

TOPEKA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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We're **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ** here at the Topeka Symphony for our 2024-2025 season! This year you'll hear some of the orchestral world's greatest hits, as well as astonishing new works that will thrill and delight our audiences. From international opera stars, to a concerto performed on traditional Thai instruments, to one of the most American of pieces—Dvorak's Symphony "From the New World"—we'll be bringing exciting live orchestral music to our audiences.

For more than 75 years, the Topeka Symphony has offered performances to our community—through war and peace, prosperity and poverty, and even a pandemic. Through good times and bad, we have continuously made music for the people of Topeka and Northeast Kansas, bringing our community together to share in the excitement and beauty of hearing a live symphony orchestra. Let's celebrate the way classical music brings all of us around the globe together through the ages.

Let our thrilling new season put you in the mood to Put on the Ritz with your own Topeka Symphony!



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Spyres Family



SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

International Opera Superstar Michael Spyres and his wonderfully talented family join us for a night of the best arias, duets, and ensembles from opera and Broadway. Don't miss this spectacular night of hit tunes, like *Nessun Dorma*, *O mio babbino caro*, *Time to Say Goodbye*, and *O Sole Mio*, featuring Michael Spyres, Tara Stafford-Spyres, Sean Spyres, and Erica Spyres.

Spyres Family concert
With Michael Spyres,
Tara Stafford Spyres,
Erica Spyres, and
Sean Spyres

SING, SING, SING



SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Prangcharoen – **Sound, Echo, and Silence**

With Hnugsaran Prukthaisong, Phin, and Praatchaya Nanthachai, Khaen (Thai Traditional instrumentalists)

Tchaikovsky – **Symphony No. 4**

The Topeka Symphony's got rhythm in **Sound, Echo, and Silence** – an electrifying new concerto by Thailand's star composer Narong Prangcharoen for traditional Thai instruments and orchestra. This will be the US premiere of this thrilling work that will have you mesmerized and tapping your feet with the fascinating rhythms. Tchaikovsky's **Fourth Symphony** is also full of dazzling orchestral features including a pizzicato movement and a finale bursting with percussive beats and flourishes.

I GOT RHYTHM

We're puttin' on the ritz with a night of musical fireworks, including Rimsky-Korsakov's triumphant **Procession of the Nobles** and Grieg's **Piano Concerto**, which is always an audience favorite, performed by former TSO Young Artist Competition winner, Chaeyoung Park. We will also perform, for the first time in the Topeka Symphony's history, Shostakovich's **Tenth Symphony**, a deeply-moving musical portrait of life in Russia under Stalin, which has been hailed as a work encompassing both lofty principles and great artistry, and also a deep and poignant humanity.

Rimsky-Korsakov – **Procession of the Nobles**

Grieg – **Piano Concerto No. 1**
With Chaeyoung Park, Piano

Shostakovich – **Symphony No. 10**

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HOLIDAY CONCERT

FEATURING THE SHAWNEE CHORAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 14, 2024

Holiday favorites, including:
Adam - ***O, Holy Night***
Franck - ***Panis Angelicus***
Schubert - ***Ave Maria***
Handel - ***Messiah Selections***
With Shawnee Choral Society

We'll put you in the holiday mood with all of your favorites at our traditional holiday concert, featuring the Shawnee Choral Society, in a night of both secular and sacred works, including selections from Handel's ***Messiah***. You'll leave ready to celebrate the season after our annual sing-along.

IN THE MOOD



FEBRUARY 15, 2025



On this concert we lean into the stormy side of symphonic music in Sibelius's dramatic and beautiful **5th Symphony**, and we will feature the TSO's own concertmaster Zsolt Eder for Robert Schumann's haunting violin concerto. We will also perform Serbian-American composer Aleksandra Vrebalov's ***This Kiss For The Whole World***, a beautiful recent piece inspired by the text of Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

Aleksandra Vrebalov –
***This Kiss For
The Whole World***

Schumann –
Violin Concerto
With Zsolt Eder, Violin

Sibelius –
Symphony No. 5

STORMY WEATHER



MARCH 29, 2025



INTO THE WOODS

IN COLLABORATION WITH TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE

MAY 10, 2025

Deqing Wen –
New Age Symphony
(US Premiere)

Young Artist Competition Winner

Dvorak –
***Symphony No. 9 –
From the New World***

We span the globe on this concert, performing the US premiere of Chinese composer Deqwin Wen’s ***New Age Symphony***, alongside the work that inspired it, Dvorak’s tribute to America - his ***New World Symphony***, one of our most-requested masterworks. We will also feature this year’s Young Artist Competition Winner as our soloist.

GOIN’ HOME

We go ***Into the Woods*** with another exciting collaboration with Topeka Civic Theatre for a concert performance of Stephen Sondheim’s popular and award-winning musical. Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, a Giant, a Witch, and a couple of charming princes take us back to the stories of our childhood in this thoughtful and provocative exploration of what “Happily Ever After” really means. ***Into the Woods*** is both poignant and hilarious, and has become a favorite of the modern musical theatre repertoire.

Sondheim –
Into the Woods
In collaboration with
Topeka Civic Theatre

LULLABY OF BROADWAY

TICKET OPTIONS

TSO SEASON TICKETS

20% discount (of regular price - approximately)

SEVEN CONCERT FULL SEASON

- receives 10% discount on all single ticket purchases
- same reserved seats in White Concert Hall

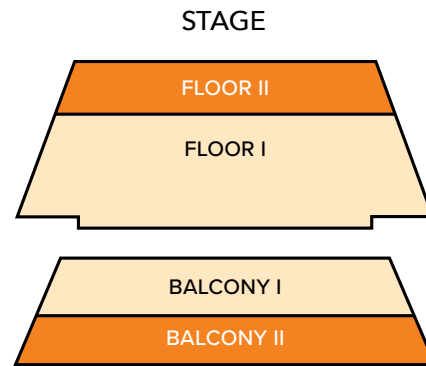
HALF SEASON

- four concerts
- choose concerts upfront
- same reserved seats for all four concerts

PLEASE NOTE:

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

WHITE CONCERT HALL



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

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Price based on location—see seating chart. Single tickets for all concerts go on sale August 1, 2024. A handling fee and tax will be applied to all ticket orders, per order.

SEASON TICKET PRICES*

NUMBER OF CONCERTS	7	4
ADULT		
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$242	\$147
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$200	\$126
SENIOR CITIZEN (65 OR OVER)		
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$221	\$126
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$189	\$116
YOUNG ADULT (25 YEARS AND YOUNGER)		
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$100	\$61
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$79	\$47

SINGLE TICKET PRICES*

NOT ON SALE UNTIL AUGUST 1

(not eligible for 25% savings)

ADULT	
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$44
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$42
SENIOR CITIZEN (65 OR OVER)	
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$39
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$37
YOUNG ADULT (25 YEARS AND YOUNGER)	
Flr I / Balc I (Rows F-Q / AA-EE)	\$16
Flr II / Balc II (Rows C-E / FF-JJ)	\$13

*Prices do not include the handling fee or sales tax

ORDER FORM

You can also order tickets online at www.topekasymphony.org

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Seating Preferences (based on 2023-2024 seating):

- I'd like to "Hold on to my Seat!" (Must renew by July 31, 2024 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 four or all seven concerts:

- September 7, 2024, 7:30 pm, WCH**
- September 28, 2024, 7:30 pm, WCH
- November 2, 2024, 7:30 pm, WCH
- December 14, 2024, 7:30 pm, WCH
- February 15, 2025, 7:30 pm, WCH
- March 29, 2025, 7:30 pm, WCH
- May 10, 2025, 7:30 pm, WCH

** White Concert Hall

	SECTION (ex: FLR II)	# OF SEATS	PRICE PER SEAT	
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			SUBTOTAL	= \$ _____
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			TOTAL	= \$ _____



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The Topeka Symphony Society
PO Box 2206
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WHY BUY SEASON TICKETS?

- **SUPPORT THE 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 25 and younger) save even more.

- **CREATE YOUR OWN SEASON**

Design your own season by selecting four concerts or the entire season of seven concerts.

- **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.

SYMPHONY SUPPERS

Enjoy a pre-concert dinner with your friends on Sept. 7 and 28, Nov. 2, Feb. 15, March 29, and May 10. Maestro Pickett will present "Pre-Concert Talk" at 6:30 pm. Reservation deadline is the Tuesday before each date.

All Symphony Suppers will be in the **Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center** (across the street from White Concert Hall).

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

\$35.00 per person

For reservations or more information go to www.topekasymphony.org/symphony-suppers, or call the Symphony office at 785-232-2032.

PRE-CONCERT TALKS

The pre-concert talks are free discussions given by Maestro Pickett to provide background information on the music you will hear that evening. Pre-concert talks begin at 6:30 PM in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.

TOPEKA YOUTH ORCHESTRA DATES

November 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM in WCH

April 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM in WCH



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