

**OPENING NIGHT:  
RHAPSODY IN BLUE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019, 5:30PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*  
Xiayin Wang, *Piano*

**COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE**  
World Premiere

**LEROY ANDERSON** Piano Concerto  
**GERSHWIN** *Rhapsody in Blue*  
**PISTON** Symphony No. 6

**Act II Opening Night**  
**Post-Concert Celebration Dinner**  
7:30PM, Midlothian Country Club



*“There is a beautifully natural flow to Wang’s playing”*

—BBC Music Magazine

**STILIAN KIROV  
CONDUCTS MAHLER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019, 7:30PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*  
Emily Birsan, *Soprano*

**COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE**  
World Premiere

**AUGUSTA READ THOMAS**  
*Absolute Ocean*  
**MAHLER** Symphony No. 4



*“she sang with radiant delicacy...”*

—London Telegraph

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019, 3PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*

Highlights include: John Williams *Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas*; Tchaikovsky Suite from *The Nutcracker*; Handel *Hallelujah Chorus*; Humperdink/Leontovych *Evening Prayer/Carol of the Bells*; and many more!

**ALL TCHAIKOVSKY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020, 7:30PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*  
William Hagen, *Violin*

**TCHAIKOVSKY** “Dance of the Tumblers” from *The Snow Maiden*  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Violin Concerto  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Symphony No. 2

*“Even in an age when brilliant young violinists seem to grow on trees, Hagen...is a standout”*

—Dallas Morning News



Programs and artists subject to change

**BEETHOVEN @ 250**

**Celebrating Beethoven’s 250th Birthday**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020, 7:30PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*  
Boris Allakhverdyan, *Clarinet*  
Allakhverdyan is the current Principal Clarinet of the Los Angeles Philharmonic

**SCHOENBERG** *Transfigured Night*  
**MOZART** Clarinet Concerto  
**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No. 1



*“...pliant and silky, as smooth as running water, with a remarkable variety of colors...”*

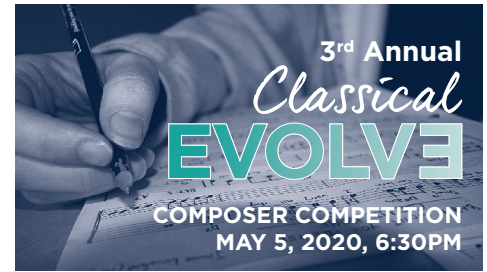
—Seattle Times

**FIREBIRD**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020, 7:30PM**

*Guest Conductor*

**GRIEG** *Morning Mood*  
**GRIEG** *In the Hall of the Mountain King*  
**SAINT-SAËNS** *Danse Macabre*  
**MUSSORGSKY** *Night on Bald Mountain*  
**BACH** *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* for Organ  
**STRAVINSKY** *The Firebird Suite*



**BEETHOVEN & SIBELIUS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020, 7:30PM**

Stilian Kirov, *Conductor*

**COMPOSER- IN-RESIDENCE**  
World Premiere  
**BEETHOVEN** *Leonore Overture No. 3*  
**SIBELIUS** Symphony No. 2

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