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2025/26 SEASON

**FORT WAYNE  
PHILHARMONIC**  
Andrew Constantine, Music Director

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## THE PARTY OF THE SUMMER!

*OUR 4TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC POPS MOONSHOT SIGNATURE EVENT!*

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025 | 6:00 PM | PARKVIEW FIELD

### THE EVENING INCLUDES:

Cocktail Reception With Signature Cocktails And Music  
A Full Evening of Hospitality, Including a Dinner of Classic Summer Favorites  
Exclusive VIP Seating and Lounge Access ★ Reserved Parking

### TICKETING INFORMATION:

**\$200** PER PERSON ★ **\$1400** PER TABLE OF 8  
**\$3500** PER 15 GUEST SUITE ★ **\$5000** PER 25 GUEST SUITE

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# MASTERWORKS SERIES



Opening Night!

## FROM ELEGANCE TO DECADENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

James Ehnes, violin

DEBUSSY | BARTOK | BRAHMS

Start the 2025/26 season right with a journey from *Elegance to Decadence*. First, enjoy the fine first flute of the Philharmonic spotlighted in Debussy's beautiful *Prelude a l'après-midi d'un faune* (Afternoon of a Faun), inspired by a poem of the same name. Next, experience firsthand the then (1924) controversial pantomime by Bartok, *The Miraculous Mandarin Suite*. The evening finishes with Brahms' only Violin *Concerto*, considered one of the greatest of all time, featuring the talented soloist James Ehnes.



**MASTERWORKS 8 SERIES (MW8):** This package includes tickets to all 8 Masterworks concerts

**MASTERWORKS 6 SERIES (MW6):** This package includes: MW1, MW2, MW5, MW6, MW7, & MW8

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### MASTERWORKS SERIES SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES STARTING AT \$172

PACKAGE	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
MW8	\$564	\$440	\$315	\$221
MW6	\$436	\$340	\$244	\$172

Pricing above includes all fees.

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## AN EVENING FANTASTIQUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

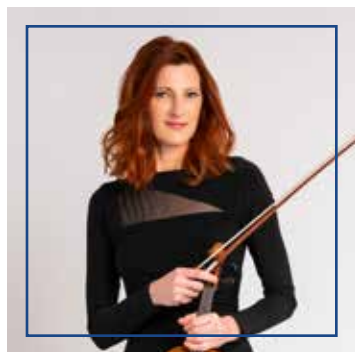
Andrew Constantine, conductor

Zlata Chochieva, piano

MOZART | BERLIOZ

Don't miss pianist Zlata Chochieva performing Mozart's exquisite *Piano Concerto No. 21*, made famous by the movie *Elvira Madigan*. Berlioz rounds out the fantastic evening with *Symphonie Fantastique*, which tells the tragic story of despair, heartbreak, and unrequited love.

**SUBSCRIBE TO 6 SHOWS & PAY  
LESS THAN \$27 PER CONCERT!**



## AMERICAN BEAUTY (CELEBRATING AMERICA 250)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Holly Mulcahy, violin

JOAN TOWER | GEORGE S. CLINTON | GROFÉ

Join us for the first of five concerts programmed to celebrate America's 250th birthday with music by American composers. Joan Tower highlights percussion instruments in *Tambor*, a one-movement work in which the entire orchestra takes on percussive characteristics. George S. Clinton's violin concerto *The Rose of Sonora* simulates an old Western, with movements acting as scenes. The piece was originally written for soloist Holly Mulcahy, who portrayed an outlaw in music helping to make the work more relatable for today's audiences. Clinton's experience as a film composer helps bring his music to life. Last, but certainly not least, the evening reaches its finale with Ferde Grofé's familiar *Grand Canyon Suite*, a tribute to America's incredible natural beauty.



## AMERICAN DREAMS (CELEBRATING AMERICA 250)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Joyce Yang, piano

PETER BOYER | BERNSTEIN

The second celebration in our America 250 series begins with Peter Boyer's *ELLIS ISLAND: The Dream of America*. This work, released in 2002, tells the story of the immigrant experience of searching for a new life in the New World. Leonard Bernstein's non-traditional *Symphony No. 2, The Age of Anxiety*, inspired by Auden's Pulitzer Prize-winning poetry, brings the evening to a jazzy close.

# MASTERWORKS SERIES



## WE THE PEOPLE (CELEBRATING AMERICA 250)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Andre Gaskins, cello

BLOCH | MICHAEL DAUGHERTY

The third concert of the America 250 Series opens with Ernest Bloch's *Schelomo: Hebraic Rhapsody*. This biblically-inspired work features our own Principal Cello, Andre Gaskins, portraying the voice of King Solomon. A piece for all people, the evening's finale will be Michael Daugherty's *Metropolis Symphony*, a five-movement work inspired by Superman comics.



## PATRIOTIC SOUNDS (CELEBRATING AMERICA 250)

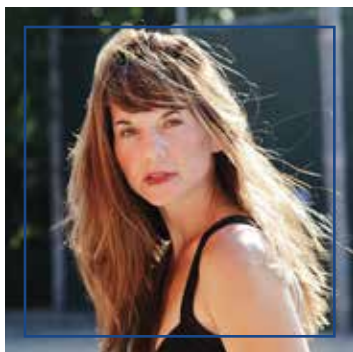
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Eric Silberger, violin

BOULANGER | MEYER | DEBUSSY | RAVEL

Patriotic Sounds will not disappoint! The evening begins with Lili Boulanger, the first female to win the Prix de Rome Composition prize, followed by American Bassist, Composer, and 7-time Grammy Award-winner, Edgar Meyer, whose *Violin Concerto* features Eric Silberger on violin. Add Debussy, sometimes seen as the first Impressionist composer and you already have quite the night! Follow it all up with Frenchman Maurice Ravel's *Piano Trio*, expanded from its original three-instrument arrangement to a full orchestral work by fellow countryman Yan Pascal Tortelier. Ravel brought the innovative Trio to a hurried completion so he could enlist in the French Army at the onset of World War I. His inspiration was drawn from a wide variety of sources, from his Basque dance heritage to Malaysian poetry.



## PILGRIMAGE OF THE SOUL (CELEBRATING AMERICA 250)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Lisa Pegher, percussion

SCHWANTNER | ELGAR

The final concert in our America 250 series begins with music of Joseph Schwantner. One of the leading American composers writing today, his *Concerto for Percussion and Orchestra* was commissioned for the 150th season of the New York Philharmonic and has become one of the most performed works of the past several decades. "The passionate pilgrimage of the soul" is how Sir Edward Elgar referred to his own *Symphony No. 2*, the monumental work which concludes this evening.

**SUBSCRIBE TO 6 SHOWS & PAY LESS THAN \$27 PER CONCERT!**



## *Closing Night!*

### **BIG BEETHOVEN & THE FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Jon Kimura Parker, piano

Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, Benjamin Rivera, director

Soloists, TBD

#### **BEETHOVEN**

Beethoven composed his fifth and final piano concerto, "The Emperor," while feeling the effects of Napoleon's war in Vienna. He wrote to his publisher that, in order to save what little hearing he had left, he would go to his brother's cellar and cover his ears with pillows. The heroic style and military symbolism which inspired "The Emperor" will be ably displayed by virtuoso piano soloist Jon Kimura Parker. Regarded by many critics and musicologists as one of the supreme masterpieces of all music, Beethoven's final complete symphony, "The Ninth", was the first such work to include a chorus and vocal soloists. By then, his deafness was so complete that after conducting the symphony's premiere he couldn't even hear the audience go wild, and had to be turned around to witness their standing ovation. This season's grand finale also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus. This concert is not one to be missed!

# POPS SERIES



## LIGHTSPEED: ACROSS THE GALAXY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Experience the epic music of *Star Wars* like never before! The Fort Wayne Philharmonic brings John Williams' legendary score to life alongside other thrilling galactic masterpieces. From the iconic *Imperial March* to sweeping space odysseys, this interstellar concert will transport you to a galaxy far, far away. Feel the force of live symphonic music in an unforgettable night of adventure and excitement!



## HOME ALONE IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

A true holiday favorite, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams' charming and delightful score performed live to picture by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8 year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. Hilarious and heart-warming, *Home Alone* is holiday fun for the entire family!

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## HOLIDAY POPS

DECEMBER 18, 19, 20, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

DECEMBER 20, 21, 2025 | 2:00 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Step into the enchanting world of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's *Holiday Pops* performances, where cherished traditions and festive melodies come together to usher in the joyous spirit of the season. As the air fills with the sounds of holiday classics, our world-class musicians will transport you to a winter wonderland of musical delight.

**POPS 6 SERIES (POPS6):** This package includes tickets to all 6 Pops concerts

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## THE MUSIC OF JAMES BOND AND MORE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

Chloe Lowery, vocalist

The name is Bond - James Bond. Join us for the music from five decades of Bond films. Included are such iconic songwriters from Shirley Bassey to Paul McCartney, and Carly Simon to Adele.

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## THE MUSIC OF GENESIS & PHIL COLLINS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Bradley Thachuk, conductor

Jeremy Saje, lead vocals

From *In the Air Tonight* to *Against All Odds*, and *Turn It On Again* to *Invisible Touch*, Phil Collins has been responsible for some of the most cherished musical moments of the 70's to the present day. His songs from the legendary band, Genesis, and his solo work have been a consistent soundtrack to our lives and will be presented in a way they've never been heard before - reimagined for full orchestra with an all-star band.



## LET'S GROOVE TONIGHT: MOTOWN & THE PHILLY SOUND

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Magic melodies come to life in *Let's Groove Tonight: Motown & The Philly Sound*, a symphonic experience where the soul and R&B sounds of Motown face off against the famous hits of the Philly Sound. Led by an acclaimed cast of stage and studio singers, including Chester Gregory, Ashley Jayy and Brik Liam, this incredible evening is full of classic songs by artists like The Spinners, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Gamble & Huff, Percy Sledge, and more!

*Let's Groove Tonight: Motown & The Philly Sound* is a co-production of Schirmer Theatrical, LLC (part of Wise Music Group) and Greenberg Artists.

### POPS SERIES SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES STARTING AT \$192

PACKAGE	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
POPS6	\$489	\$393	\$287	\$191

Pricing above includes all fees.

# SOUND OF INNOVATION SERIES

## *A Distinctive Series!*

Elevate your musical experience with our Sound of Innovation performances. New this season, at the Clyde Theatre, you'll experience the Philharmonic Musicians in unique and delightful chamber arrangements playing music sure to lift your spirits. Enjoy commentary by insightful hosts to provide a deeper perspective to music even the most casual classic music listener is sure to recognize. Have your whole night taken care of with dinner, drinks, and elegant music in a relaxed atmosphere.



### THE SOUND OF INNOVATION

OCTOBER 29, 2025 | 7 PM | THE CLYDE THEATRE

HOLST	A Moorside Suite
RAVEL	Introduction and Allegro
MOZART	Symphony No. 29, K. 201



### THE SOUND OF INNOVATION

FEBRUARY 11, 2026 | 7 PM | THE CLYDE THEATRE

SCHUBERT	Symphony No. 5 Allegro Menuetto: Allegro molto
WAGNER	Siegfried Idyll
GRIEG	Two Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34
COPLAND	Appalachian Spring: Suite



### THE SOUND OF INNOVATION

MAY 6, 2026 | 7 PM | THE CLYDE THEATRE

PAUL LEWIS	English Suite
GEORGE WALKER	Lyric for Strings
DAVID DIAMOND	Rounds for String Orchestra
VIVALDI	The Four Seasons

***Be the first to subscribe to this innovative series in its brand new venue at The Clyde Theatre! Subscribe to all 3 concerts for only \$190 — dinner, drinks and incredible music for only \$63/concert!***

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3 concerts (with food & drinks): \$190 or 3 concerts (without food): \$157

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# SPECIAL EVENTS — ADD ONS

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## MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 | 7:30 PM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

Experience the timeless magic of the holiday season with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's enchanting *Messiah by Candlelight*. Set within the warm glow of candlelight, this annual tradition transforms Handel's beloved oratorio into a transcendent masterpiece. Immerse yourself in choral and orchestral brilliance as the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, along with Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, brings to life the sacred narrative and jubilant spirit of Handel's *Messiah*.



## A SYMPHONY OF STEEL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Past and present unite in this captivating holiday event at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum. Indulge in the joy of the season with the renowned Fort Wayne Philharmonic musicians as they take you on a melodic journey through time. Each ensemble's holiday repertoire will echo through the eras represented in the Museum's exhibition areas. In the true spirit of the holiday season, an array of delicious cookies and complimentary drink are included.



## BACH IN THE BARN

APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM | JOSEPH DECUIS FARM  
Andrew Constantine, conductor

Experience this unique fan-favorite event! *Bach in the Barn* is an intimate listening experience in a timeless countryside setting surrounded by picturesque landscape. Candlelit tables and wine paired with desserts offer an unparalleled opportunity to experience the beauty of classical chamber music in a setting that feels both historic and refreshing.

ADD ON SINGLE TICKETS	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
MOONSHOT - 6/30/25	\$200			
SOUND OF INNOVATION - 10/29/25, 2/11/26, 5/6/26	\$68			
HOLIDAY POPS - 12/18/25 THRU 12/21/25	\$100	\$80	\$58	\$38
MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT - 11/21/25	\$89	\$69	\$49	\$34
A SYMPHONY OF STEEL - 12/11/25	\$77			
BACH IN THE BARN - 4/30/25, 5/1/26, 5/2/26	\$77			

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# FREIMANN SERIES

**FREIMANN WEDNESDAY OR FREIMANN  
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## *Chamber Classics!*

*The Freimann Series* invites you to delve into the hearts of the musicians themselves! You will hear music hand-selected by our most talented players. Some selections are chosen to challenge, some to showcase more modern works, and some simply to impress and delight! Whichever the case, you will not be disappointed. Held in the intimate settings of The History Center and Rhinehart Recital Hall, *the Freimann Series* offers a unique opportunity to witness our world-class musicians up close and personal.

### **WEDNESDAY PERFORMANCES AT THE HISTORY CENTER | 7:30 PM**

OCTOBER 15, 2025 – JANUARY 28, 2026 – MARCH 4, 2026 – APRIL 15, 2026

### **SUNDAY PERFORMANCES AT RHINEHART RECITAL HALL | 2 PM**

OCTOBER 19, 2025 – FEBRUARY 1, 2026 – MARCH 8, 2026 – APRIL 19, 2026

# COFFEE CONCERT SERIES



## Elevate your Morning!

Elevate your morning routine with the new, innovative *Coffee Concert Series*, where music meets the comforting aroma of freshly brewed Blue Lion coffee. Conducted by Andrew Constantine, this unique series not only provides a delightful mid-morning musical interlude, but also includes complimentary coffee after each performance in your own Fort Wayne Philharmonic *Coffee Series* mug and donuts from Sugar Creek Donuts. In addition, post-concert activities provide an exclusive opportunity for patrons to engage in discussions with the musicians themselves, participate in fun musically themed activities, and connect with the team who bring the music to life.

### SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER  
BERLIOZ                      *Symphonie Fantastique*

### GRAND CANYON SUITE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER  
GROFÉ                      *Grand Canyon Suite*

### METROPOLIS SYMPHONY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER  
DAUGHERTY                      *Metropolis Symphony*

### RAVEL'S PIANO TRIO

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER  
RAVEL                      *Piano Trio*

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# FAMILY SERIES



## *Foster a Love of Music*

Embark on a musical adventure for the whole family with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's *Family Series*. Tailored to ignite the imaginations of kids aged 2-12, these sensory friendly daytime concerts provide a joyful introduction to the world of orchestral magic. Led by conductor Troy Webdell, the *Family Series* offers an immersive and entertaining experience, where children can explore the wonders of classical music in a family-friendly environment. From timeless classics to contemporary compositions, each concert promises to be an engaging and delightful journey, creating lasting memories and fostering a lifelong love for music in our young audience members.

### **DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS: A DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

### **YEAR OF THE HORSE: A LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

### **THE 7<sup>TH</sup> VOYAGE OF SINBAD: MUSIC OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

### **OCTAVIA AND THE CATS OF ROME: MUSIC OF ITALY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 | 11 AM | PFW MUSIC CENTER

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Registration for each concert opens up one month prior to each performance!



## *A Premiere Experience!*

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic *Youth Orchestras* program provides student musicians with an authentic, professional orchestra experience. From classics to pops, enjoy the accomplishments of these young musicians.

### **FALL CONCERT**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER

### **NIGHT OF LIGHTS**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025 | 6:30 PM  
GRAND WAYNE CENTER

### **SPRING CONCERT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER

### **FINALE CONCERT**

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 | 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER

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