunning technical prowess in a performance of Franz Liszt's 1st Piano Concerto, a piece the composer himself premiered to showcase his breathtaking ability as pianist and individualistic artistic expression. You'll be swept away by Strauss' profound tone poem, *Death and Transfiguration*, a piece with great emotional depth and powerful imagery that explores the mystery of what lies beyond earthly existence.

LISZT: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat major  
STRAUSS: *Death and Transfiguration*  
Program additions: Conductor's Choice



45TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

# Renée Fleming *Voice of Nature*

Saturday, January 17, 2026



International superstar soprano Renée Fleming, hailed by *The Guardian* as the barrier-breaking “go-to soprano for royals, world leaders, and Broadway musicals,” brings her legendary voice back to Tallahassee. Her voice of otherworldly beauty has echoed from the world’s leading opera houses to the Silver Screen, and now is your opportunity to hear her live!

Inspired by her 2023 GRAMMY® Award-winning album, *Voice of Nature: the Anthropocene*, this program invites you to experience the powerful intersection of humanity and the natural world through music and an original film created by the National Geographic Society.

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