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LUNCH WITH THE  
*maestro*

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 10th, 2026

Thursday, January 14th, 2027

Thursday, April 29th, 2027

Join Maestro Dinur for lunch, and learn more about the upcoming concert programs.

Tickets on sale July 15!

# Hellfighters & Heritage

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Zlatomir Fung, Cello



SIMON *Hellfighters' Blues*  
DVOŘÁK Cello Concerto in B minor  
RACHMANINOFF *Symphonic Dances*

Our 26-27 season opener features powerful music that honors heritage and history. American composer Carlos Simon's jubilant score sets the stage for Dvořák's beloved and Czech-influenced cello concerto, performed by the stunning phenom Zlatomir Fung. Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, which combine Russian music's rhythmic energy and lush lyricism, ushers in a great new season of TSO concerts!

A close-up portrait of Pinchas Zukerman, an elderly man with white hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a bright blue shirt and holding a violin across his chest. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. The top of the image has a dark blue banner with white text.

# Zukerman Plays Elgar

Friday, October 16, 2026  
Pinchas Zukerman, Violin

BEN-HAIM Symphony No. 1  
ELGAR Violin Concerto in B minor

Your TSO is thrilled to present Pinchas Zukerman—a living legend of the violin and viola who dazzles audiences worldwide with his virtuosity, passion, and unmistakable musical voice. Elgar's concerto—at times heroic, and others confessional—is the anchor of this epic evening. The concert will begin with Paul Ben-Haim's captivating First Symphony, known for its sweeping melodies and rich orchestral colors, which moves effortlessly between moments of dramatic intensity and serene reflection.

# Handel's *Messiah*

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 3:00pm



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

Hallelujah! Our world-class presentation of Handel's *Messiah* at Trinity United Methodist Church is back for a 4th year! Experience this timeless masterpiece—full of passion, drama, and breathtaking beauty—brought to life by your TSO, the *Messiah* Chorus led by FSU's Dr. Michael Hanawalt, and four extraordinary soloists.

# Holiday Magic!

Saturday, December 12, 2026 at  
3:00pm and 7:30pm



## HO HO Holidays!

Step into the magic of the season with Your TSO's Holiday Magic concerts! Celebrate with family, friends, and your community at one of Tallahassee's most beloved traditions. Bursting with joy, wonder, and unforgettable music, this festive event has something to delight everyone!

*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.*



## **YOU are the KEY to making an impact in our community!**

Dear Friends,

In music, most pieces are written in a “key” — and in classical music, that choice often carries a special meaning. For Beethoven, the key of E-flat Major represented heroism and grandeur, as you’ll hear in January when Alexander Korsantia performs the beloved “Emperor” Piano Concerto. Mozart often turned to A-Major to express a sunny, joyful spirit, which you’ll experience in March when the fabulous Doreen Ketchens brings his Clarinet Concerto to our stage.

As we look ahead to the 26–27 season, please know that **YOU are key to our impact in Tallahassee**. Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- Present exceptional orchestral performances of the highest caliber that celebrate our outstanding musicians while bringing world-class guest artists to our region.
- Provide free strings programs in four Leon County Title I schools, serving more than 50 children annually who would not otherwise have access to strings education.
- Offer Young People’s Concerts each year that reach over 3,000 school children
- Offer free community engagement events such as open dress rehearsals and our annual Halloween Spooktacular at Cascades Park, reaching approximately 5,000 community members each year.

**Because of you and the impact you make**, moments of inspiration ripple throughout our community. Young musicians discover their voices. Audiences gather to share in something beautiful. The power of music continues to connect people in meaningful ways.

Just as composers choose a key to bring inspiration or meaning to a piece of music, **your support** brings these same qualities to life through every program and performance we offer.

I thank you for being such an essential part of Your TSO. Every gift is so very appreciated and helps us continue our very important and **KEY** work.

With gratitude,

Amanda Stringer, CEO

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# IMMORTAL

## Alexander Korsantia, Piano

Two hundred years after his death, Beethoven's music still strikes with revolutionary power—and Your TSO is celebrating his legacy in bold, unforgettable fashion with two Beethoven programs in one epic weekend.

The incredible Alexander Korsantia, who first performed with TSO in May of 2024, returns for this event to perform Beethoven's Fourth and Fifth Piano Concertos.

The orchestra embraces Beethoven's legacy with powerful performances of his Fifth and Seventh Symphonies. This unforgettable weekend celebrates the enduring brilliance of Beethoven, showcasing not only two of his most iconic masterpieces but also works by composers who drew inspiration from his genius.

## Symphony No. 5 – Saturday, January 16, 2027 at 7:30pm

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major

CHIN *Subito con forza*

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5 in C minor

Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto opens the evening and reveals the composer's intimate and poetic voice. Chin's *Subito con forza*, a crackling, high-energy work whose title—"suddenly, with force" is a modern reflection of Beethoven's own fierce spirit. The iconic Symphony No. 5, a gripping journey from tension to triumph, concludes the program; its famous opening and blazing finale remain as urgent and electrifying today as ever.

**MAKE IT A MARATHON! Attend both concerts and save 20% on the second show.**

# BEETHOVEN



**Symphony No. 7 – Sunday, January 17, 2027 at 3:00pm**

*PUTS Inspiring Beethoven*

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7 in A major

Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto, his last, produces ethereal orchestral effects unlike anything in his symphonic works while the piano exudes the freedom and brilliance he is known for.

Kevin Puts' *Inspiring Beethoven* tells a musical tale of Beethoven finding the inspiration to compose the first movement of his Seventh Symphony. You will hear similar melodic shapes and rhythms in both works, but Puts' has a darker mood, reflecting the often grim realities of Beethoven's life. In this piece, as in the Seventh Symphony, despair gives way to hope, represented by kinetic rhythmic energy and harmonic journeys.

**Subscribers attending both shows  
also receive a free t-shirt!**



# Voices Unbound

Saturday, March 27, 2027  
Doreen Ketchens, Clarinet

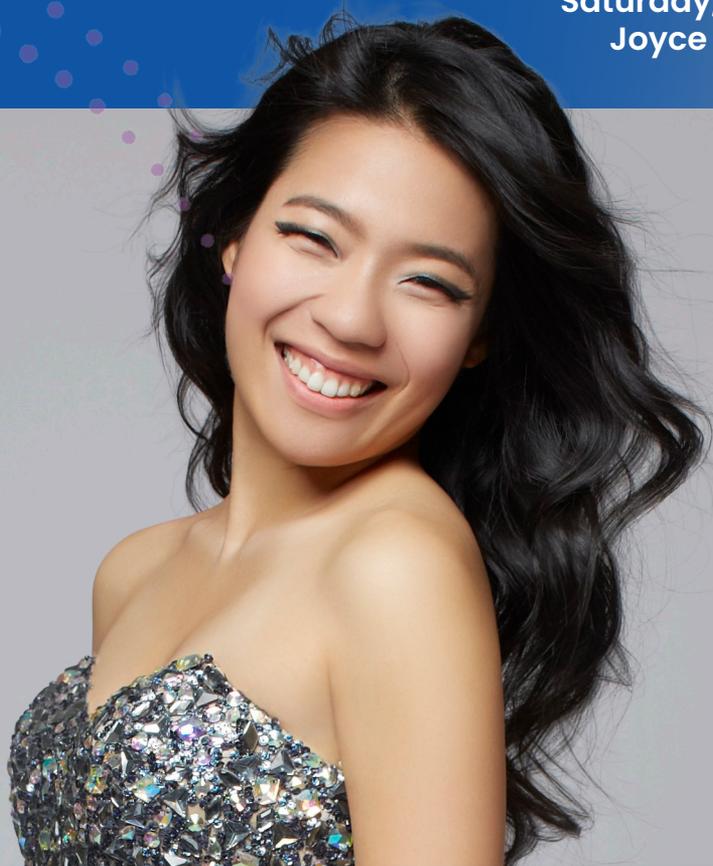


MOZART Clarinet Concerto in A major  
GERSHWIN *Summertime*  
ARMSTRONG *I Can't Give You Anything But Love*  
TRADITIONAL *When the Saints Go Marching In*  
MAHLER Symphony No. 1 in D major

In March, we warmly welcome Doreen Ketchens, the “Clarinet Queen of New Orleans”! Her radiant tone and expressive artistry shine in Mozart’s treasured concerto as well as some of the New Orleans Jazz music that has brought Ms. Ketchens international attention and affection. With effortless versatility, Ketchens proves that a truly great musical voice knows no boundaries. In the second half of this program, you’ll revel in Mahler’s first symphony, which, like great New Orleans music, blends joy, irony, and raw emotion into a single unfolding narrative.

# Romance & Revolution

Saturday, May 1, 2027  
Joyce Yang, Piano



TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor  
STRAVINSKY *The Rite of Spring*

Born from the same Russian musical lineage, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* reveal two radically different visions of expressive power. Tchaikovsky's concerto, performed by Grammy-nominated pianist Joyce Yang, channels sweeping lyricism and heroic drama into one of the most iconic concertos ever written. Just a generation later, Stravinsky shatters expectations with raw rhythm, primal energy, and revolutionary orchestral color. Together, these works trace a thrilling arc from Romantic intensity to modernist upheaval, capturing Russia at the moment it changed the course of music forever.



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