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Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Announces Guest Conductors for 2022–23 Masterworks Concerts

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The [Arkansas Symphony Orchestra](#) (ASO), which performs more than sixty concerts and provides music education to over 30,000 school children each year, has announced its lineup of guest conductors for the [2022–2023 Masterworks](#) season. Five of the six exceptional conductors will be making return visits to the Robinson Center stage.

“Our guest conductors have been selected specifically by our own musicians because they are outstanding musicians themselves. We have truly appreciated their talents when they joined us previously or in some cases, we have long worked to schedule an opportunity to introduce them to our Little Rock community,” said ASO Chief Executive Officer Christina Littlejohn. “I know our Little Rock audiences will be excited for the concert season ahead.”

Guest conductors and their programs for the upcoming Masterworks season include:

Vladimir Kulenovic (Oct. 1–2)

- Mozart: Overture to Nozze di Figaro
- Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges: Violin Concerto in A Major, feat. Rachel Barton Pine
- Bruch: Scottish Fantasy, feat. Rachel Barton Pine
- Hindemith: Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber

Stephen Mulligan (Nov. 12–13)

- James Lee, III: Beyond Sensorial Portals (ASO co-commission with Orlando Philharmonic)
- Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor, feat. Geneva Lewis
- Sibelius: Symphony No. 5

Akiko Fujimoto (Jan. 28–29)

- Beethoven Lenore Overture No. 3
- Pierné Concert Piece for Harp and Orchestra, feat. Alisa Coffey
- Prokofiev: Selections from Romeo & Juliet Suite Nos. 1-3

Andrew Crust (Feb. 25–26)

- Margaret Bonds: Montgomery Variations
- Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, feat. George Li
- Still: Symphony No. 1 (Afro-American Symphony)



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Geoffrey Robson (April 1–2)

- Fanny Mendelssohn: Overture in C Major
- R. Schumann: Symphony No. 3 in Eb Major, "Rhenish"
- Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B minor, feat. Zuill Bailey

Matthew Kraemer (May 6–7)

- Frederick Delius: Irmelin: Prelude
- Doreen Carwithen: Concerto for Piano and Strings, feat. Samantha Ege
- Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique

Tickets will go on sale for the 2022–2023 concert at a later date. A search is currently underway to identify the symphony's next permanent music director. ASO anticipates concluding that search following the 2022–2023 concert season.

MULTIMEDIA RESOURCES

Conductor Headshots:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LNDLPlaDRMXraMdlrtbSwMYrhWVGteZh?usp=sharing>

About Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 57th full season in 2022-2023. ASO is the resident orchestra of Robinson Center Music Hall. Arkansas Symphony Orchestra performs more than sixty concerts each year for more than 165,000 people through its Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks Series, Acxiom Pops Live! Series, River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series, and numerous concerts performed around the state of Arkansas, in addition to serving central Arkansas through numerous community outreach programs and bringing live symphonic music education to over 30,000 school children and over 200 schools. ASO's education programs include the Sturgis Music Academy, which provides violin and cello instruction to more than 350 students, and the ASO Youth Ensembles Program, which has nearly 200 students enrolled in two full orchestras and a strings-only ensemble. In 2022, ASO released the world-premiere recording of groundbreaking African American composer and Little Rock-native Florence Price's own orchestration of her "Piano Concerto in One Movement." ASO employs 12 full-time musicians, more than 70 part-time musicians and 15 administrative staff members with an annual operating budget of \$3.5 million. Arkansas Symphony Orchestra is a member of the League of American Orchestras and a partner orchestra of the National Alliance for Audition Support, an unprecedented national initiative to increase diversity in American orchestras.

For more information about the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra call 501-666-1761 or visit www.ArkansasSymphony.org



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