



BEETHOVEN'S
shadow

Jackson
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2020-2021 SIGNATURE SERIES
BEETHOVEN'S SHADOW

WELCOME TO THE 2020/21 SEASON

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra's 71st season celebrates Beethoven's 250th birthday, while featuring new concerts for families and exciting collaborations. We will showcase top-tier soloists and an eclectic mix of Music on Tap bands and singers. This year's Signature Series, titled Beethoven's Shadow, illustrates the impact that Beethoven had on generations of symphonic composers that followed. We will begin the season with concerts in Weatherwax Hall featuring two of Beethoven's most iconic works, including the Third Symphony. In November, Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* will be performed alongside two works by female composers, Audrey Kelley and Fernande Breilh-Decruck. Acclaimed pianist, Inon Barnatan joins us in February to perform Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto—a perfect choice for Valentine's Day. In March, we'll return to Weatherwax Hall to present Brahms' First Symphony, and we'll also take this program to the Franke Center in Marshall in April. Our season concludes with Mahler's Third and most epic symphony.

Along with the Michigan Theatre, County National Bank, Jackson's Anchor Initiative and Experience Jackson, we are proud to once again offer a series of free summer events in downtown Jackson including our Summer Solstice and Summer Pops concerts. Patriotic music will fill the August air as we perform at CP Federal City Square across from the JSO building. In fall, we'll partner with Bright Walls to produce a Halloween concert in conjunction with Fright Walls. Winter renews our collaboration with Ballet Chelsea to bring you the seasonal family favorite, *The Nutcracker*. In March, we'll present Star Wars and More - an evening of music that's out of this world. Finally, be sure to check out the popular Music on Tap series, which takes place at the JSO's Weatherwax Hall in the heart of Jackson. Come downtown and enjoy all that downtown Jackson has to offer, capped off with world-class live music and beverages in our intimate and exciting concert space.

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Special Thanks

BEETHOVEN'S *shadow*



September 25 & 26, 2020

7:30 PM – Weatherwax Hall

September 27, 2020

2:00 PM – Weatherwax Hall

The JSO celebrates Beethoven's 250th birthday with two of his most iconic works, both written in 1803. The Triple Concerto is a celebration of virtuosity with 3 soloists vying for the spotlight. The 3rd Symphony, which was written as Beethoven began to reconcile the loss of his hearing, marks a turning point for Beethoven and is considered by many to be his best symphony! We open the program with a premiere by the American composer **Larry Alan Smith** that takes inspiration from Beethoven's music. Football plans on Saturday? Come Friday or Sunday.

Preconcert Conversation *(Saturday Only)*

Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

Q&A Session *(Friday & Sunday Only)*

Join us after the show for a free Q&A session with our guest artists.

PROGRAM

LARRY ALAN SMITH
COMMISSION TBD

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C major, Op. 56

Arnaud Sussman, *violin*

Julian Schwarz, *cello*

Marika Bournaki, *piano*

Intermission

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 55

RUNTIME: 1H 45M

TICKETS

Section A – \$35.00

Section B – \$30.00

Section C – \$20.00

Students – \$5.00

See additional information about season tickets on page 17.

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SYMPHONIE *Fantastique*



November 14, 2020

7:30 PM — Potter Center

The second concert of the season presents works by composers with a progressive voice. *Symphonie Fantastique* by Berlioz was written only 3 years after Beethoven's death. Berlioz used a 5 movement form, new instruments and a fixed musical theme to depict the story of an opium-induced dream. Berlioz deals with dark themes such as execution and death which makes this an ideal piece for the Halloween season. Our first half features music by two female composers including the World Premiere of Audrey Kelley's *Speakeasy* written in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and the American premiere of Fernande Breilh-Decruck's Cello Concerto with **Jeremy Crosmer**, returning this time as soloist.

Preconcert Conversation

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PROGRAM

AUDREY KELLEY

Speakeasy (2020)

FERNANDE BREILH-DECRUCK

Concerto for Cello and Orchestra

Jeremy Crosmer, cello

Intermission _____

HECTOR BERLIOZ

Symphonie Fantastique Op. 14

RUNTIME: 1H 45M

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

Students — \$5.00

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Romantic RACHMANINOFF

February 13, 2021

7:30 PM — Potter Center

Join the JSO for a Valentine's celebration featuring Rachmaninoff's famous 2nd piano concerto. Internationally renowned pianist **Inon Barnatan** joins the JSO. We continue to explore the symphony after Beethoven with a performance of Sibelius' 5th which praises the natural world. Of the 5th, Sibelius said, "It is as if God Almighty had thrown down pieces of a mosaic for heaven's floor and asked me to find out what was the original pattern."

Preconcert Conversation

Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening's featured music.

PROGRAM

ALEXANDER BORODIN

In the Steppes of Central Asia

JEAN SIBELIUS

Symphony No. 5 in E-flat major, Op. 82

Intermission —————

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18

Inon Barnatan, *piano*

RUNTIME: 1H 30M

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

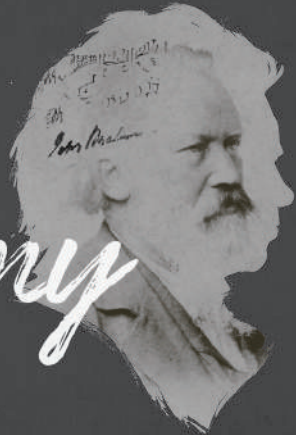
Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

Students — \$5.00

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BRAHMS' 1st Symphony



March 26 & 27, 2021

7:30 PM — Weatherwax Hall

March 28, 2021

2:00 PM — Weatherwax Hall

April 10, 2021

7:30 PM — Franke Center

Brahms was so intimidated by Beethoven's shadow that he didn't write his first symphony until he was 43 years old. In our fourth program of the season we juxtapose his most famous and popular symphony with modern talents.

Jessie Montgomery's *Starburst* is a fresh fanfare for strings while **Bright Sheng's** *Black Swan* is a beautiful orchestration of one of Brahms' most loved piano Intermezzos. The JSO is thrilled to partner with the Kosciuszko Foundation for the Wieniawski Violin Competition. The competition winner and their repertoire will be announced in December of 2020. Don't miss out on a chance to hear classical music's next superstar!

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Q&A Session (Friday & Sunday Only)

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PROGRAM

JESSIE MONTGOMERY

Starburst (2012)

BRIGHT SHENG

Black Swan (2006)

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wieniawski Violin Competition Winner

Intermission

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68

RUNTIME: 1H 45M

TICKETS

Section A — \$35.00

Section B — \$30.00

Section C — \$20.00

Students — \$5.00

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Epic MAHLER



April 24, 2021

7:30 PM —Potter Center

Mahler believed that “A symphony must be like the world, it must embrace everything.” His 3rd symphony is an epic display of this concept. A huge, majestic orchestra accompanied by both children’s and women’s choruses and a mezzo soprano soloist to boot. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to hear this monumental work live.

Preconcert Conversation

Join us at 6:30 pm for a free, interactive lecture on this evening’s featured music.

PROGRAM

GUSTAV MAHLER

Symphony No. 3 in D minor

Donata Cucinotta, *mezzo soprano*

FEATURING

Northwest Honors Choir

Conductor: James Cumings

Jackson Chorale Women’s Choir

Conductor: Wendy Treacher

RUNTIME: 1H 45M

TICKETS

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In the fall of 2020, our Music on Tap series begins its 7th season! Things have changed quite a bit since our first concert in March of 2014, but our goal remains the same: to improve our community by bringing nationally and internationally touring musicians from multiple genres of music into the heart of downtown Jackson. In addition to the incredible music, each concert features a cash bar and other refreshments, so make a night of it and come share "World Class Music, So Close to Home!"

MUSIC ON TAP SEASON TICKETS:

Attend all 6 MoT concerts and get a 20% discount off of advance ticket prices and more than 35% off of the price at the door. *Details at jacksonsymphony.org.*

Individual Tickets

Advance Tickets – \$15 to \$25

At door – \$20 to \$30



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SEASON SPONSORS



OCT 24 | **BLUEGRASS-ISH**
WITH FLATLAND HARMONY EXPERIMENT

Returning to the Weatherwax Hall stage this year is **Flatland Harmony Experiment** (FHE), a high-octane, four-piece, vocally-driven, string band from Indianapolis, Indiana. FHE plays traditional bluegrass instruments and that genre is prevalent in their sound. They also have elements of jazz, rock, gypsy, traditional country, and everything between in the mix. These ingredients combine into a joyful sound that the Wax audience loved in 2019, and we're thrilled to be able to bring them back in 2020!

NOV 21 | **THE VOICE OF SOULFUL FOLK-POP**
WITH JOSHUA DAVIS

We are thrilled to welcome **Joshua Davis** and his band to the Wax stage this November. Over the past twenty years, Michigan-based Davis has honed an impressive range of skills – songwriter, band leader, guitarist, and vocalist among them. Since his appearance as a finalist on NBC's "The Voice", Davis has been churning out an album a year. He's investing himself in the American musical diaspora and has explored the common thread connecting folk, blues, jazz, ragtime, and country forms – discovering his personal perspective as a composer in the process.

JAN 23 | **COMEDY NIGHT**
WITH HEYWOOD BANKS

Heywood Banks is simply a one-of-a-kind, almost impossible to describe artist, with a style his very own. Equal parts genius and buffoon, this songwriter-comic-singer-poet-musician has become a cult hero and a pop icon. His show appeals equally to college students, businessmen, yuppies, punks, kids or your grandmother. Heywood intersperses his humorous observations of life with twisted, inventive, bizarre songs, sung and played in a variety of styles, from folk to country to rock to pop, and beyond.



FEB 20 | **ACROSS THE GENRES**
WITH WARP TRIO

Described as "A talented group that exemplifies the genre-obliterating direction of contemporary classical music (*Columbia Free Times*)", **Warp Trio** is an internationally touring cross-genre chamber music experience. Reflecting the combination of Juilliard-trained members juxtaposed with members steeped in rock and jazz styles, the one-of-a-kind trio (that even has a fourth member!) can be seen performing classical works in prestigious halls on the same tour where they headline a standing-room-only show at a rock venue.

MAR 13 | **IRISH FESTIVAL 2021**
WITH HERON VALLEY

We are incredibly excited to welcome **Heron Valley** back to the Wax stage. Heron Valley is an energetic, traditional band from Scotland who have serious enthusiasm for the music they play. Their roots lie in Scottish and Irish traditional music, including traditional Scottish songs, piping tunes and Irish banjo. The five-piece, high-energy group began in 2014, after spending the first few years of their musical careers perfecting their craft as a young cèilidh dance band.

IN HONOR OF
**MARY ANN
DONLEY
KESSLER**

MAY 08 | **SINGER-SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**
WITH JOHN D. LAMB & FRIENDS

Our friend, and a man at the center of the Michigan songwriting scene, John D. Lamb returns to the Wax stage with the latest rendition of his ever-popular Songwriter Showcase. John fills the stage with incredibly talented artists, and they share an evening of songs and stories that always leave our audiences wanting more! John is the consummate MC and entertainer and he always has a surprise or two up his sleeve. This is a show we always look forward to, and once you've experienced it, you will, too!

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SUMMER POPS 2020

A SALUTE TO AMERICA

August 28, 2020

7:00 PM – CP Federal City

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce Patriotic Pops, a FREE concert to take place on Friday, August 28 at 7:00 PM, at CP Federal City Square. This summer we'll pay tribute to America with a mixture of marches, film scores and iconic works by American composers including music by Aaron Copland, John Philip Sousa and John Williams.

Cost: FREE to the public

VIP Tickets: \$20

(Includes a drink and chair)



The Nutcracker

2020



A CLASSIC HOLIDAY TRADITION FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES

December 5, 2020

2:00 PM at Chelsea High School, Chelsea

December 12, 2020

7:00 PM at Potter Center, Jackson

December 6, 2020

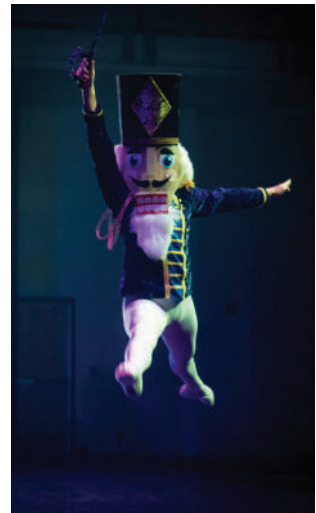
2:00 PM at Chelsea High School, Chelsea

December 13, 2020

2:00 PM at Potter Center, Jackson

Ballet Chelsea proudly presents its 23rd annual performance of *The Nutcracker*, a Christmas Eve tale about a young girl named Marie and her magical journey to the enchanted Kingdom of Sweets. Choreographed by Artistic Director **Wendi DuBois**, the Ballet Chelsea company artists and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra musicians will come together for the fourth year to present this annual full-length, narrated ballet.

RUNTIME: 2H



THE MAESTRO RETURNS

October 17, 2020

7:30 PM – Potter Center

Conductor Laureate **Stephen Osmond** returns to the podium to conduct Shostakovich's 5th Symphony and *La valse* by Ravel. In collaboration with world famous concert pianist **William Westney**, Osmond presents Prokofiev's first piano concerto. This program is sure to feature a surprise or two! Don't miss the Maestro's return.



HALLOWEEN CHILDREN'S CONCERT

November 1, 2020

1:00 PM – The Michigan Theatre

Costumes, candy and more! Your little ghost or goblin will help haunt the Michigan Theatre for the JSO's Halloween Children's Concert. This exciting concert features frightfully fun symphonic music that is stimulating for young eyes and ears. The entire family is invited to dress up in their favorite costume and enjoy "boo-tiful" music! This concert is a chance for you to introduce your children to the wonders of live orchestral music. After the concert, get your goodies at Fright Walls Trunk O' Treat.

STAR WARS AND MORE

February 27, 2021

7:00 PM – The Michigan Theatre

Join the JSO for an evening of music that's out of this world. The program will include timeless film scores from *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, and *E.T.*

Children and adults alike can come dressed as their favorite character—you never know who you may encounter on the JSO's trip into space.

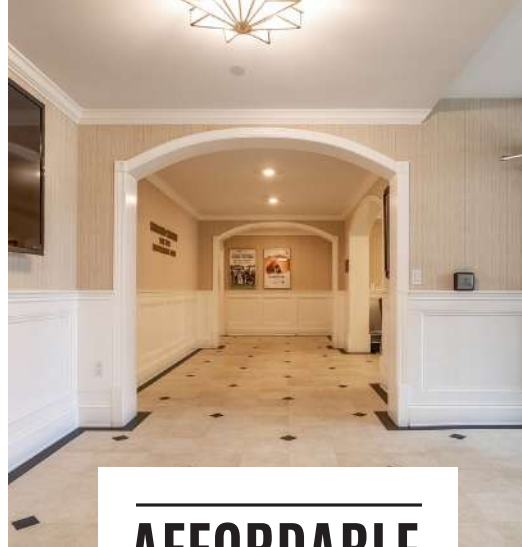


WEATHERWAX HALL AT THE JSO

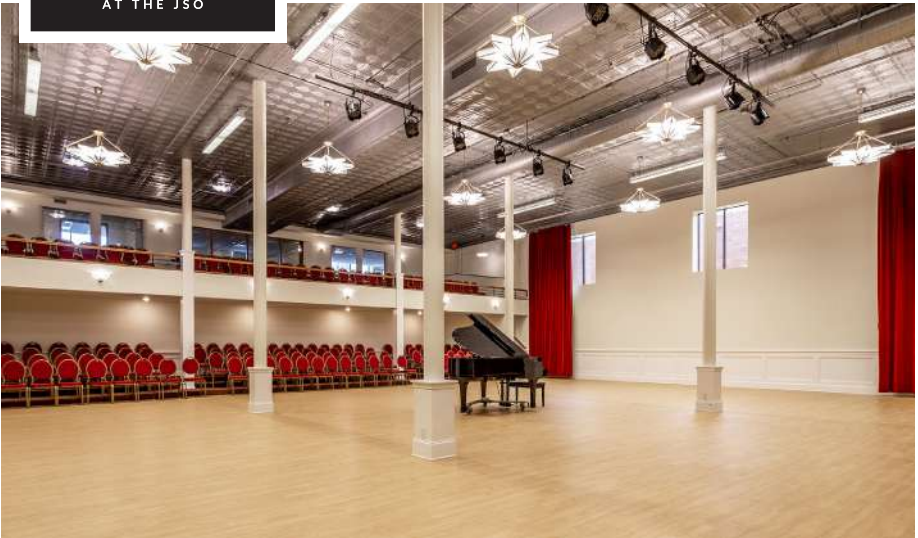
The Jackson Symphony Orchestra's newly renovated Weatherwax Hall, located in downtown Jackson, is available to rent for all of your special events. We offer our spacious ground level floor for weddings, family reunions and community events.

Rates start at \$125/hour.

For more information on packages and pricing, visit jacksonsymphony.org/weatherwax-hall or call our office at 517.782.3221.



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- Early Childhood Music Classes
- Kids' Choir (*K-2nd*)
- Kids' Chorale (*3rd-middle school*)
- Piano Kids (*K-2nd*)
- String Teams
- Jackson Youth Symphony Orchestra

The **Jackson Community Music School** has been a major component of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra's ongoing commitment to education and outreach since 1992. Every week, hundreds of music students of all ages come through our doors, and we engage thousands more every year in our community through public concerts, school outreach, and cultural events.



For more information about enrollment, private lessons, and upcoming events, visit us on **Facebook**, at jacksonmusicsschool.org, or call **517.782.3221**.



JACKSON SYMPHONY GUILD

The Jackson Symphony Guild functions exclusively for the benefit of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. This dynamic group of volunteers work together to raise funds to support the JSO. In past years our contributions totaled 9% of the JSO's operating budget.

Funds are raised through membership dues and, most significantly, through the Annual Holiday Ball. In addition to supporting the JSO, we provide scholarships to community youth and young musicians to take lessons at the Community Music School.

Guild members are also active volunteers. The Holiday Ball provides the greatest opportunity to volunteer whether you like to decorate or can help run the silent auction. There are many short and long-term opportunities to get involved. Volunteers also host concert receptions and plan the Annual Meeting, a fun celebration of our accomplishments.

BASIC MEMBERSHIP – \$25

An individual membership in the JSG.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – \$45

Families or individuals willing to give extra financial support to the Guild.

PATRON MEMBERSHIP – \$85

Consistent with JSO policy, patrons whose Guild membership is \$100 and above will be listed in the JSO concert program.



For more information about the Jackson Symphony Guild, please go to: jacksonsymphony.org/jackson-symphony-guild/

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The **JSO Annual Fund** is the lifeblood of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. It sustains our players, provides a home for our orchestra and community music school, helps keep ticket prices affordable, and subsidizes the expense of programs like early childhood music and a host of special music events offered by the JSO.

JSO Annual Fund contributions are tax-deductible and contributors also enjoy great premium awards as our way of saying thank you for your support!

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EPIC MAHLER

Apr. 24 at 7:30 pm

SEASON TICKET SECTIONS: **A** (\$140) **B** (\$120) **C** (\$80)

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October 24, 2020 at 8 pm

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March 13, 2021 at 8 pm

SINGER-SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

May 8, 2021 at 8 pm

MUSIC ON TAP

SEASON TICKETS: **\$88** (20% off retail price for all 6 concerts)



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