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2024 - 2025 SEASON

# DEAR PSO FAMILY:

Our season **New Beginnings** will see the Plano Symphony Orchestra move into a new home: the Robinson Fine Arts Center. This momentous season will bring to our community three world premieres—three commissioned works by internationally-known DFW composers Xi Wang, Quinn Mason, and Robert Xavier Rodriguez—the acclaimed Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, harmonica virtuoso Robert Bonfiglio, and concerto performances by our own concertmaster Elisabeth Adkins and pianist Alessio Bax. Audiences will also be delighted with a percussion ensemble, an evening of video game music, a Christmas special treat, a Valentine’s Broadway spectacular, masterpieces by Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, Barber, Ravel, Debussy, Strauss, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin...and so much more! Our first season at the Robinson will open the doors for the PSO to enter the national and international stage as one of the best regional orchestras in the country. I hope you will join us and be a part of this historic new beginning!

Musically yours,

**HÉCTOR GUZMÁN**

Music Director  
Plano Symphony Orchestra



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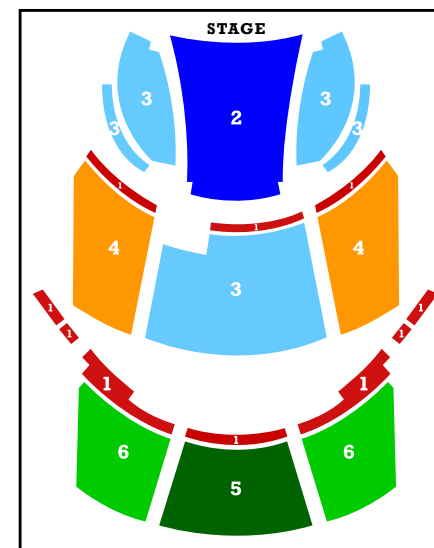
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The Robbie & Lynore Robinson Fine Arts Center (RFAC) was designed and built based on a shared passion and the belief that self-expression and creative thinking are essential to a healthy community. The purpose of the RFAC is to provide a top-notch 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.



## THE ROBINSON FINE ARTS CENTER

1800 Alma Drive  
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**Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Artists:**  
Tommie Lin O'Hanlon  
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Rodríguez



Robert Bonfiglio

## OPENING NIGHT! BALLET AND BOLÉRO

September 28, 2024 | 8 PM

Robinson Fine Arts Center

Héctor Guzmán, conductor

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Adam W. McKinney, Artistic Director

What better way to open the 2024-2025 Season than with a **world premiere** by **Robert Xavier Rodríguez** who *Texas Monthly* has called "one of the major American composers of his generation." Joining Maestro Guzmán and the PSO for this very special concert is the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, one of the most exciting ballet companies in the country, performing a beautiful pas de deux from *Swan Lake* as well as Ravel's sensuous *Boléro*, with choreography by Susan Jaffe.

Robert Xavier Rodríguez has served as Composer-in-Residence with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and his music is published exclusively by G. Schirmer, with 46 of his works released on CDs. Rodríguez's new PSO commission *Tlaloc* is a celebration of the ancient Aztec god of rain, thunder, and fertility, and it features multiple percussion instruments and dramatic echoes of pre-Hispanic Mexico. His music has been

described as "romantically dramatic" (*The Washington Post*), "richly lyrical" (*Musical America*), and "glowing with a physical animation and delicate balance of moods that combine seductively with his all-encompassing sense of humor" (*Los Angeles Times*).

Prepare to be spellbound as the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre takes the stage for *Boléro*. "It's a single melody that repeats as a solo in numerous instruments, slowly growing in volume and passion, developmentally linear. It's not a story so much as a straight line. [At a performance in 2023], the dancers matched this energy, whirling sinuously in a beautifully controlled expression of joy. As the music increased in power, the dancers' movements grew wilder and more complex, blooming imaginatively until a final, pounding cadence brought the evening to a spirited close" (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*).

*The season opening concert is sponsored by Mrs. Margot Perot Tlaloc is generously underwritten by Tammy and Charles Miller*

## A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS PRESLEY

October 19, 2024 | 8 PM

Robinson Fine Arts Center

Héctor Guzmán, conductor

Robert Bonfiglio, harmonica

What do a masked hero, a harmonica, and an enduring American favorite have in common? They're all a part of our second concert of the season! From the *William Tell Overture* to Gershwin's rhapsodic ballet *An American in Paris*, it'll be an evening of joyful music and entertainment—especially once you hear a medley of Elvis Presley's greatest hits as you have never heard them before! Guest artist **Robert Bonfiglio** joins the PSO with his unique style in a tribute to the "King of Rock and Roll."

Called "the Paganini of the harmonica" by the *Los Angeles Times*, Robert Bonfiglio has

dazzled audiences at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the Gewandhaus, Teatro Colón, Teatro Massimo, Teatro Amazonas, Kennedy Center, Boston Symphony Hall, and Lincoln Center with his ability to both play Harmonica Concertos and sizzle on the blues. Robert has appeared on *CBS New Sunday Morning*, *CBS Mornings*, *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee*, *Larry King Live*, *The Jim Bohannon Show*, and Garrison Keillor's *American Radio Show*. He has had feature stories and reviews in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, and the *Chicago Tribune*.

**"AMERICA'S LEADING HARMONICA VIRTUOSO."**

— *New York Newsday*





## PSO PRESENTS VIDEO GAMES LIVE!

November 16, 2024 | 8 PM  
 Robinson Fine Arts Center  
 Héctor Guzmán, conductor

Picture the energy and excitement of a rock concert mixed with the power and emotion of a symphony orchestra. Combined with the technology, interactivity, stunning visuals, and fun that only video games can provide, this award-winning immersive concert event features music from the most popular video games of all time: *Final Fantasy*, *Halo*, *Warcraft*, and *Skyrim*—just to name a few! Synchronized cutting-edge video screen visuals, state-of-the-art lighting, and special effects are sure to dazzle crowds of all ages—gamers and non-gamers alike.

Incorporated in 2002, **Video Games Live** is the first and most successful video game touring concert in the world, having performed over 500 shows in 43 countries on 5 continents including multiple sold out shows in venues such as the Bird's Nest National Olympic Stadium in Beijing, the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., the Royal Festival Hall in London, and Red Rocks in Colorado. Over 11,000 people were present for the debut performance at the Hollywood Bowl with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and since then, over two million people have experienced the show live.

“INGENIOUS AND FANTASTIC!”

— Los Angeles Times

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Plano West  
 Chorale

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 4 PM & 7:30 PM  
 Robinson Fine Arts Center  
 Héctor Guzmán, conductor

The seasonal favorite “Home for the Holidays” concert features holiday favorites for orchestra and chorus, the popular audience sing-along, visitors from the North Pole, and more! Joining the PSO will be the **Plano West Chorale**.

The award-winning Plano West Chorale 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.





Tambuco

Quinn Mason

## THE BEAT GOES ON!

January 18, 2025 | 8 PM  
 Robinson Fine Arts Center  
 Héctor Guzmán, conductor  
 Tambuco, guest artist

The new year will start off with a bang when the Grammy-nominated percussion ensemble Tambuco joins the orchestra! With 25 years of international concerts and recordings of original repertoire, **Tambuco Percussion Ensemble** has enjoyed an acclaimed career, establishing itself among the finest percussion quartets today. Audiences throughout the world have appreciated Tambuco's musicianship in programs devoted to showcasing a vast universe of percussion music.

The PSO is also honored to perform a commissioned **world premiere** from the brilliant young composer **Quinn Mason**. The composition, *Shine Time*, is a short showpiece for orchestra designed to showcase the

virtuosity of the PSO and celebrate Maestro Héctor Guzmán's 41 fruitful seasons with the orchestra.

Praised as "one of the most sought-after young composers in the country" (*Texas Monthly*), composer and conductor Quinn Mason has distinguished himself as an artist of national and international renown. He recently finished a successful tenure as Artist in Residence of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra for the 2022-2023 Season. He also recently served as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Classical Roots composer in residence in 2022 (the youngest composer appointed to that role) and as KMFA 89.5's inaugural composer in residence.

*Shine Time* is generously underwritten by Tammy and Charles Miller



Alli Mauzey

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LaKisha Jones

Jason Forbach

## A BROADWAY VALENTINE

February 15, 2025 | 8 PM  
 Robinson Fine Arts Center  
 Héctor Guzmán, conductor  
 Alli Mauzey, LaKisha Jones, Jason Forbach, guest artists

What better way to celebrate Valentine's than with an unforgettable evening featuring some of the best-known love ballads of Broadway! Over the years, the PSO has presented several outstanding artists singing the very best of this genre, and this concert will be no different. It features three fabulous singers: **Alli Mauzey** (starred in the 2023 Tony Award-winning Best Musical *Kimberly Akimbo*), **LaKisha Jones** (best known to millions of TV viewers as a top four finalist during the 2007 season of *American Idol*), and **Jason Forbach** (most

notably performed in the acclaimed 2022 Broadway revival of *Into the Woods* alongside Sara Barielles).

"Begin the Beguine" (*Porter*), "I Could Have Danced All Night" (*My Fair Lady*), "The Impossible Dream" (*Man of La Mancha/Leigh*), "Defying Gravity" (*Wicked*), and "All I Ask of You" (*The Phantom of the Opera*) are just a few of the classic pieces included in this trip down Broadway.

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Shira Samuels-Shragg

## AN OCEANIC ADVENTURE

March 15, 2025 | 8 PM

Robinson Fine Arts Center

Shira Samuels-Shragg, guest conductor

Part symphony, part poem. Debussy's innovative *La Mer* (The Sea) is one of the most influential pieces of the 20th century and has been an audience favorite for more than a hundred years. A brilliant orchestral work, it is truly one of the supreme achievements in symphonic literature.

The concert will also include the three grand prize winners of the PSO's annual Collin County Young Artist Competition performing their winning concertos. Who knows, perhaps you'll witness another Debussy in the making!

“THERE IS NO THEORY. YOU HAVE MERELY TO LISTEN. PLEASURE IS THE LAW...”

– Debussy

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Alessio Bax

Xi Wang

## GRAND FINALE!

April 26, 2025 | 8 PM

Robinson Fine Arts Center

Héctor Guzmán, conductor

Alessio Bax, piano

“Celebrating fanfare with unbridled energy and vivacity.” That’s how composer **Xi Wang** describes the commissioned piece making its world premiere at the PSO’s final concert of the season. Special guests include the return of internationally acclaimed pianist **Alessio Bax**, who wowed PSO patrons back in 2014, and the Plano Civic Chorus performing works by Strauss, Rachmaninoff, and Borodin in a season finale you won’t want to miss!

Xi Wang’s original concert music has been commissioned and performed worldwide by notable orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Shanghai Philharmonic, and more. Xi Wang is the recipient the Charles Ives Fellowship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Currently, she’s an Associate Professor at SMU’s Meadows School of Arts where she received the Rotunda Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Combining exceptional lyricism and insight with consummate technique, Alessio Bax is without a doubt “among the most remarkable young pianists now before the public” (Gramophone). He catapulted to prominence with First Prize wins at both the Leeds and Hamamatsu International Piano Competitions, and is now a familiar face on five continents, not only as a recitalist and chamber musician, but also as a concerto soloist who has appeared with more than 150 orchestras, including the London, Royal, and St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestras, the New York, Boston, Dallas, and more, collaborating with such eminent conductors as Marin Alsop, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Sir Andrew Davis, Fabio Luisi, Sir Simon Rattle, Yuri Temirkanov, and Jaap van Zweden.

*Xi Wang’s piece is generously underwritten by Tammy and Charles Miller*



# 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. Of the 150 participating schools in 7 area school districts, 39% serve Title I students. The program consists of an online TEKS-based multi-media 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 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.



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 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. Thank you to the AWARE Foundation for sponsoring the 2024-2025 program.



The two-week **SUMMER ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS** are for woodwind, brass, string, and percussion students in 3rd-12th grade. Available July 8-19, 2024, the morning Summer Camp session is open to instrumental students of all levels, and the afternoon session is a Summer Institute for advanced players by audition. All sessions include full orchestra rehearsal and a variety of classes including conducting, music therapy, instrument repair, and improvisation. All students will perform in final concerts on July 19, 2024.



As part of the summer programs, the PSO will present a concert for community members of all ages: "Songs of the Earth." This multimedia concert will explore the wonders of our planet through orchestral music of the past and present.





# PSO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



## Plano Balloon Festival

Thursday, September 19, 2024 | 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 popular and classical music. It will be a night of music for the entire family to enjoy!

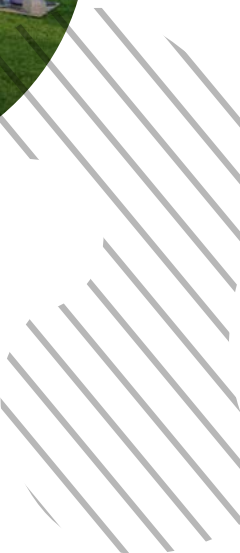
**A limited number of VIP tickets will be available!**

## Kaleidoscope Park

Kaleidoscope Park has a mission to embrace, reflect, honor, and elevate all North Texas communities through offering free, inclusive, accessible, and genuine public arts and culture activities.

The partnership between the Plano Symphony Orchestra and Kaleidoscope Park will bring lively, engaging, and free orchestral music and music education opportunities to the Park starting in Fall 2024.

This partnership is not only natural between these two community-facing organizations but serves to amplify the transformative impact both organizations have in the North Texas region by creating concerts and educational opportunities that speak to the power of the arts landscape in the area.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Patriotic Pops

Thursday, July 4, 2024 | 3 PM

Eisemann Center

Héctor Guzmán, conductor

Steve Amerson, vocals

Special guest **Steve Amerson**, one of America's favorite patriotic singers, returns for Patriotic Pops. The always-popular concert includes a tribute to all the branches of the armed forces and will feature patriotic favorites like "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "God Bless America."

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



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Larry Pollis



## Tune-N-Fork

Community Music Party

Saturday, October 5, 2024 | 6:00-10:00 PM

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 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 an audience favorite.

Sample the tastiest of treats and memorable music and join us for the second annual Tune-N-Fork Community Music Party!

# PSO H-E-B FAMILY SERIES

## Musical Myths & Legends

These 45-minute programs will engage and entertain families with children ages 3-12 in the magic of orchestral instruments! Programs will include live music from classical literature as well as from favorite films such as *Harry Potter* and *Encanto*. The music is brought to life by dancers, entertainers, and multimedia presentations to draw kids into the action. Unique fall, Christmas, spring, and summer programs are sure to spark the imagination of young and old alike!



## Women Composers Series

Sponsored by Methodist Hospital for Surgery

After a successful inaugural year, Spring 2025 will continue our exploration of contemporary and historic female composers with the Women Composers Series. These concerts, led by Shira Samuels-Shragg, celebrate the symphonic and chamber music contributions of women in classical music.

Additional sponsors include Ellie Barash, Mary Jo Cater, Heather Carlile, Nancy Freeman, Mirna Lynch, Erin Stewart, Janelle Twyford, Janie and David Orr, and Denise Pollis.



# WAYS TO SUPPORT AND ENGAGE WITH THE PSO



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 outreach programs, including the Collin County Young Artist Competition, the School Concert Education Program, Healing Notes, Instrument Petting Zoo, Event Hospitality, and Guest Artist Transportation.



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## VIRTUOSO SOCIETY

Join the Virtuoso Society for unparalleled access to your favorite symphony, 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 outreach 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.

## CORPORATE COUNCIL

The Plano Symphony Orchestra's Corporate Council was established to engage the business community with the PSO while providing several marketing benefits for member organizations. An annual membership is \$1,000. Membership comes with significant marketing, networking, and entertainment benefits. Chaired by Jan Rugg of Atmos Energy.



Receiving the 2022 Obelisk award is Gregory Patterson, Jan Rugg, Héctor Guzmán, Marion Brockette



Coral Glass, Shira Samuels-Shragg, Kaitlin Einkauf

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Plano Symphony Orchestra is launching the Young Professionals Network to connect individuals passionate about the symphony. This group offers young professionals the chance to attend concerts, exclusive events, and behind-the-scenes experiences.

The focus is on creating an environment where members can volunteer, network, and socialize while supporting the Symphony's music, educational, and community programs. The network will be led by a steering committee of its members, responsible for shaping the group's direction, organizing events, and cultivating membership. Chaired by Bing Naumann of JPMorgan Chase.

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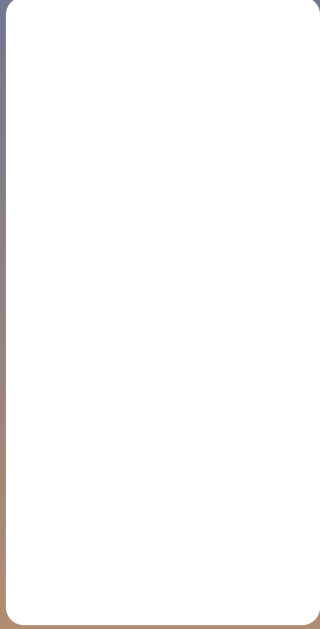
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