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2025-2026 SEASON



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Music matters! It inspires us, it moves us, it stirs our soul....but more importantly, it touches our heart. Whether it's a celebration, a solemn occasion, a wedding, a performance, a concert....music always seems to stir every fiber of our being. And this isn't a 'cliché!' It's a reality. Our PSO's spectacular 2025-2026 season will stir these and many other emotions. The PSO will be performing music that is not only beautiful, but that matters indeed! Some of the highlights include TONY award nominee **Michael Cavanaugh** performing a tribute to the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, the Grammy-nominated **Latin American String Quartet**, John Williams' **Star Wars** saga, the return of our former concertmaster **Vesselin Demirev**, a multimedia presentation featuring the amazing **Aurora Borealis**, "**A Night in Paris**," and a grand finale spectacular: **Carmina Burana!** World-class guest artists will once again grace our stage: Hungarian pianist **Krisztina Fejes**, tenor **Charles Billingsley**, jazz singer **Rosana Eckert** and a special performance of the sensational **BRANFORD MARSALIS JAZZ QUARTET**. The season would not be complete without the music of Vivaldi, Piazzolla, Tchaikovsky, Bruch, Berlioz, Ravel, Debussy, Bizet, Mozart, Orff....and many more! What a lineup!!!

As always, without your participation as an audience and your generous support, we could not bring the quality of artistry we cherish! Join us! And enjoy the **MUSIC THAT MATTERS!!!**

Musically yours,

HÉCTOR GUZMÁN

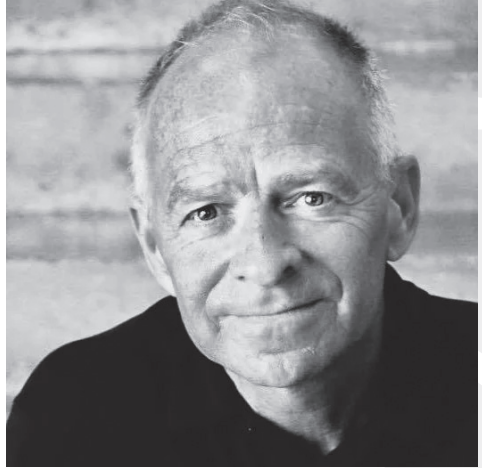
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Plano Symphony Orchestra



DEAR PSO FAMILY

Music is powerful. Music has the power to touch our souls, lift our spirits, and heal. Do you find yourself tapping your foot while shopping? Or having all the feelings while watching movies? No matter your race, ethnicity, age, or gender, music is a common phenomenon that impacts everyone. Music can be a powerful tool with its ability to evoke strong emotional responses. Community is a fundamental aspect of our experience of music—it tends to unite people, forming bonds that might not exist otherwise. It connects different cultures, promoting diversity and growth. Music encourages creative thinking, discipline, leadership, and problem solving. And it's a medium for individual and group expression. The author Hans Christian Andersen wrote, "Where words fail, music speaks." Nothing could be more accurate.



I hope you will join us as we explore all that music has to bring us individually and as a community during our 2025-2026 season.

What a pleasure it has been to work alongside Maestro Héctor Guzmán as our Music Director and so many key volunteers whose vision and leadership have made us stronger, more vibrant, and secure. One couple comes to mind who has led the way with key support for our strategic growth plan. They have made an indelible impact on the Plano Symphony Orchestra. They are Tammy and Charles Miller! I cannot thank them enough for recognizing our potential and making it possible for our dreams to become reality.

But it takes a team to move mountains, and what a great team we have in place. Our Board of Directors, with its robust committee structure, is truly a working board. It is a board that shares our artistic vision for the future and works tirelessly daily to make it happen. Our Guild can also be counted on to do anything we ask to support this fine Symphony. And what an exceptional team of professionals we have assembled on our staff: Kaitlin Einkauf, Director of Finance and Business Operations, Marc Jennings, Director of Patron Services and Marketing, Dr. Jennifer Wheeler, Director of Education and Community Engagement, Jordan Parks, Director of Development, Luis Rodriguez, Director of Artistic Operations and Librarian, and their top-notch teams including Ashley Roberts, Dr. Maria Vallejo, Brittney Geurink, Dr. Marissa Stanfill, Linda Housewright, and Jim Gasewicz.

This is an exciting time of growth and prosperity for your Plano Symphony Orchestra, and I invite you to come along on the journey with us.

GREGORY PATTERSON
President & CEO

IS THE SYMPHONY FOR ME?

SYMPHONY MYTHS

Over 100,000 North Texans enjoy Plano Symphony Orchestra events annually. Wonderful Texans of all ages attend Family Series concerts, School concerts, community programs, and the Plano Symphony's subscription series performances. Many first-time subscribers often comment, "Why did I wait so long?" Perhaps the wait is due in part to some misconceptions.

I HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR

Patrons come in everything from suits, dresses, and business casual to jeans and classy T-shirts. Wear what makes you comfortable—this is your symphony.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE

Last season, many patrons enjoyed performances by internationally acclaimed artists with the incredible members of the Plano Symphony Orchestra and Héctor Guzmán, conductor, for as little as \$16.25 per performance. Even some of the best seats in the house were only \$61.25. These are subscription prices, which are always the best value.

I MIGHT NOT KNOW WHEN TO APPLAUD

While it is customary to hold your applause until the end of a multi-movement piece, feel free to appreciate a performance whenever you are moved to do so. Recognition from an enthusiastic audience is very gratifying to the performers on stage. No applause is a much bigger worry on the bright side of the footlights! Don't hold back.

I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE MUSIC

Great music is a very powerful language that takes over where words fail. There are few better ways to experience the thrill of great music than in a live performance by a professional symphony orchestra.

The Plano Symphony Orchestra is known for offering a wide variety of music from classical to popular, often in the same performance. If you would like to know more about the music and guest artists, you can visit planosymphony.org, join us on Facebook, X, and Instagram, receive e-notes (including video notes from Maestro Héctor Guzmán), attend free pre-concert chats with the Maestro before selected performances, and more.



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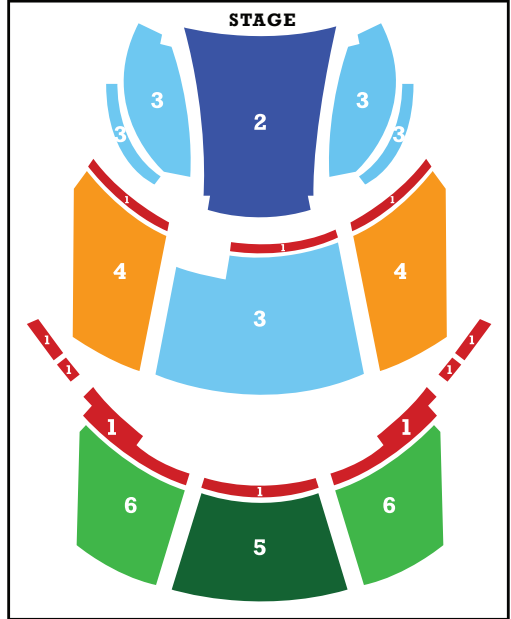
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Have questions about attending a PSO concert at the Robinson?
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The image shows the interior of a modern concert hall. The stage is at the top, with a large, empty white projection screen above it. The walls are covered in vertical wood paneling. The seating area is curved, with rows of brown seats in the foreground and blue seats in the background. A dark carpeted aisle runs through the center of the seating area. The overall atmosphere is clean and professional.

ROBBIE & LYNORE ROBINSON FINE ARTS CENTER!

The Robbie & Lynore Robinson Fine Arts Center (RFAC) was designed and built based on a shared passion and the belief that self-expression and creative thinking are essential to a healthy community. The purpose of the RFAC is to provide a top-notch concert facility to display the exceptional work of the performing and visual art students of the Plano ISD, to be a location for artistic events presented by local arts organizations, and to serve as a gathering place for the local community.

During their distinguished lives, Robbie and Lynore Robinson's names were synonymous with the arts in the Plano community and throughout Collin County, and they were deeply committed to the PSO. Plano ISD is honored to have them as the namesakes of the fine arts center. Through their generous founding donation, their legacy of giving back will continue for generations, helping to ensure Plano students, staff, families, and the community have access to a state-of-the-art facility for showcasing all facets of the fine arts.



Michael Cavanaugh

MICHAEL CAVANAUGH: THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN

September 13, 2025 | 8:00 PM

The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John showcases the hits of two of the greatest piano-rock legends of the modern era. Featured songs include *Rocket Man*, *I'm Still Standing*, *Candle in the Wind*, *Movin' Out*, *My Life*, *Piano Man*, and many more. Starring Michael Cavanaugh, who was handpicked by Billy Joel to lead the Broadway musical *Movin' Out*, this production brings these iconic songs to life. Michael earned both Tony and Grammy® nominations for his role, and *Billboard* has hailed him as the "New Voice of the American Rock and Roll Songbook." This acclaimed show ranked among *PollStar's* Top 50 Touring Shows in both 2019 and 2020!



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Latin American String Quartet



STRINGS IN MOTION: VIVALDI AND PIAZZOLLA

October 18, 2025 | 8:00 PM

Get ready for an exhilarating evening of music as the world-renowned, Grammy®-nominated **Latin American String Quartet** takes the stage! Experience the vibrant rhythms and rich textures of Astor Piazzolla's *Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas*, a stunning portrayal of the four seasons in Buenos Aires. The quartet will also perform Vivaldi's *Concerto for String Quartet*, bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to this classical masterpiece. Known for their exceptional skill and unique sound, Latin American String Quartet promises a captivating performance that blends tradition and innovation. Don't miss this extraordinary concert event!





Ludwig van Beethoven and John Williams

BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH & THE MUSIC OF STAR WARS

November 15, 2025 | 8:00 PM

The music of Beethoven has had an enduring influence on contemporary film music composers, and John Williams is no exception. And much like Beethoven, Williams' use of themes associated with specific characters or ideas—think *Imperial March*, *Luke's Theme*—enhance an audience's connection to the story. They both employ rich orchestrations, evoking powerful and memorable experiences in the lives they touch.

Join us for an unforgettable evening with **Beethoven's Fifth & The Music of Star Wars**. The concert opens with Beethoven's iconic *Symphony No. 5 in C Minor*, a powerful and dramatic masterpiece that has captivated audiences for centuries. The second half takes you on an epic journey through the *Star Wars* universe with selections from John Williams' legendary scores, including music from *The Phantom Menace*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, and *The Force Awakens*. Experience the timeless brilliance of Beethoven alongside the thrilling sounds of one of the most beloved film franchises in history!

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

featuring Charles Billingsley
December 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM



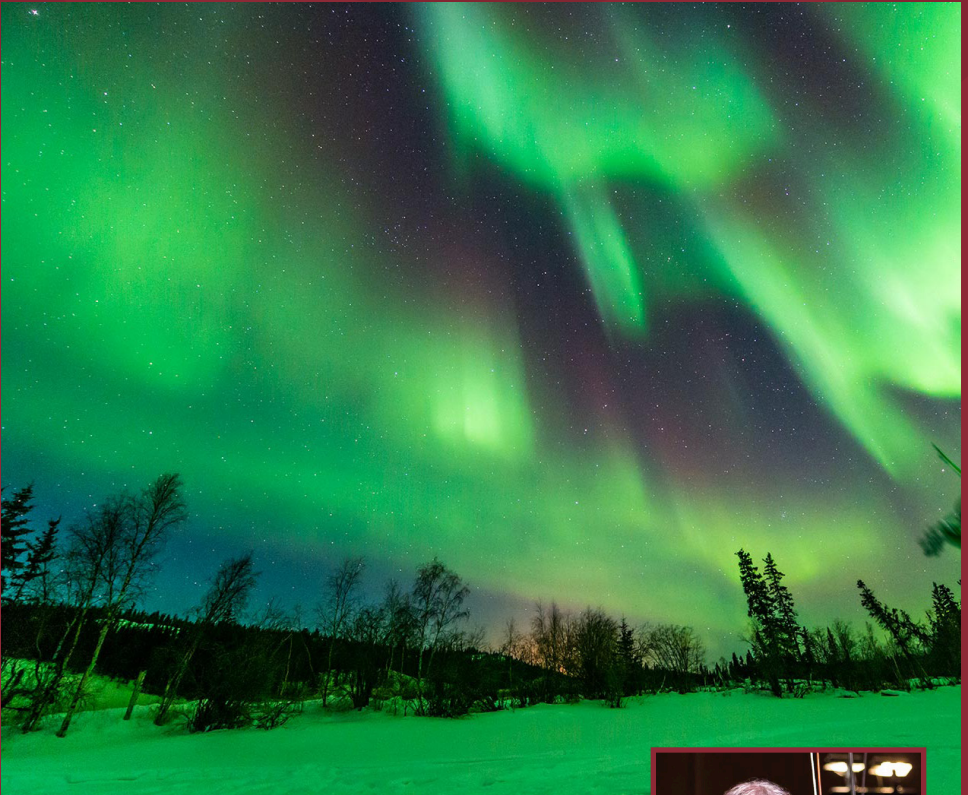
Charles
Billingsley

Don't miss our annual holiday tradition, **Home for the Holidays**, a heartwarming concert filled with festive cheer!

Join us as Charles Billingsley, one of Christian music's most distinctive artists, takes the stage. With nearly 30 years of experience, Billingsley has performed at prestigious venues like Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center and has headlined over 3,200 concerts. A former lead vocalist for the Grammy®-nominated group NewSong, he has released 24 solo albums and earned seven #1 Inspirational radio hits.

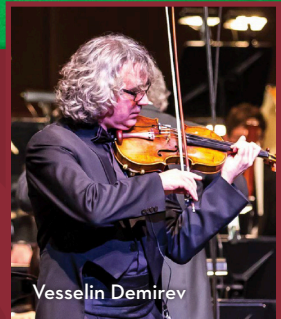
The Plano West Senior High School Choir will join the performance, lending their voices to a selection of beloved holiday favorites. What better way to experience the magic of the season than with the combined power of a full orchestra and a grand choir!

Under the direction of Sarah Council, the award-winning Plano West Choir is devoted to cultivating the art of choral music in the lives of its students and in the broader community; teaching techniques of musical expression; and providing a sequential developmental music curriculum that allows each student an opportunity to build musical skills and understanding through a wide variety of quality musical experiences.



SOUND AND VISION: A MULTI-SENSORY JOURNEY

January 17, 2026 | 8:00 PM



Vesselin Demirev

Embark on a captivating journey with **Sound and Vision: A Multi-Sensory Journey**, where music and visuals merge to create an unforgettable experience! The concert features renowned violinist Vesselin Demirev performing Bruch's *Violin Concerto*, showcasing his virtuosity and expressive depth. In addition, the KV 265 Science Through Art project presents *Aurora Triptych*, a unique fusion of art and science that brings breathtaking imagery to life alongside evocative music. This innovative performance invites you to engage both your sense of sight and sound, offering a truly immersive experience that stimulates the mind and senses in a whole new way.

LEARN MORE AT [PLANOSYMPHONY.ORG!](https://www.planosymphony.org)

Branford Marsalis Jazz Quartet



BRANFORD MARSALIS JAZZ QUARTET

February 21, 2026 | 8:00 PM

Back by popular demand, Jazz legend Branford Marsalis returns to the Plano Symphony stage, bringing a few friends along for the ride. **The Branford Marsalis Quartet** is Branford on saxophone, Joey Calderazzo on piano, Eric Revis on bass, and Justin Faulkner on drums.

Announced in early 2025, the Branford Marsalis Jazz Quartet will debut their first album with Blue Note Records, which will be an interpretation of the 1974 Keith Jarrett album *Belonging*. The Quartet will perform a few songs from the album in addition to original compositions to be played with the full orchestra and a selection of jazz classics.





Rosana Eckert

A NIGHT IN PARIS!

March 21, 2026 | 8:00 PM

Step into the enchanting world of Paris with **A Night in Paris!**—a captivating concert that will transport you straight to the City of Light. Join us for an unforgettable evening, featuring the sensational guest soloist Rosana Eckert, as we journey through the heart of French music. From Offenbach's lively *Can-Can* to the lush melodies of Piaf's *La Vie en Rose* and *Sous le Ciel de Paris*, the night will be filled with passion and beauty. Experience the haunting *Danse Macabre* by Saint-Saëns, the dreamy *Clair de Lune* by Debussy, and the mesmerizing *Daphnis & Chloe, Suite No. 1* by Ravel. With powerful orchestral works like Bizet's *L'Arlésienne* and Berlioz's *Le Corsair Overture* also on the program, every note will be a celebration of French artistry. Let the music sweep you away on a magical night in Paris you'll never forget!





GRAND FINALE: CARMINA BURANA

April 11, 2026 | 8:00 PM

Celebrate the **grand finale** of the season with an unforgettable evening of music! Featuring the extraordinary **Krisztina Fejes**, a leading artist of the Hungarian contemporary music scene, this concert will showcase her brilliant performance of Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor*. Fejes, an award-winning pianist who has made numerous live recordings for Hungarian Radio, was honored with the Artisjus Prize for her work as a performing artist, along with prestigious accolades such as the Annie Fischer Scholarship. With roots in Transylvania, she nurtures Hungarian talent from across the border and is deeply committed to promoting Hungarian musical culture both in Hungary and around the world.

The night will culminate with the iconic ***Carmina Burana*** by Carl Orff—an exhilarating and powerful choral and orchestral masterpiece that will leave you in awe. Joining the performance, the Plano West Senior High School Choir returns to lend their voices to this monumental work, adding a rich and dynamic dimension to the experience. Don't miss this spectacular conclusion to the season!



Subscribe now for the best seats and save!

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

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



The **SCHOOL CONCERTS** are the cornerstone of our educational programming and an integral part of the fine arts curriculum for elementary school students. Of the 150 participating schools in 7 area school districts, 39% serve Title I students. The program consists of an online TEKS-based multimedia presentation and PSO musician in-person school campus visits, culminating in a concert experience field trip given during the second semester.

The **INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** is a free 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.



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 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** funds year-long private 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.



The two-week **SUMMER ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS** will be July 7-18, 2025, for woodwind, brass, string, and percussion students in 3rd-12th grade. The morning summer camp session is open to instrumental students of all levels, and the afternoon session consists of an advanced institute orchestra and intermediate academy orchestra. All sessions include full orchestra rehearsals and a variety of classes including conducting, music therapy, instrument repair, and improvisation. All students will perform in final concerts on July 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

PSO FAMILY SERIES

PSO chamber ensembles entertain and engage through music from popular movies and classical repertoire. Acting, storytelling, dancing, and puppetry bring music to life in these programs, and kids are encouraged to participate in the action! Family Series concerts were held in Plano, Frisco, McKinney, and Addison in 2024-2025 and included a sensory friendly performance.



WOMEN COMPOSER SERIES

Through a collaboration between the PSO Education and Music departments, the Women Composer Series will enter its third year in 2026. This series will continue to feature pieces from contemporary and historic female composers to celebrate the symphonic and chamber music contributions of women in classical music.



YOUR ROLE IN THE PERFORMANCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE!

By supporting the Symphony, you become part of a meaningful and successful partnership among musicians, benefactors, friends, and family.



WHY DONATE?

Your donation to the symphony reflects your recognition of its vital role in enriching our community. Our legacy of musical excellence, along with our commitment to providing diverse programming, sets us apart and speaks to the core of our mission. In addition to supporting our Symphony season, your donation will provide funding for all of our Education and Community Outreach programming.

JOIN US in support of the PSO by adding a donation to your subscription. A gift to the PSO makes an impact for this season and beyond!

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For more information, please contact **Jordan Parks**, Director of Development, at **972-473-7262 ext. 133** or jparks@planosymphony.org.

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GUILD

The award-winning PSO Guild is a crucial component of the volunteer corps that provides support to all concerts and community events. Recognized by the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras for its innovative leadership and fundraising events, the PSO Guild brings together some of the most passionate minds and community leaders from throughout Collin County. PSO Guild volunteers play a key role in numerous programs, including the Collin County Young Artist Competition, the School Concert Education Program, Healing Notes, Instrument Petting Zoo, Event Hospitality, and Guest Artist Transportation.



VIRTUOSO SOCIETY

Join the Virtuoso Society for unparalleled access to your favorite symphony, its artists, and concerts, all while supporting the Plano Symphony Orchestra's impactful work in the concert hall and community. As a Virtuoso Society member, your contribution helps fund award-winning music education and engagement programs for children, youth, and seniors. With a minimum three-year pledge of \$1,000 annually per household, Virtuoso Society members play a vital role in enriching musical experiences for thousands of North Texans.

To become a **Guild** or **Virtuoso Society** member, please contact **Jordan Parks**, Director of Development, at **972-473-7262 ext. 133** or jparks@planosymphony.org.



CORPORATE COUNCIL

The Plano Symphony Orchestra's Corporate Council connects DFW-based businesses with the PSO, offering members valuable marketing, networking, and entertainment opportunities. These relationships are nurtured through exclusive quarterly networking events featuring guest speakers. Members can showcase their services, missions, values, and goals, creating opportunities to expand their clientele and build connections. An annual membership costs \$1,000.

For more information, please call or email

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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 to meet the requirements for service organizations like National Charity League, National Honor Society, Boy/Girl Scouts, and others. APPLAUSE volunteers usher at concerts and other projects as needed.

For more information on how you can volunteer and sign up, please call or email:

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PSO NEW MUSIC THAT MATTERS

The Plano Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to bringing new music into the world through presenting world premieres: by the commissioning of local composers to create new pieces of music and by the addition of a new Composer in Residence Program.

These world premieres and new compositions have brought a unique perspective to the Plano Symphony from a wide array of talented writers.

David Lovrien - *Toccata on Carol of the Bells* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* were gifted to the PSO and premiered. The PSO also premiered the first orchestral version of *Minor Alterations*, *Minor Alterations #2*, and *Minor Alterations #3*. *Slumber Party* was commissioned and performed by a chamber ensemble.

Jack Waldenmeier - *Second Violin Concerto* world premiere

Robert Xavier Rodriguez - *Tlaloc*, commissioned by PSO

Quinn Mason - *Shine Time*, commissioned by PSO

Xi Wang - *A Not So Short Ride in a Burning Machine*, commissioned by PSO

Sergey Tsoy - The PSO premiered several of his short pieces for orchestra.

Eugenio Castillo - The PSO commissioned and premiered the orchestral version of Glen Miller's *Moonlight Serenade* as well as *Libertango* by Astor Piazzolla.

Rodrigo Loman - The PSO premiered his *Hueteque* for orchestra in the USA.

Tom Whitman - *Counter Clockwise* was commissioned by PSO for students to perform at the PSO Summer Program.

Olga Amelkina Vera - The string orchestra version of *New Oceans* was commissioned by the PSO to play with PSO and Plano Senior High orchestra students.

Through a generous grant from Tammy and Charles Miller, the 2025-2026 Season will include a new Composer in Residence Program. We have selected Mexican composer **Marcos Lifshitz** to be the first to serve in this role.



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