

# PRESS CALENDAR: Summer 2019 Wolf Trap Opera, Symphony, and Dance

## \*new shows appear in purple\*

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#### Tickets for Wolf Trap's 2019 Summer Season:

Online: wolftrap.org By phone: 1.877.WOLFTRAP In person: Filene Center Box Office

. 1551 Trap Road | Vienna, Virginia 22182

Locations are indicated in each event listing. Most performances take place at the following venues:

Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

The Barns at Wolf Trap

1635 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

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### June 2019

Porgy and Bess: A Concert of Songs
National Orchestral Institute Philharmonic
with Wolf Trap Opera
John Morris Russel, conductor
Alyson Cambridge, soprano
Joshua Conyers, baritone
Saturday, June 1 at 8 p.m.
Part of UNTRAPPED series

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

Dekelboum Concert Hall

Tickets TBD

Since its debut in 1935, Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* has captivated audiences with its distinctly American harmonies and poignant story of a man transformed by improbable and unexpected love. *Porgy and Bess: A Concert of Songs* features Filene Artist Joshua Conyers, WTO alumna Alyson Cambridge, and the Heritage Signature Chorale

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Steven Blier: 25th Anniversary Concert
Also featuring Joseph Li & Wolf Trap Opera Soloists
Saturday, June 1 at 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m.

The Barns at Wolf Trap

Tickets \$48

Steven Blier of NYFOS returns for his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recital joined by Joseph Li at the piano and a cast of new and familiar faces. Four current WTO singers and former Directing Fellow Katherine Carter return to celebrate Blier's legacy and craft a program sure to bring back old memories and create new ones.

Caracalla Dance Theatre\*

One Thousand and One Nights

Wednesday, June 12 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$65

The "king of the musical theater world in the Middle East" (*The Washington Post*) makes its debut at Wolf Trap with a grand musical and balletic trilogy. *One Thousand and One Night Nights* takes audiences on a majestic journey to a far away and magical land where they will encounter a doomed king, a dazzling bazar, a mystical sorcerer, and more! Featuring Korsakov's acclaimed *Scheherazade* and Ravel's timeless *Boléro*.

Vocal Colors
Wolf Trap Opera at The Philips Collection
Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Part of UNTRAPPED series

The Philips Collection 1600 21<sup>st</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20009 Tickets TBD

Visual art and music are paired in two intimate evenings of song at the beautiful Music Room of Washington D.C.'s The Phillips Collection.

L'heure espagnole
Maurice Ravel
Ward Stare, conductor
Wolf Trap Opera Artists
Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m.
Part of UNTRAPPED series

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Dekleboum Concert Hall

Tickets TBD

Torquemada is the most respected watchmaker in town, and by extension a very busy man. His wife, Concepcion, has found a number of ways to deal with her husband's absences...most notably (and romantically) in the company of the poet Gonsalve, who is to arrive at any moment. But when strong and handsome Ramiro comes to the shop with a broken watch and decides to wait for Torquemada's return, things get complicated.

The World Turned Upside Down

Gluck

Merlin's Island

Ullmann

The Emperor of Atlantis

Saturday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m.

The Barns at Wolf Trap

Tickets \$36-\$92

#### Merlin's Island

Two Parisians are shipwrecked on an island paradise where the rich marry the poor, lawyers are always honest, spouses are always faithful, and artists are wealthier than businessmen. Heaven? – not quite. A takeoff on 18<sup>th</sup> century French vaudeville, *Merlin's Island* is brimming with inspired music, beautiful ensembles, and heartwarming characters.

#### The Emperor of Atlantis

A mad emperor declares universal war against everyone and offends Death. The result is a chaotic world in which the living no longer laugh, the dying no longer die, and life and death have lost their meaning. This daring satire was written while Ullmann was interred in the Nazi's Terezín 'ghetto' and examines the arrogance of unstoppable power and humanity's resilience. This controversial and brilliant opera is full of humor and poignancy, with music that ranges from blues and German folk tunes to a Bach chorale.

## **July 2019**

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire in Concert National Symphony Orchestra Friday, July 5 at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$35-\$65

The Harry Potter  $^{\text{IM}}$  film series is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that delights millions of fans around the world. This concert will feature the National Symphony Orchestra performing every note from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire  $^{\text{IM}}$ . Audiences will be able to relive the magic of the film in high-definition on a giant HD screen while hearing the orchestra perform Patrick Doyle's unforgettable score live to picture.

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American Ballet Theatre

Last appeared in 2016

Swan Lake

Thursday, July 11 at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 12 at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$95

Of all the great classics performed by American Ballet Theatre today, *Swan Lake* remains the quintessential ballet. Featuring the unforgettable corps de ballet moving in magical unison as the majestic, glimmering swans, this ballet has left audiences breathless for generations. This romantic fable of ill-fated passion, dreamlike transformation, and ultimate forgiveness set to Tchaikovsky's glorious score inspires awe and wonder. Featuring choreography by Kevin McKenzie after Marius Petipa and Le Ivanov.

Nas

Illmatic – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Symphony Orchestra Tuesday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$30-\$90

25 years after the album's critically-acclaimed release, hip-hop icon Nas teams up with the National Symphony Orchestra to stage a symphonic rendition of Illmatic, one of the most revered albums in hip-hop history.

"Weird Al" Yankovic
The Strings Attached Tour
National Symphony Orchestra
Tuesday, July 16 at 8 p.m.

Last appeared in 2016

Tickets \$40-\$85

"Weird Al" Yankovic is the biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history, earning four Grammys. The legendary musical satirist is back with his biggest show ever! Weird Al's *Strings* 

Attached Tour is a high-energy rock and comedy production featuring all the hits and classics like "White and Nerdy" and "Amish Paradise," his original band, costumes, props, and—for the first time—background singers and a full symphony orchestra.

Strauss

Ariadne auf Naxos

The Barns at Wolf Trap

Friday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21 at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$42-\$92

The best laid plans often go awry... Strauss' soaring opera is divinely comical and deeply enchanting.

Combining slapstick comedy and beautiful music in a competition of 'high' and 'low' art, *Ariadne auf Naxos* is a cock-eyed tale about art, love and infidelity. A wealthy patron commissions two pieces of entertainment for a party – an opera based on the Ariadne myth and a comedy by a song and dance troupe. Shortly before the performances are to begin, he orders that they be performed simultaneously in order for a fireworks display to begin on time. What follows is a class war in Strauss's brilliant opera based on a Molière comedy.

"A tale of everyday farce and mythical fantasy." The New York Times Ariadne auf Naxos is "plush and lyrical"

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Noseda Conducts Tchaikovsky and Beethoven National Symphony Orchestra Gianandrea Noseda, conductor\* Ning Feng, violin\* Friday, July 26 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$60

NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda makes his Wolf Trap debut in a program including Tchaikovsky's thrilling Violin Concerto, performed by acclaimed soloist Ning Feng, and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Wolf Trap Opera presents The State Singers The Barns at Wolf Trap

Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$40

Founded by Wolf Trap Opera Alumni, this new vocal ensemble brings an operatic sensibility to choral music. Composed of members of the Metropolitan Opera and military choruses, The State Singers make their DC debut at The Barns!

Disney in Concert: Coco National Symphony Orchestra Emil du Cou, conductor Saturday, July 27 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$40-\$60

Disney in Concert: *Coco* is a family-friendly, live-to-picture concert event featuring Michael Giacchino's beautiful musical score and the 2017 two-time Academy Award-winning film for Best Original Song as well as Best Animated Feature Film.

Aria Jukebox
The audience gets to choose!
Wolf Trap Opera Filene Artists
Sunday, July 28 at 3 p.m.

The Barns at Wolf Trap

Tickets \$36-\$50

An afternoon of opera highlights curated by the audience and sung by Wolf Trap Opera soloists. Come to the preshow reception to vote for the arias of your choice!

## **August 2019**

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial in Concert National Symphony Orchestra Emil du Cou, conductor Friday, August 2 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets \$40-\$65

Director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece is one of the brightest stars in motion picture history. Filled with unparalleled magic and imagination, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* follows the moving story of a lost little alien who befriends a 10-year-old boy named Elliott. Experience all the mystery and fun of their unforgettable adventure in the beloved movie that captivated audiences around the world, complete with John Williams' Academy Award-winning score performed live by a full symphony orchestra in sync to the film projected on a huge HD screen! ©A.M.P.A.S.®

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Sarah McLachlan National Symphony Orchestra Saturday, August 3 at 8 p.m. Last appeared in 2014

Tickets \$40-\$105

Sarah McLachlan is one of the most celebrated singer-songwriters in entertainment with over 40 million albums sold worldwide, three Grammys, and 12 Juno Awards. In addition to crafting ballads such as "Angel" and "I Will Remember You," McLachlan founded the Lilith Fair Tour and the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*Wolf Trap Opera

Last appeared in 2003

Friday, August 9 at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$75

Figaro, Figaro, Figaro! One of the world's most recognizable tunes from opera's most beloved comedy. A wily barber aids the captivating Count Almaviva in wooing the vivacious Rosina right from under her cantankerous guardian's nose. Uproariously funny, *The Barber of Seville* brims with sensational music, high-flying vocal fireworks, and some of opera's most famous arias as its story twists and turns in the quest for love.

Shanghai Symphony Orchestra\* Long Yu, conductor Alisa Weilerstein, cello Wednesday, August 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$60

"China's most venerable orchestra" (*The New York Times*) makes its Wolf Trap debut in a program led by Music Director Long Yu and featuring cellist and MacArthur Fellow Alisa Weilerstein. Over the past several centuries, the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra has emerged as a cultural leader whose musical impact can be felt across Asia and the rest of the world.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis Friday, August 16 at 8 p.m. Last appeared in 2016

Tickets \$30-\$70

The "finest big band in the world today" (*The Daily Telegraph*) led by nine-time Grammy-winning jazz icon Wynton Marsalis returns to Wolf Trap! Join 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers in jazz music for a swingin' evening like no other.

Sing-A-Long
Sound of Music

Last appeared in 2018

Saturday, August 24 at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets \$25-\$45

Celebrating over 50 years, the classic family film returns to the screen in Technicolor...with a twist! Sing-a-long with the movie using on-screen lyrics and become the star of the show. Lederhosen and veils welcome! A costume contest precedes the performance.

## September 2019

Jennifer Hudson\*
National Symphony Orchestra
Thomas Wilkins, conductor
Thursday, September 5 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$45-\$95

Showcasing her undeniable powerhouse pipes with the National Symphony Orchestra, Grammy and Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson brings her signature soul sound to the stage.