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# To You, Our Loyal Subscriber –

**WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU FIRST TO THE 26/27 SEASON!**

As we enter the new year and launch another season of great music, we'd like to express our gratitude and appreciation, to you, our loyal subscriber. Your dedication and enthusiasm help ensure the Fort Wayne Philharmonic can deliver the artistic excellence you've come to know and love. As part of our subscriber family, you can expect these special privileges:

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# masterworks series

The *Masterworks Series* showcases the very best in symphonic music, including classics you know and love and some lesser known gems necessary to broaden your musical experiences. This season you wont want to miss a minute as we come together with great music, world-renowned guest artists, and your very own Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

## opening night!

### RACHMANINOFF SYMPHONY NO. 2

OCTOBER 3, 2026 • 7:30 PM

PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor  
Madelyn Kowalski, Cello

ERROLYN WALLEN Cello Concerto

RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2



### BEETHOVEN'S EROICA

OCTOBER 24, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor // Yefim Bronfman, piano

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

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37





## PROKOFIEV AND DVOŘÁK

NOVEMBER 14, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Andrew Constantine, conductor // Maria Ioudenitch, violin

JOHN ADAMS The Chairman Dances

PROKOFIEV Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 19

DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op. 88



## MAHLER 4

FEBRUARY 20, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Andrew Constantine, conductor // Emily Birsan, soprano

RESPIGHI Three Botticelli Pictures

BARBER Knoxville: Summer of 1915

MAHLER Symphony No. 4 in G major



## JOURNEY TO THE UNKNOWN: THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

MARCH 20, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Andrew Constantine, conductor // FW Philharmonic Chorus

ELGAR The Dream of Gerontius

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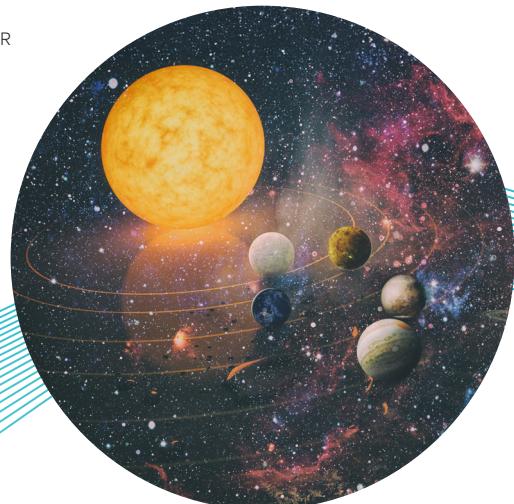
## TCHAIKOVSKY: FROM DARKNESS TO TRIUMPH

APRIL 10, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor // Robert deMaine, cello

PATRICK O'MALLEY  
Cello Concerto PREMIERE

TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 4



## THE PLANETS

MAY 1, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

Andrew Constantine, conductor

FW Philharmonic Women's Chorus, Benjamin Rivera, director

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis

BRITTEN Four Sea Interludes

HOLST The Planets



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## closing night!

### A CLOSING NIGHT OF ROMANCE

MAY 22, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Andrew Constantine, conductor // Gabriela Martinez, piano

**TCHAIKOVSKY** Romeo and Juliet

**RACHMANINOFF** Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43

**PROKOFIEV** Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, Op. 100

# pops series

The 2026-27 Pops Series does not disappoint! Hear your favorite music with the power and magnitude of the full orchestra. There really is nothing else quite like it! Don't miss a beat this season, renew your subscription today!



## THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL WITH TONY DESARE

OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Conductor TBA // Tony DeSare, vocals

Tony DeSare's signature vocal and robust piano style pay tribute to the iconic songs of Billy Joel. Generations of Billy Joel fans will experience full symphonic orchestrations with Tony DeSare's unique take on some of his most beloved hits including *Only the Good Die Young, Piano Man, New York State of Mind, You May Be Right, Movin' Out, My Life, Vienna*, and many more!

*Billy Joel does not appear on this program.*



## HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK IN CONCERT

NOVEMBER 7, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Conductor TBA

Experience the outlandish holiday adventures of Kevin McCallister as he finds himself alone in New York City, thwarting the plans of bumbling Wet Bandits with a series of ingenious traps. This beloved film features the full spectrum of John Williams' delightful score – from the whimsical and playful themes to the dramatic, action-packed pieces that perfectly complement Kevin's clever escapades. *Home Alone 2* combines the timeless charm of the classic film with a vibrant, live orchestral performance for a hilarious, heart-warming festive outing for the entire family!

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## MAGICAL MUSIC OF HARRY POTTER

JANUARY 30, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor

Enrico Lopez-Yañez takes the audience on a class reunion remembering the memorable professors, characters, and magical creatures from the beloved film franchise. Audience members will also be given the opportunity to compete in their own Wizard Tournament, testing their spell-casting abilities, trivia knowledge, and more during this program of iconic symphonic film music.

## THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME – THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN

MARCH 13, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Mitchell Tyler, Conductor

Calling all fans! This high-octane, symphonic fusion concert elevates Led Zeppelin's legendary 1973 Madison Square Garden performance to a massive, orchestral scale. This show blends the power of rock 'n' roll with lush orchestral arrangements, featuring strings, horns, and percussion that enhance the original compositions, such as a transcendent *Stairway to Heaven*, *The Rain Song*, *In the Evening* and much more.

### on a budget this season?

Check out our new Fan Level Pricing to renew your subscription for as low as \$19 per concert!





## DISNEY IN CONCERT: “A DREAM IS A WISH”

MAY 15, 2027 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Conductor, TBA

Symphony Pops Music is proud to present our *A Dream is a Wish* featuring well-loved music and high-resolution film clips from some of the best-known films ever. This concert features the music of *Frozen*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Princess and the Frog*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Aladdin*, four Broadway quality vocalists, and over one hour of high resolution video clips from the original films!

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# special events



## sound of innovation series

Enjoy Classical Music with a twist! The *Innovation Series* strives to create a more casual environment for classical music lovers!

Enjoy a drink while listening to the music and commentary, dine on light fare, and sit around a table with friends. Break the traditional mold and join us this season at the Pearl Arts Center.

### SOUND OF INNOVATION 1

NOVEMBER 4, 2026 • 7:00 PM  
PEARL ARTS CENTER

### SOUND OF INNOVATION 2

JANUARY 20, 2027 • 7:00 PM  
PEARL ARTS CENTER

### SOUND OF INNOVATION 3

MARCH 10, 2027 • 7:00 PM  
PEARL ARTS CENTER



### elevate your experience

Add this entire series to your existing subscription for as low as \$84!



## MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

NOVEMBER 20, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Benjamin Rivera, conductor // Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus

Experience the timeless magic of the holiday season with our 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 Philharmonic, along with Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus, brings to life the sacred narrative and jubilant spirit of Handel's *Messiah*.



## SYMPHONY OF STEEL

DECEMBER 10, 2026 • 7:00 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 our renowned 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.



## HOLIDAY POPS

DECEMBER 17, 18, 19, 2026 • 7:30 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER  
DECEMBER 19, 20, 2026 • 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.

## holiday classics for everyone

Experience your favorite sounds of the season with holiday cheer and memories made to cherish.



## BACH IN THE BARN

APRIL 15, 16 & 17, 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.

# freimann series



## chamber classics

The *Freimann Series* invites you to delve into hand-selected pieces by our most talented players. Some selections are chosen to challenge, some to showcase more modern works, and some to simply to impress and delight! Held at our own historic Philharmonic Center, this series offers the unique opportunity to witness our world-class musicians up close and personal.

### FREIMANN 1

OCTOBER 7, 2026 • 7:30 PM  
OCTOBER 11, 2026 • 2:00 PM  
PHILHARMONIC CENTER BALLROOM  
**BEETHOVEN** String Quartet No. 15  
in A minor, Op. 132

### FREIMANN 2

JANUARY 27, 2027 • 7:30 PM  
JANUARY 31, 2027 • 2:00 PM  
PHILHARMONIC CENTER BALLROOM  
**MOZART** String Quartet No. 19 in C  
major, K. 465 "Dissonance"

### FREIMANN 3

MARCH 3, 2027 • 7:30 PM  
MARCH 7, 2027 • 2:00 PM  
PHILHARMONIC CENTER BALLROOM  
**HAYDN** String Quartet No. 63 in  
D major, Hob. III: 63 "Lark"

### FREIMANN 4

MAY 12, 2027 • 7:30 PM  
MAY 16, 2027 • 2:00 PM  
PHILHARMONIC CENTER BALLROOM  
**SCHUBERT** String Quartet No. 14 in D  
minor *Death and the Maiden*

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Freimann Wednesday or Freimann Sunday Packages start at only \$100.



### BEETHOVEN'S EROICA

OCTOBER 22, 2026 • 11:00 AM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 55, "Eroica"

### DVOŘÁK'S SYMPHONY NO. 8

NOVEMBER 12 2026 • 11:00 AM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

**DVOŘÁK** Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op.88

### TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 4

APRIL 8 2027 • 11:00 AM • PFW MUSIC CENTER

**TCHAIKOVSKY** Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36

### subscriber perks

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## brighten your morning

Elevate your morning routine with our *Coffee Concert Series*! This unique series not only provides a delightful mid-morning musical interlude, but also includes complimentary coffee, your own FW Phil mug\*, donuts, and post-concert activities where you can engage in discussions with the musicians themselves, participate in fun musically themed activities, and connect with the team who bring the music to life.

# family series

foster a love of music as we become musical explorers together for the 26/27 Season!

The Family Series is 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! Audiences young and old will enjoy these one-hour, family-friendly concerts that feature local guest artists, pre-concert activities in the lobby led by community partners, and timeless classic and contemporary music compositions where children can explore the wonders of classical music.

## did you know?

The Family Series is **FREE** for all thanks to the generosity of Judy Pursley and Franklin Electric.

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



## FANTASTIC BEASTS & UMPRELLAPHANTS

OCTOBER 31, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PFW MUSIC CENTER

Featuring: music from *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* as well as Jack Prelutsky's book, *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant*.

## THE ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON BEAR

JANUARY 23, 2027 • 11:00 AM

ARTS UNITED CENTER

Featuring: Herbert Chappell's composition *Paddington Bear's First Concert*.

## PHILHARMONIA FANTASTIQUE

MARCH 6, 2027 • 11:00 AM

PFW MUSIC CENTER

Featuring: Mason Bates' multi-media concerto, *Philharmonia Fantastique*.

## THE SECRET OF WIND AND BIRDS

APRIL 3, 2027 • 11:00 AM

ARTS UNITED CENTER

Featuring: Kevin Lau's adaptation of the book, *The Nightingale*, and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* ballet.



# youth orchestras

## **FALL CONCERT**

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 • 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Troy Webdell, conductor

## **NIGHT OF LIGHTS**

NOVEMBER 25, 2026 • 6:30 PM  
GRAND WAYNE CENTER  
Troy Webdell, conductor

## **SPRING CONCERT**

MARCH 14, 2027 • 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Troy Webdell, conductor

## **FINALE CONCERT**

MAY 2, 2027 • 4:00 PM  
PFW MUSIC CENTER  
Troy Webdell, conductor

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## **a premiere experience**

The *Youth Orchestras* program provides student musicians with professional orchestra experience, exceptional artistic training, and transformative opportunities to perform at the highest level. More than music, our program builds discipline, confidence, collaboration, and a lifelong love of the arts. Whether onstage or in rehearsal, young musicians are mentored by professional Philharmonic musicians and gain a deeper appreciation for music's power.

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Holiday Pops • December 17-20, 2026

Bach in the Barn • April 15, 16, 17, 2027



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