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2019

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WHAT DOES AMERICA SOUND LIKE?

It's a little bit country. It's a little bit rock 'n' roll. It's a little bit Broadway, jazz, bluegrass, and some Mozart and Beethoven thrown in for good measure.

In 2019-2020, the Topeka Symphony is exploring the music of America. We're painting a musical portrait of our nation. We're traveling our back roads and byways and our rivers and mountains with music that celebrates our great cities, our small towns, and our national parks. We're examining our history, telling our stories, and singing our songs. In music old and new, we will hear the spirit of America as it echoes across the miles and years.

From the jazz of Gershwin's New York to bluegrass fiddling, from purple mountain majesties to our gritty and bustling cities, we will hear America's playlist. We will make music from the new world as we create a soundtrack worthy of our history and celebrating our world today.

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Why Buy Season Tickets?

- **Support the Symphony**
Show your support for the Topeka Symphony. Season ticket holders are the backbone of our organization.
- **Save money**
Buying a Season Ticket package is less expensive than purchasing single tickets.
- **Senior and Student Discount**
Senior subscribers (65 or over) and Students (age 6-18 and full-time college students) save even more.
- **Create your own season**
Design your own season by selecting three or more concerts.
- **More savings**
The more concerts you select the more you save.
- **Additional discount**
Receive a 10% discount on single tickets for any subscription concert all season long.
- **Seating Priority**
Season Ticket holders have the first choice of seats at White Concert Hall.
- **Keep your seat**
Keep the same seats for the entire season and future seasons if you like.



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NEW YORK *Night*

WE KICK OFF OUR SEASON in glittering Big Apple style with music celebrating both the glamour and grit of New York City. We'll go straight to Manhattan with Leonard Bernstein's jazzy ***On the Town*** and the spectacular ***Symphonic Dances from West Side Story***. We'll also be joined by pianist Alexander Tutunov performing the show-stopping ***Rhapsody in Blue*** by George Gershwin, who defined an era of New York's best songs and shows. This dazzling concert of New York's greatest hits will be an Opening Night you won't want to miss!

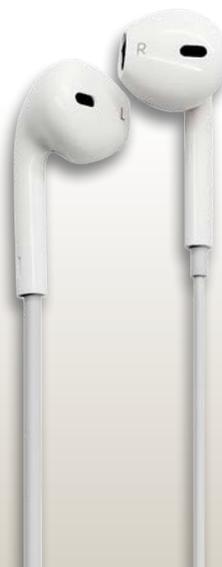
BERNSTEIN *Three Dance Episodes from On the Town*

BERNSTEIN *West Side Story Symphonic Dances*

GERSHWIN *Rhapsody in Blue*

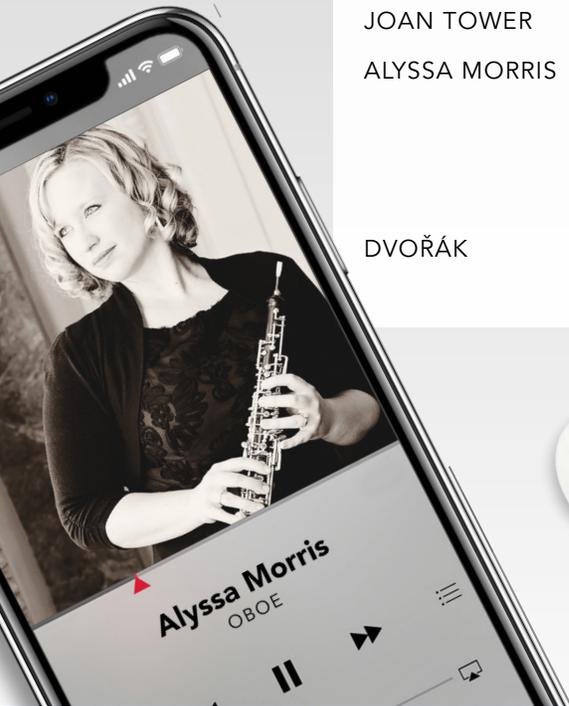
GERSHWIN *I Got Rhythm Variations*

With Alexander Tutunov, Piano



WHILE LIVING IN NEW YORK, Czech composer Antonin Dvořák became interested in Native American music and African American spirituals. His **Symphony No. 9 — From the New World**, is a thrilling and poignant synthesis of American folk and indigenous melodies woven into the traditional Western symphonic structure, and is one of the most popular masterworks in the orchestral repertoire. We will introduce our audience to Joan Tower's Grammy Award-winning composition **Made in America**, which weaves *America the Beautiful* into an intriguing and haunting tone poem. And we're thrilled to feature the TSO's own principal oboe, Alyssa Morris, performing her own composition — **Dreamscape**, a concerto for oboe and orchestra.

JOAN TOWER **Made in America**
ALYSSA MORRIS **Dreamscape —
Concerto for Oboe
and Orchestra**
With Alyssa Morris, Oboe
DVOŘÁK **Symphony No. 9 —
From the New World**



FROM
THE **NEW
WORLD**

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AN AMERICAN *Christmas*

THE HOLIDAY SEASON is a time for nostalgia and revisiting the memories and music of our childhoods. We remember decorating our homes, gathering with friends and family, eating our favorite holiday foods, and snowball fights. Our American Christmas concert will feature holiday songs you've loved your whole life, and we will give you a chance to share them with your family and loved ones at the symphony. Our holiday concert is always one of our biggest hits all season and this year will be no exception! Don't delay—get your tickets early so you won't miss the wonderful music and special snowy surprise this year!

Favorite Holiday Classics

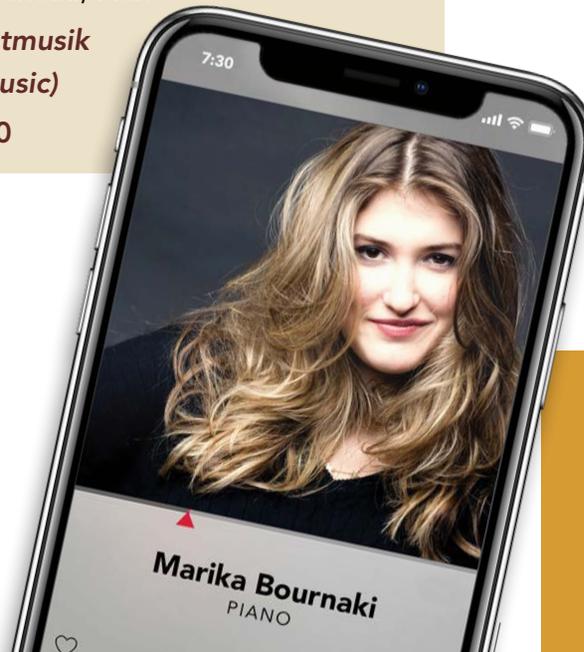


Mozart IN AMERICA

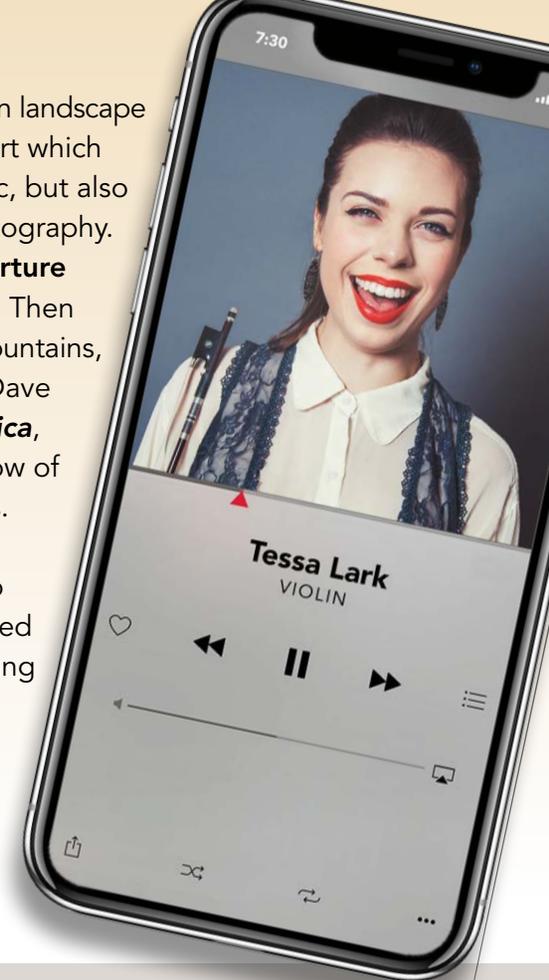
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MOZART'S MUSIC has been used to sell cars, Nikes, pancakes, instant coffee, iPods, cable service—even dog food. It has appeared in such wide-ranging films as *Batman*, *Alien*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Elvira Madigan*, *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, and *There's Something About Mary*, among countless others. Mozart has proved his enduring power not only in the concert hall but in how many times his music has been used in popular culture. This concert will feature Mozart's pieces that have taken on a new life in American popular culture and are familiar to everyone, even those who have never set foot in a concert hall or bought a classical recording. We're very excited to feature rising star Marika Bournaki as our soloist for Mozart's most beloved piano concerto.

- MOZART **Overture to the Abduction from the Seraglio**
- MOZART **Piano Concerto No. 21 — Elvira Madigan**
With Marika Bournaki, Piano
- MOZART **Eine Kleine Nachtmusik**
(A Little Night Music)
- MOZART **Symphony No. 40**



WE LOOK to the great American landscape as our inspiration for this concert which will feature not only great music, but also beautiful and inspirational photography. Aaron Copland's **Outdoor Overture** will get us out into the fresh air. Then we will move to the majestic mountains, trees, rivers, and coastlines in Dave Brubeck's **Ansel Adams: America**, featuring a spectacular slideshow of the great photographer's works. And we bring rising superstar violinist Tessa Lark to Topeka to perform **Sky**, a bluegrass-inspired concerto that will absolutely bring down the house. We will also feature local Topeka composer Robert Johnson's **Celebration Overture**. Do not miss this amazing chance to see—and hear—America the Beautiful!



- COPLAND **An Outdoor Overture**
- DAVE BRUBECK **Ansel Adams America**
- ROBERT L. JOHNSON **Celebration Overture**
- MICHAEL TORKE **Sky — Concerto for Violin**
With Tessa Lark, Violin

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AMERICAN PICTURES

BUCKLE UP! We're packin' up and hittin' the road as we take in the sights on our Great American Road Trip! We'll kick things off with Michael Daugherty's **Route 66**, which the composer describes as "a high-octane nostalgic musical romp from Illinois to California along America's first inter-continental highway, as seen through my rear view mirror." Next we head to the Grand Tetons and the Snake River in Jennifer Higdon's **All Things Majestic**. Finally we take a trip down the Mississippi from the headwaters all the way to New Orleans in Ferde Grofé's **Mississippi Suite**. This concert will feature our Young Artist Competition Winner as soloist.

MICHAEL DAUGHERTY **Route 66**

JENNIFER HIGDON **All Things Majestic**

FERDE GROFÉ **Mississippi Suite**

Young Artist Competition Winner



THE GREAT AMERICAN
Road Trip

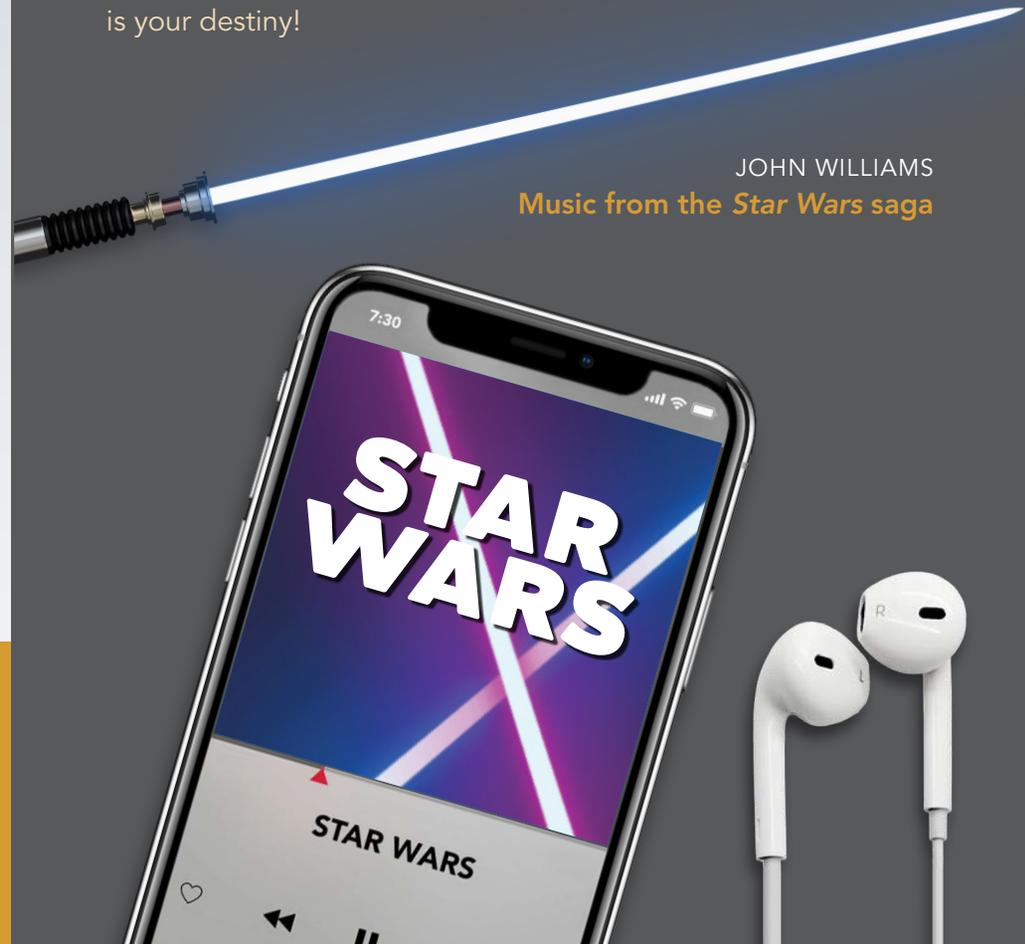
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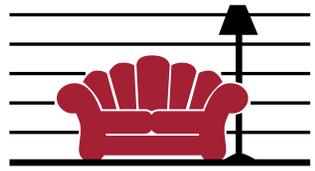
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THE MUSIC OF
STAR WARS

YOU'VE SEEN the *Star Wars* movies—now hear the music performed live! We close our season of America's hits with the music of our favorite American film composer John Williams. Just in time for the final installment of the *Star Wars* saga, we present an all-*Star Wars* concert with music from all the movies and a celebration of the cultural significance of this story of destiny, fate, and the Force. Come in costume if you'd like, bring the whole family, and don't miss our *Star Wars* party! It is your destiny!

JOHN WILLIAMS
Music from the *Star Wars* saga





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SYMPHONY SUPPERS & CONCERT CONVERSATIONS

Enjoy a pre-concert dinner with your friends on Oct. 5,
Nov. 2, Jan. 11, Feb. 22, Apr. 4, May 2. Maestro Pickett
will present "Concert Conversations" at 6:30 p.m.

All Symphony Suppers will be in the
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
with the exception of the October 5th
supper which will be in **Washburn's
Memorial Union**.

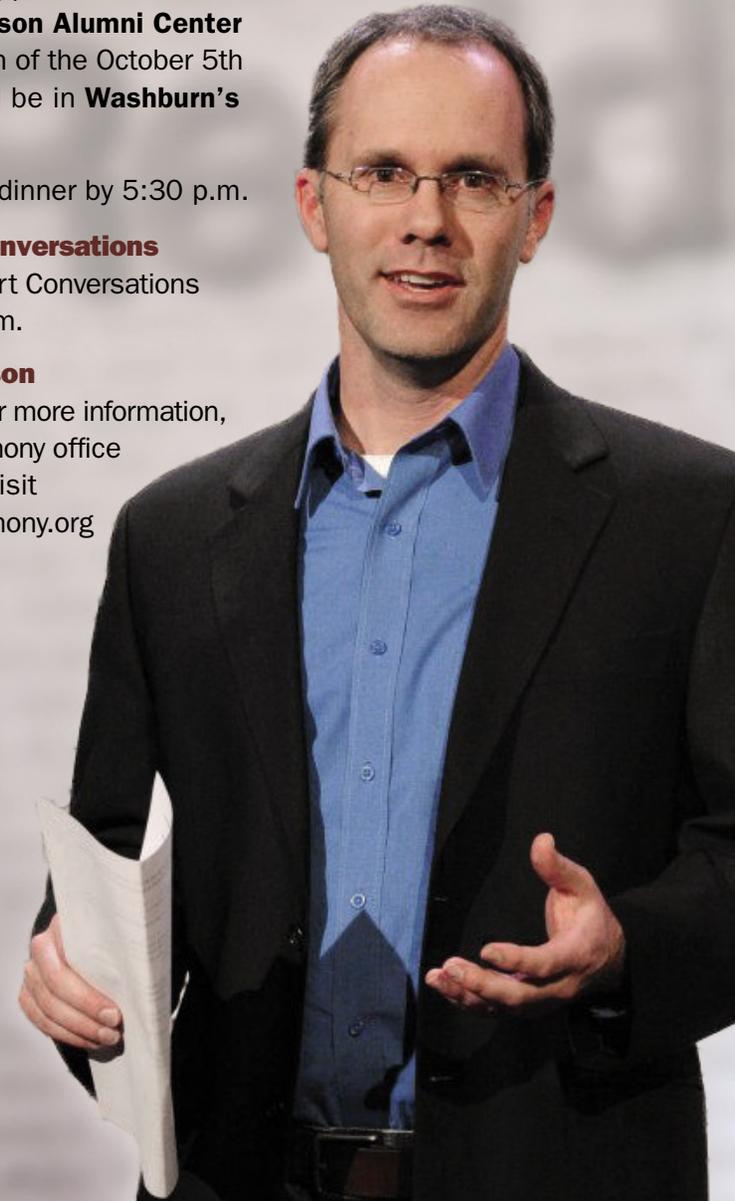
Please arrive for dinner by 5:30 p.m.

Free Concert Conversations

Seating for Concert Conversations
begins at 6:15 p.m.

\$30.00 per person

For reservations or more information,
contact the Symphony office
at 232-2032 or visit
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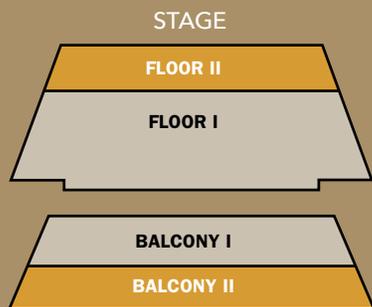


31ST ANNUAL TOPEKA
SYMPHONY LEAGUE GALA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

All concerts are held at 7:30 pm in White Concert Hall on the Washburn University campus, 17th and Jewell in Topeka, Kansas.

PLEASE NOTE:

Programs and dates are subject to change. All sales are final. Tickets are non-refundable.



WHITE CONCERT HALL

The Topeka Symphony is grateful to Washburn University for use of rehearsal and performance space during the 2019-2020 Season.

ONLINE TICKET SALES

Visit topekasympphony.org for 2019-2020 Season Ticket Sales

SEASON TICKET PRICES*

# OF CONCERTS	7	6	5	4	3
ADULT					
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$218	\$189	\$159	\$129	\$99
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$183	\$159	\$134	\$109	\$84
SENIOR CITIZEN (65 OR OVER)					
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$211	\$183	\$154	\$125	\$96
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$176	\$153	\$129	\$105	\$81
FULL-TIME STUDENT					
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$121	\$105	\$89	\$73	\$57
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$103	\$90	\$77	\$63	\$50

SINGLE TICKET PRICES* (not eligible for 25% savings)

Price based on location—see seating chart. Single tickets for all concerts go on sale September 3, 2019. A handling fee of \$5.00 will be applied to all ticket orders.

	Floor I/Balcony I	Floor II/Balcony II
Adult	\$38	\$33
Senior Citizen (65 or over)	\$36	\$31
Full-Time Students (half price)	\$19	\$16.50

FLEX PASS (four admissions) \$128 (not eligible for 25% savings)

Can't commit to concert dates in advance? Get a Flex Pass! The Flex Pass is good for four admissions, best seats available 30 days in advance, to any Topeka Symphony Orchestra subscription concert. You may use the four admissions any way you choose: bring four people to one concert, or two people to two concerts, etc.

*Prices do not include the handling fee or sales tax

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Seating Preferences (based on 2018-2019 seating):

- I'd like to "Hold on to my Seat!" (Must renew by July 15, 2019 to retain your seat)
- I'll call the TSO office (785-232-2032) to discuss my seating options!
- Please assign best available seating based on the seat location I chose!

Please select your concert choices by checking three to seven concerts:

- Oct. 5, 2019, 7:30 pm, WCH**
- Feb. 22, 2020, 7:30 pm, WCH
- Nov. 2, 2019, 7:30 pm, WCH
- Apr. 4, 2020, 7:30 pm, WCH
- Dec. 11, 2019, 7:30 pm, WCH
- May 2, 2020, 7:30 pm, WCH
- Jan. 11, 2020, 7:30 pm, WCH

**White Concert Hall

	Section (ex: Floor II)	# of Seats	Price Per Seat		
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Sr. Citizen	_____	_____	x _____	=	\$ _____
Full-Time Student	_____	_____	x _____	=	\$ _____
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