

45th SEASON



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SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 SEASON

SFP celebrates its 45th Season with robust offerings:

**Chamber, Vocal, Piano, Guitar, Great Artists & Ensembles, 45th Season Favorites, and
Saturday Morning Series**

SFP's boldest, most innovative PIVOT Festival yet

**35 concerts and recitals
Oct 4, 2024 - May 3, 2025**

The 2024-25 season features SFP debuts by:

- **Randall Goosby**, violin
- **Anthony Roth Costanzo**, countertenor
- **Miloš**, guitar
- **Fleur Barron**, mezzo-soprano
- **Sandbox Percussion**
- **Isidore String Quartet**
- **Johan Dalene**, violin
- **Thomas Dunford**, lute

West Coast Premieres by:

- **Che Buford** (for Midori)
- **Carla Kihlstedt** (for her PIVOT Festival performance)
- **Caroline Shaw and Gabriel Kahane** (for their collaborative performance)

Additional Highlights:

- SFP's tenth boundary-pushing **PIVOT Festival**, guest curated by composer/musician **Gabriel Kahane**, and featuring composer/violinist **Carla Kihlstedt**, the **Del Sol Quartet**, and **Sandbox Percussion**. Kahane, Kihlstedt, and the Del Sol Quartet will present Kihlstedt's *26 Little Deaths*, inspired by Edward Gorey's *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*. Sandbox Percussion will present Pulitzer Prize-nominated composer **Andy Akiho**'s evening-length *Seven Pillars*, a boldly genre-defying work for percussion quartet.
- Clarinetist **Anthony McGill** and the **Pacifica Quartet**'s program includes **Ben Shirley's** *High Sierra Sonata*, which was featured on their Grammy©-nominated *American Stories* album. Shirley has ties to the Bay Area, and his path from addiction and homelessness to becoming a composer and orchestrator was documented in the film *Skid Row Marathon*.
- Guitarist **Sharon Isbin** and sarod player **Amjad Ali Khan** pair up to present works from their acclaimed *Strings for Peace* album, exploring both Indian and Western classical music traditions.
- Violinist **Midori** returns to SFP with a program inspired by Spanish poet Federico García Lorca's *Casida of the Lament*, which includes new work by young New York-based composer **Che Buford**.
- Countertenor **Anthony Roth Costanzo** makes his Bay Area recital debut with a wide-ranging program that includes a tribute to Barbra Streisand.

San Francisco, CA, April 9, 2024 — **San Francisco Performances**, the city's premier presenter of intimate concerts and solo recitals, celebrates its 45th season in 2024-2025 with a wide variety of programs that span genres and eras. President **Melanie Smith** today made public details of SFP's upcoming schedule of 35 concerts, October 4, 2024 through May, 3 2025, and a complete list of artists and series may be found below. Subscriptions go on sale to the public **April 16** at sfperformances.org, or by phone at **(415) 677-0325**.

The 2024-25 season features SFP debuts by artists including **Randall Goosby**, **Anthony Roth Costanzo**, **Miloš**, **Fleur Barron**, **Sandbox Percussion**, the **Isidore String Quartet**, **Johan Dalene**, and **Thomas Dunford**, and West Coast premieres by composers **Che Buford** (for Midori), **Carla Kihlstedt** (for her PIVOT Festival performance), and **Caroline Shaw and Gabriel Kahane** (for their collaborative performance).

"We are proud to be celebrating our 45th Season by continuing to do what we do best — presenting the finest artists in the world, and allowing them space to create personal and profound programs that inspire people," said Smith. "Since our founding in 1979, it's been our mission to center the artists and their work in our presentations, and it's gratifying to be able to continue to bring the best of the best to San Francisco."

Smith continued, "As is our tradition, our season features exceptional artists who are on the rise as well as artists audiences already know and love. Chamber music is always evolving, and we're proud to maintain our commitment to bringing innovative artists and programs to our stage."

The 2024-2025 season includes a **45th Season Favorites** series, featuring artists beloved by the SFP audience; a special fundraising gala performance by composer/pianist **Jake Heggie** and tenor **Nicholas Phan**; and the popular **Saturday Morning Series** with the **Alexander String Quartet** and **Dr. Robert Greenberg**. This will be the final season for the Alexander String Quartet, which will bid farewell to performing together at the end of their 2024-2025 season.

Smith added that additional programming for the 2024-2025 season will be announced during the summer. "We're excited about what's ahead," she said. "Our 45th season will be a memorable one."

SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES 2024-2025 SEASON BY SERIES

All performances at Herbst Theatre unless otherwise noted
401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

ROBERT AND RUTH DELL PIANO SERIES

Natasha Paremski

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: QUINN MASON: *New Era Bagatelles*; **CHOPIN:** Sonata No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 35;
PROKOFIEV: Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*; **STRAVINSKY:** *Three Movements from Petrushka*

Sir Stephen Hough

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: CHAMINADE: *Automne*; *Scarf Dance*; *Toccata*; *Theme Varie*; *Autre Fois*, *Les Sylvains*;
LISZT: Sonata in B Minor; **CHOPIN:** Sonata in B Minor

Jan Lisiecki

Thursday, March 20, 2025 | 7:30pm

ALL PRELUDES PROGRAM: *Preludes by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Górecki, Szymanowski, Messiaen and Chopin*, including the complete *Préludes* Op. 28

Louis Lortie

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 7:30pm

ALL RAVEL PROGRAM: *Menuet Antique*; *Pavane pour une infante défunte*; *Jeux d'eau*; *Gaspard de la nuit*; *Sonatine*; *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*; *La Valse*

Joyce Yang

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: BEETHOVEN: Sonata in E-Flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3 "The Hunt"; **RACHMANINOFF:** *Preludes*, Op. 32 (selections); **SCHUMANN:** *Kreisleriana* Op. 16

GREAT ARTISTS AND ENSEMBLES SERIES

Anthony McGill | Clarinet

Pacifica Quartet

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: DVOŘÁK: String Quartet Op. 96 "American"; **BEN SHIRLEY:** *High Sierra Sonata* for Clarinet and Quartet; **BRAHMS:** Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115

Midori | Violin

Özgür Aydin | Piano

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: BRAHMS: Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 76; **POULENC:** Sonata for Violin and Piano; **RAVEL:** *Kaddish* (arr. Garban); *Tzigane*; **CHE BUFORD:** *Spirituals* (West Coast Premiere)

Johan Dalene | Violin

Sahun Sam Hong | Piano

Friday, March 28, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: R. SCHUMANN: Sonata No. 1 in A Minor, Op. 105; **E. RAUTAVAARA:** *Notturmo e Danza*; **RAVEL:** *Tzigane*; **LUTOSLAWSKI:** Partita for Violin and Piano; **GRIEG:** Sonata No. 2 in G Major

Randall Goosby | Violin

Zhu Wang | Piano

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: BOLOGNE (Chevalier de Saint-Georges): Violin Sonata No. 3 in G Minor, Op. 1a; **FAURÉ:** Sonata No. 1 in A, Op. 13; **CHAUSSON:** *Poème*, Op. 25; **SCHUBERT:** Rondeau brillant in B Minor, D. 895

CHAMBER SERIES

Esmé Quartet

Saturday, October 26, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: MOZART: String Quartet in D Major, K. 575; **LIGETI:** String Quartet No. 1; **SCHUBERT:** String Quartet in G Major, D. 887

Calidore String Quartet

Saturday, March 8, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: BEETHOVEN: String Quartet No. 10 in E-Flat Major, "Harp"; **MONTGOMERY:** Strum; **SCHUBERT:** String Quartet No 12 in C-Minor, D. 703 (Quartettsatz); **KORNGOLD:** String Quartet No. 3, Op. 34

Tetzlaff Quartet

Friday, March 21, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: MENDELSSOHN: String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 13; **WIDMANN:** String Quartet No. 2; **DVOŘÁK:** String Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105

Isidore String Quartet

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: MOZART: String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465 “Dissonance”; **CHILDS:** String Quartet No. 3 “Unrequited” (2015); **BEETHOVEN:** String Quartet No. 12 in E-Flat Major, Op. 127

PIVOT Festival

JANUARY 29-31, 2025 | 7:30pm

Gabriel Kahane | PIANO, VOCALS

Carla Kihlstedt | VIOLIN, VOCALS

Del Sol Quartet

Sandbox Percussion

Plus additional artists to be announced

Programs to be announced

San Francisco Performances’ PIVOT Festival is driven by a philosophy of innovation, creativity, and artistic excellence that pushes the boundaries of the traditional concert experience.

Composer/singer-songwriter **Gabriel Kahane** returns as guest curator once again for the tenth season of PIVOT. Kahane’s work exists at the intersection of art and social practice, and he is one of the most thoughtful — and thought-provoking — artists of his generation. He will perform opening night and host all three evenings of deliciously ingenious music brimming with thought, humor — both dark and light — and substance.

Composer, collaborator, violinist, singer, improviser, educator, and instigator **Carla Kihlstedt** explores complex worlds — the ocean, dreams, imaginary creatures, the machine age — through many different lenses. Kahane will lead her and the **Del Sol Quartet** in Kihlstedt’s *26 Little Deaths*, inspired by Edward Gorey’s *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*.

Grammy®-nominated ensemble **Sandbox Percussion** is dedicated to artistry in contemporary chamber music, captivating worldwide audiences with visually and aurally stunning performances. The ensemble will perform Pulitzer Prize-nominated composer Andy Akiho’s evening-length *Seven Pillars*, a boldly genre-defying work for percussion quartet.

The detailed schedule for PIVOT will be announced at a later date.

45th SEASON FAVORITES SERIES

Jerusalem Quartet

Thursday, November 7, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **HAYDN:** Quartet in B-flat Major, Op 50, No. 1 "Prussian"; **SHOSTAKOVICH:** Quartet No. 12 in D-Flat Major, Op. 133; **DVOŘÁK:** String Quartet in G-Major, Op. 106

Marc-André Hamelin | Piano

Saturday, February 8, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **HAYDN:** Piano Sonata in D Major Hob.XVI:37; **FRANK ZAPPA:** *Ruth Is Sleeping*; **STEFAN WOLPE:** Passacaglia; **JOHN OSWALD:** *TIP*; **NIKOLAI MEDTNER:** Improvisation in B Flat Minor Op. 31 No. 1; *Danza festiva*, Op. 38 No. 3; **RACHMANINOFF:** Etude-Tableau Op. 39 No. 5; Piano Sonata No. 2, Op. 36 (1931 version)

Steven Isserlis | Cello

Connie Shih | Piano

Saturday, February 15, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **BEETHOVEN:** Sonata No. 2 in G Minor; **MARTINŮ:** Sonata No 2; **NADIA BOULANGER:** Three Pieces for Cello and Piano; **GRIEG:** Sonata

Pavel Haas Quartet

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **DVOŘÁK:** String Quartet in C Major Op. 61; **TCHAIKOVSKY:** String Quartet No.3 E-Flat Minor

ART OF SONG SERIES

Caroline Shaw | Viola/Vocals/Composer

Gabriel Kahane | Piano/Vocals/Composer

Thursday, November 14, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **SHAW/KAHANE:** *Hexagons*
Plus additional works to be announced;

Anthony Roth Costanzo | Countertenor

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: Works by **VIVALDI**, **GABRIELLA LENA FRANK**, **JOEL THOMPSON**, **VERDI** and the songs of **BARBRA STREISAND**

Fleur Barron | Mezzo-Soprano

Wednesday February 26, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: *The Power and the Glory: Music of Colonialism*

Works by ZUBAIDA AZEZI/EDO FRENKEL, THEODORO VALCARCEL, MESSIAEN, XAVIER MONTESALVATGE, ERNESTO LECUONA, MAHLER, SCHÖNBERG, WEILL, ILSE WEBER, KAMALA SANKARAM, H.T. TSIANG, and CHEN YI

SATURDAY MORNING SERIES

Alexander String Quartet

Dr. Robert Greenberg, Host and Lecturer

Papa Joe and Wolfgang

Our Saturday Morning Series has been one of our most popular for decades. These lively concerts with the **Alexander String Quartet** and Music Historian-in-Residence **Dr. Robert Greenberg** are filled with great music and insightful, humorous commentary.

This season will mark the final bow of the beloved Alexander String Quartet, which will say farewell to performing together at the triumphant close of 36 glorious years as SF Performances' Ensemble-in-Residence.

The five concerts included in this series, *Papa Joe and Wolfgang*, dynamically explore the relationship between Josef Haydn — “father of the string quartet” — and his young protégé, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who brought the string quartet to a pinnacle of form, technique, variety, and emotion.

Saturdays at 10am

Program 1: October 26, 2024

MOZART: Quartet in G Major, K. 80

HAYDN: Quartet in D Major, Op. 17 No. 6

HAYDN: Quartet in F Minor, Op 20 No. 5

Program 2: November 2, 2024

MOZART: Quartet in D Major, K. 155

MOZART: Quartet in F Major, K. 168

MOZART: Quartet in B-flat Major, K. 172

Program 3: January 11, 2025

HAYDN: Quartet Op. 33 No. 3, “Joke”

MOZART: Quartet in G Major, K. 387, “Spring”

Program 4: January 25, 2025

MOZART: Quartet in F Major, K. 589

HAYDN: Quartet Op. 64 No. 5, "Lark"

Program 5: February 8, 2025

HAYDN: Quartet Op. 76 No. 3, "Emperor"

HAYDN: Quartet in G Major, Op. 77 No. 1

GUITAR SERIES

Miloš

Saturday, January 25, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: *The Arts and the Hours*: WEISS: *Fantaisie* and *Pasacaglia*; **BACH:** Chaconne;

RAMEAU: *The Arts and the Hours*; **BARRIOS:** *La Catedral* (Homage to Bach); **ABEL:** *Arpeggiata*;

SCARLATTI: Sonata K. 466 in F Minor and Sonata K. 32 in D Minor; **COUPERIN:** *Mysterious Barricades*;

DUPLESSY: *Amor Fati*

Amjad Ali Khan | Sarod

Sharon Isbin | Guitar

with Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash | Sarod

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: *Strings for Peace*

Thomas Dunford | Lute

Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 7:30pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell St, San Francisco

PROGRAM: DOWLAND: Selected works; **SATIE:** *Gymnopédie 1*, *Gnossienne 1*; **MARAIS:** *L'americaine* (from *Suite d'un goût étranger*); **BACH:** Suite for Cello in G Major BWV 1007; **KAPSBERGER:** Toccata VI (from *Primo Libro d'intavolatura de lauto*); **DALZA:** *Calata alla Spagnola* (from *Quarto Libro d'intavolatura de lauto*)

Manuel Barrueco

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: To be announced

Guitar Series is presented in association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts.

GALA EVENT

45th Anniversary Gala with

Jake Heggie, piano

Nicholas Phan, tenor

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 6pm

PROGRAM: To be announced

A special evening to celebrate and support San Francisco Performances' award-winning music education programs. Cocktails and dinner culminate with what promises to be a memorable performance by Bay Area-based international sensations **Nicholas Phan**, tenor, and composer-pianist **Jake Heggie**.

The Gala includes a pre-concert cocktail reception (6pm), a concert (7pm), and a post-concert-dinner. Gala tickets start at \$500; concert-only tickets will be available for \$50 at a later date.

GIFT CONCERT

SFP subscribers and donors will receive complimentary tickets to this concert. Tickets will go on sale to the general public at a later date.

Geneva Lewis | Violin

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 | 7:30pm

PROGRAM: **MOZART:** Sonata for Piano and Violin in G, K301; **CLARA SCHUMANN:** *Three Romances*, Op. 22; **VALENTIN SILVESTROV:** *Post Scriptum*; **ROBERT SCHUMANN:** *Three Romances*, Op. 94; **FRANCK:** Sonata in A Major

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26 Esmé Quartet

NOVEMBER 2024

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7 Jerusalem Quartet

13 Natasha Paremski, piano

14 Caroline Shaw, soprano & violin, and Gabriel Kahane, piano & vocals

19 Anthony Roth Costanzo, countertenor

DECEMBER 2024

3 Anthony McGill, clarinet, and Pacifica Quartet

JANUARY 2025

11 Alexander String Quartet and Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence

25 Alexander String Quartet and Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence

25 Miloš, guitar

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4 Sir Stephen Hough, piano

8 Alexander String Quartet and Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence

8 Marc-André Hamelin, piano

15 Steven Isserlis, cello, and Connie Shih, piano

22 Sharon Isbin, guitar, and Amjad Ali Khan, sarod

26 Fleur Barron, mezzo-soprano

MARCH 2025

8 Calidore String Quartet

11 Midori, violin, and Özgür Aydin, piano

14 Pavel Haas Quartet

20 Jan Lisiecki, piano

21 Tetzlaff Quartet

25 Louis Lortie

28 Johan Dalene, violin, and Sahun Sam Hong, piano

29 Thomas Dunford, lute (at St Mark's Lutheran Church)

APRIL 2025

1 Joyce Yang, piano

3 Randall Goosby, violin, and Zhu Wang, piano

16 Isidore String Quartet

22 Geneva Lewis, violin (Gift Concert)

MAY 2025

3 Manuel Barrueco, guitar

Ticket Information

Subscriptions on sale April 16, 2024

Subscribers receive benefits, including savings on single ticket prices, priority seating, free ticket exchange privileges, and invitations to a gift concert. Subscribers may choose from our fixed series, or create their own packages. Call the San Francisco Performances ticket office at **(415) 677-0325** or visit sfperformances.org. **Single event tickets go on sale August 27, 2024.**

ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES

San Francisco Performances has been a leader in the Bay Area cultural scene since our founding in 1979. With a strong curatorial vision and adventurous programming, we are the city's premier presenter of intimate concerts and solo performances.

We have introduced hundreds of established and emerging classical music, jazz and dance artists to audiences, including Yo-Yo Ma, the Juilliard String Quartet, Philip Glass, Wendy Whelan, and the Paul Taylor Dance Company. We also champion a new generation, committed to building a contemporary and equitable repertoire. Performers like the Catalyst Quartet, violinist Jennifer Koh, tenor Lawrence Brownlee, and pianist/composer Vijay Iyer are moving their art into the present and future, making it accessible to younger audiences while converting many traditionalists to new possibilities. They represent the path forward.

Quality, intimacy, and connection are the hallmarks of San Francisco Performances. We nurture unique relationships with today's best artists to create an accessible, warm, and engaging arts experience.

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