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2023/2024 SEASON



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— **Maestro Héctor Guzmán**



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CONDUCTOR CONVERSATIONS will occur prior to each subscription concert. Maestro Héctor Guzmán or Assistant Conductor Shira Samuels-Shragg will engage the audience with artistic insight on the evening's performance and will include a brief question and answer segment.





¡VIVA MÉXICO!

Members of Ballet Folklórico de México

Fela and Dante Alcala, vocals

Mariachi Jalisciense de Antonio Jimenez

Viva Mexico Choir

September 16, 2023 • 8 PM

Eisemann Center

Maestro Héctor Guzmán and the Plano Symphony are joined by Ballet Folklórico de México to open the season with a fantastic celebration of music and culture honoring Mexican Independence Day. Expect popular and classical Hispanic music as well as spectacular dance selections to keep the party going and make the evening a celebration like no other!

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A NIGHT IN VIENNA

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

Krisztina Fejes, piano

October 21, 2023 • 8 PM

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Sit back and soak in the sounds of Vienna as the incredibly talented PSO musicians perform selections across the city's musical legacy. Favorites by Mozart, Strauss, and Lehar, together with celebrated Hungarian pianist Krisztina Fejes, will surely transport audiences to the "City of Music."





GHOSTBUSTERS, THE MOVIE

Shira Samuels-Shragg, Conductor

November 18, 2023 • 8 PM
Eisemann Center

“Who you gonna call” for a nostalgic viewing of a classic movie with an incredible score? The PSO, that’s who! From Schirmer Theatrical, experience Ivan Reitman’s two-time Oscar®-nominated film, screened live as the PSO performs Elmer Bernstein’s Grammy-nominated score. The evening wouldn’t be complete without Ray Parker Jr.’s chart-topping theme song “Ghostbusters!”

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

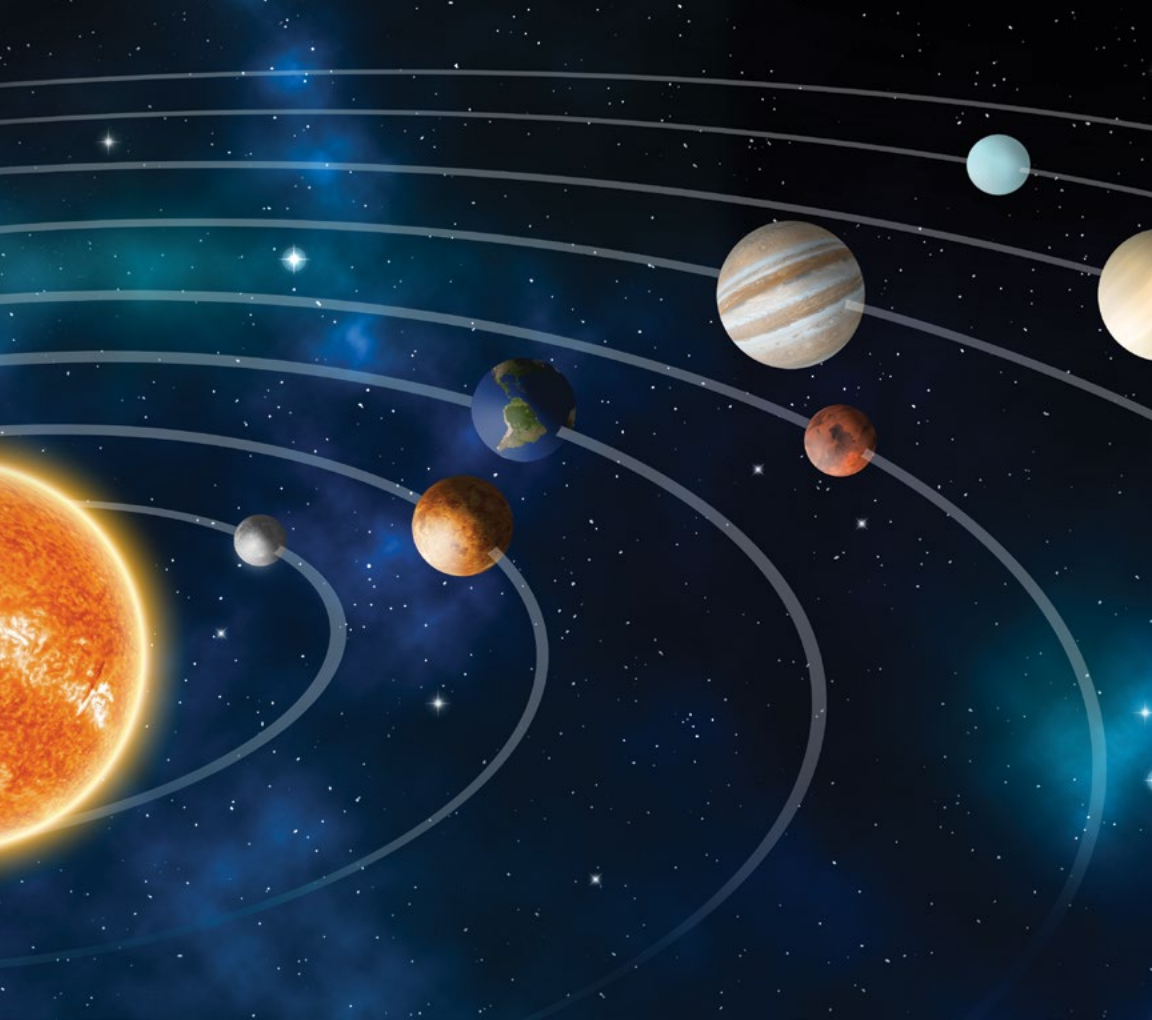
**Nick Fabian, vocals; Midtown Quartet, vocals;
and the Plano Civic Chorus**

December 17, 2023 • 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Christ United Methodist Church

The always popular “Home for the Holidays” concerts feature seasonal favorites for orchestra, vocalists, and chorus, the popular audience sing-along, visitors from the North Pole, and more! Joining the PSO will be singer-songwriter Nick Fabian, the dynamic and international award-winning vocal quartet Midtown Quartet, and the Plano Civic Chorus.





AN INTERPLANETARY EXPERIENCE

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

Plano Civic Chorus Women's Choir

Sofía Ros, accordion

January 20, 2024 • 8 PM

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Go on a multi-media interplanetary musical exploration like you've never experienced before! Featuring award-winning accordionist Sofía Ros performing Piazzolla's *Concerto for Bandoneón and Orchestra*, your celestial journey concludes with Holst's beloved suite *The Planets*. Are you ready for lift off?

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BRANFORD MARSALIS WITH THE PSO

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

February 17, 2024 • 8 PM
Eisemann Center

Just a few days after Valentine's, our orchestra can't wait to perform with an acclaimed artist who shares our love of music! Branford Marsalis received early acclaim as a saxophonist bringing new energy and new audiences to jazz. Since then, the multiple Grammy-winning icon has refined and expanded his talents and his horizons as a musician, composer, and educator to become a 21st century mainstay of artistic excellence.





AN EVENING WITH HÉCTOR GUZMÁN AND FRIENDS!

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

Shira Samuels-Shragg, Conductor

Héctor Guzmán, organ

March 16, 2024 • 8 PM

Christ United Methodist Church

This special concert features a rare performance by PSO Maestro Héctor Guzmán on the organ. Conducted by Shira Samuels-Shragg, the Symphony will perform the colorful and imaginative work *Concertino for Organ and Orchestra* by M.B. Jimenez. The concert will also include performances by the three grand prize winners of the PSO's annual Collin County Young Artist Competition, which always reminds us that the future of orchestra music shines brighter than ever!

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GRAND FINALE! A VIRTUOSO SHOWCASE

Héctor Guzmán, Conductor

Vesselin Demirev, violin

April 27, 2024 • 8 PM

Christ United Methodist Church

For the final concert of the season, the PSO welcomes back a familiar face! Former concertmaster Vesselin Demirev returns to the PSO stage in this spectacular finale, bringing his impeccable tone and musicianship to perform Sibelius' Violin Concerto. The evening will also include Shostakovich's landmark, heroic period piece, his Symphony No. 5.



SPECIAL EVENTS



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PATRIOTIC POPS

July 4, 2023 | 3 PM

Eisemann Center

The concert includes a tribute to all the branches of the armed forces and will feature Grammy-nominated vocalist **Charles Billingsley** and Yamaha Artist pianist **Eduardo Rojas** joining conductors **Héctor Guzmán** and **Shira Samuels-Shragg**.

Patriotic music will include traditional favorites “The Star Spangled Banner,” “America the Beautiful,” “God Bless America,” “Salute to the Armed Forces,” and a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.” The concert will also include *Inspiration! – Festive Overture for orchestra* a work by Dallas-based American composer Quinn Mason.

Please call the box office for subscriber, active military, and veterans discount.

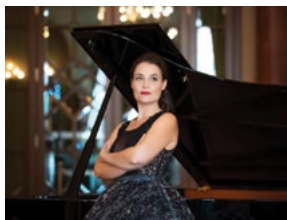


COSMIC COMPOSITIONS: A FAMILY FRIENDLY MUSICAL EXPLORATION OF SPACE

July 15, 2023 | 7 PM

Christ United Methodist Church

Explore the celestial beauty of orchestral music! With everything from *Star Wars* to classical composers’ take on the heavenly bodies, Assistant Conductor Shira Samuels-Shragg will lead the PSO in a 75-minute romp through engaging and colorful music that explores our love of faraway galaxies!



PSO @ SMU!

October 22, 2023 | 4 PM

Caruth Auditorium, SMU Campus

As part of the PSO’s effort to continually expand its audience into new parts of North Texas, a matinee performance of **A Night in Vienna** will be presented through a partnership with SMU’s Meadows School of the Arts.

Maestro Héctor Guzmán will conduct the orchestra and pianist Krisztina Fejes at Caruth Auditorium, a beautiful 490-seat concert hall in the heart of the SMU campus. This is a single ticket standalone event and not included in subscription packages.

PSO FAMILY SERIES

MUSICAL ADVENTURES

Families with children 3–12 will explore the wild world of the orchestra! Music has been used to portray everything from grand dinosaurs to faraway planets. These 45-minute family friendly afternoon concerts will explore this great music alongside either actors, dancers, multimedia presentations, or even a live animal or two! The all-new Christmas program will be in partnership with the Town of Addison and Rebel Theatrics.

DINOSAURS

October 8, 2023

Christ United Methodist Church Plano

October 15, 2023

Frisco Discovery Center

OUTER SPACE

March 3, 2024

Addison Theatre Centre

March 10, 2024

Courtyard Theater Plano

THE OCEAN

June 23, 2024

Frisco Discovery Center

July 7, 2024

North Texas Performing Arts Plano

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

December 22–23, 2023

Addison Theatre Centre

WILD JUNGLE

April 7, 2024

McKinney Performing Arts Center



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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The PSO's music education and community outreach programs have been recognized for their thoughtful curating of educational experiences that extend well beyond the concert setting.

The **SCHOOL CONCERT EDUCATION PROGRAM**, our largest outreach program, is designed to be an integral part of the fine arts curriculum for elementary school students from 150 schools in 7 area school districts. Of the participating schools, 39% serve Title I students. The program consists of an online TEKS-based multi-media presentation, PSO musician in-person and virtual school campus visits, and culminates in a concert experience field trip given during the second semester.

The **INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** is a free outreach program featuring a selection of instruments made available for use by libraries, schools, and at community festivals and private events, often providing a child's first opportunity to handle and experience the power of making music.



Children enjoying the Instrument Petting Zoo and students participating in the Pit Program

Thank you to our many education and community outreach partners: City of Plano, Tammy and Charles Miller, The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, Atmos Energy, AWARE Fund of The Dallas Foundation, Baylor Scott & White, City of Frisco, City of McKinney, Nancy Freeman, First United Bank & Trust, Frisco Association for the Arts, Frost Bank, Medical City Plano, Sandy Nachman, Rea Charitable Trust, NYLO Hotel Plano, Wanda and Cliff Parker, Signs by Tomorrow, Carol and William Tempest, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano, and Veritex Community Bank.

The **PSO PIT PROGRAM**, in partnership with North Texas Performing Arts, trains student musicians to play in dynamic theatrical settings, providing opportunities to collaborate with theatre artists and preparing them for a multi-faceted musical career.

The **PSO MUSICIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** funds private year-long instrumental lessons for qualifying PISD middle school students. Scholarships are awarded based on director referral and financial need.

The **COLLIN COUNTY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION** provides gifted young musicians with the opportunity to showcase their talents and compete for a chance to perform as a featured soloist with the PSO.

HEALING NOTES is an interactive music-therapy program for seniors and incarcerated youth. Partners include area senior living and rehabilitation facilities, private memory care centers, hospitals, and the Collin County Juvenile Detention Center. These programs are presented free to those in attendance, made possible through community sponsors and partnerships.



PSO chamber ensembles performing at the Collin County Juvenile Detention Center and senior care facilities

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for more information
on these programs.



BRAND NEW WAYS TO ENGAGE



The inaugural **PSO SUMMER MUSIC CAMP** gives talented middle and high school musicians the opportunity to perform as a youth orchestra under the direction of PSO Assistant Conductor Shira Samuels-Shragg. Students also enjoy mentorship of PSO's professional musicians in chamber music, group classes, and private study. The camp culminates in two public performances July 14 & 21 at 6 PM at Christ United Methodist Church.

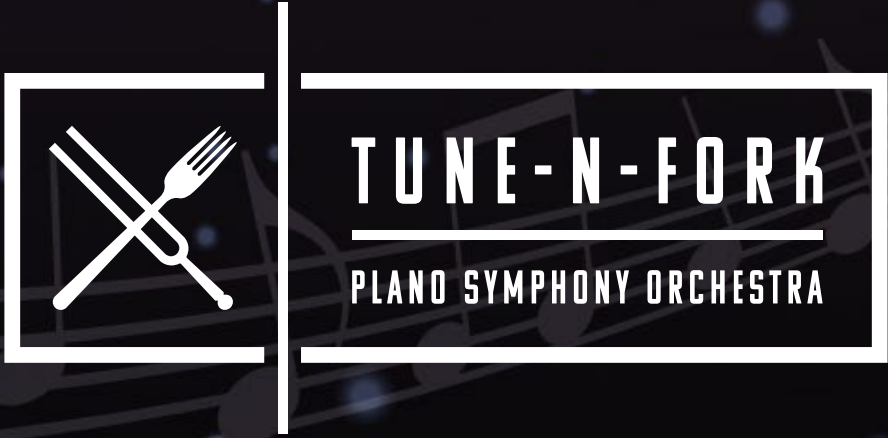


Jessie Montgomery



Caroline Shaw

The inaugural **WOMEN COMPOSERS SERIES**, a partnership with the Town of Addison, will be performed at Addison Theater Center. Assistant Conductor Shira Samuels-Shragg leads this celebration of symphonic and chamber music by contemporary and historic female composers. The first two concerts in this series will take place on May 18, 2024, and June 8, 2024.



TUNE-N-FORK COMMUNITY MUSIC PARTY

Saturday, October 7, 2023

at ArtCentre of Plano

Ellie Barash and Rebeka Ecker, Co-chairs

Experience the PSO like you've never heard them before!

Part fundraiser, all “friend-raiser,” the PSO’s Tune-n-Fork Community Music Party is a brand new way for patrons young and old to experience the magic of live music with the Plano Symphony Orchestra. Bringing together local artists and area restaurants, this unique evening of aural and oral entertainment is sure to become an audience favorite.

Sample the tastiest music and memorable treats and join us for the inaugural Tune-n-Fork Community Music Party!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

THE PLANO SYMPHONY GUILD

The award-winning PSO Guild is a vital part of the volunteer corps making all our concert and community events possible. Recognized by Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras for their innovative leadership and fundraising events, the PSO Guild brings together some of the most passionate minds and community leaders from throughout Collin County. Guild members assist with a wide range of activities and serve through the following committees:

Concert Services, Communications, Collin County Young Artist Competition, Guest Artist Hospitality, Education, Hospitality, Membership, Office Support, Gala Fundraiser, and General Fundraising

To be eligible for Guild membership, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Subscribe to the Plano Symphony Season
- Donate at least \$50 per person, \$100 per couple
- Volunteer for at least one of the above listed committees

You DO NOT need to be a member of the Guild to volunteer, but it is a great way to connect to other patrons and receive invitations to Guild events.

APPLAUSE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the APPLAUSE program range in age from 13 to 18 and serve as youthful ambassadors for the Plano Symphony in the community at concerts and special events. APPLAUSE volunteers receive credit for service hours performed in order to meet the requirements for service organizations like National Charity League, National Honor Society, Boy/Girl Scouts, and others.

To join the PSO Guild, volunteer, or make inquiries, please call [972-473-7262](tel:972-473-7262) or email info@planosymphony.org.

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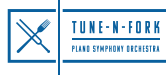
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THE PSO

AT THE PLANO BALLOON FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7:30 PM

In partnership with the H-E-B | Central Market Plano Balloon Festival, the PSO will once again open this year's festival with a special outdoor community concert!

The all-American concert will include classics by composers such as Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, John Williams, Jessie Montgomery, and Hannah Ishizaki. It will be a night of music for the entire family to enjoy!

Shira Samuels-Shragg will conduct the orchestra and will be joined by guest soloists from North Texas Performing Arts.

Tickets are available through the Plano Balloon Festival website
WWW.PLANOBALLOONFEST.ORG/P/TICKETS

UPGRADE TO VIP!

There will be a limited number of \$50 VIP tickets available. In addition to admittance into the festival, these tickets come with a seat in the reserved seating area by the stage, a parking pass, and access to the PSO tent prior to the concert with food trucks available nearby for purchase of food and drink.



The PSO's appearance at the 2023 Plano Balloon Festival is made possible, in part, by H-E-B/Central Market, Tammy and Charles Miller, Dianne and Marion Brochette, and Diana and Randy Wright.



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