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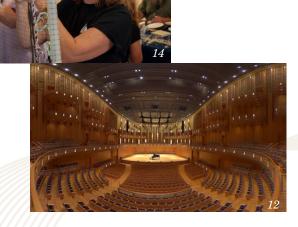
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You'll experience performances that leave a lasting impression.

You'll transcend the boundaries of everyday life.

And, you'll belong to something bigger.

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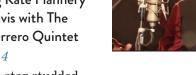
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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

December dazzles with wondrous holiday performances.

IN THE MUSIC CENTER

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Handel's Messiah

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Sun, Dec 8 & Wed, Dec 11



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Elijah Jamal Balbed & The JoGo Project The JoGo Big Band Holiday Show Sat, Dec 14



MUSIC CENTER BIRTHDAY BASH

A free day of fun for our community!

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE MUSIC CENTER

Sat, Feb 8

You're invited to our birthday party! Join us and our resident partners for a family-friendly celebration as the Music Center turns 20!

Enjoy an afternoon filled with:

- · Kid-friendly concerts
- · Art-making activities
- Music classes
- Puppetry
- Building tours
- And much more!

Featured performances: Inez Barlatier & Justin Roberts 11:30am & 2:30pm

Kattam and His Tam-Tams

1pm & 4pm

Everything is free, but capacity is limited for each performance. Get your tickets now!

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Justin Roberts & Inez Barlatier, Kattam and His Tam-Tams by Maxence Bildeau

IN THE MUSIC CENTER

Tickets for these recently announced shows are on sale now. Plan your 2025 concert calendar today!

Lalah Hathaway

Sat, Feb 22

The five-time Grammy winner fuses soul, R&B, and jazz while exploring the depths of Black identity in her latest album.

II Volo

Wed, March 26

Italian operatic trio blending classical opera with contemporary pop through powerful vocals and dynamic performances.

Boney James: Slow Burn Tour

Wed, April 2

Four-time Grammy-nominated saxophonist known for his signature mix of smooth jazz, R&B, and funk.



Il Volo by Valentina Sabino, Boney James, Lalah Hathaway by Justin Sission

THE RESIDENCY THAT BETTY BUILT

How Betty Scott's passion has shaped Strathmore's Artist in Residence program.

By Barbara Ruben

Now celebrating 20 years as director of Strathmore's Artist in Residence (AIR) program, Betty Scott traces her 60-plus year career in music back to the day her brother gave up on his piano lessons. "Me, me, me, I'll take the piano," she told her parents, seizing the opportunity to play their old upright.

Scott continued her musical journey by joining her church choir and an a cappella girls' choir in her West Virginia high school, following in the footsteps of her great-grandfathers—one who traveled across

communities teaching people to sing and the other a church choir leader.

After earning a degree in music education,
Scott embarked on a
40-year teaching career in Prince George's
County. Never one to shy away from a challenge, she helped her elementary students put on
Broadway musicals like

The King and I and Fiddler on the Roof. Her dedication also extended to her work with The Maryland State Boychoir, which earned her a Grammy in 2000 for Best Choral Performance. The gramophone statuette sits in the living room of her Silver Spring home.

Scott's enthusiasm isn't limited to music. She has biked cross-country with her husband and hiked to the base camp of China's K2, the world's second-highest mountain. After retiring from teaching in public schools, she channeled that same energy into a new career at Strathmore.

"An epiphany happened on Strathmore Avenue as I was driving by one day in 2004," Scott explains. "I decided I wanted to volunteer or work there. I knew a ton about music education but almost zero about a performing arts center and how it operates. So I figured it was time to learn."

Scott parlayed her decades of music education experience into launching AIR, a program for young DMV-area musicians, ages 16 to 32, on an artist's career path. Each year, six are selected to receive

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~Be Steadwell, 2016 AIR Alum



mentorship and attend workshops on self-promotion, band leading, concert and workshop planning, job interviewing, and other skills critical to success in the music industry, such as tax preparation.

"I tell them, 'I'm going to be very demanding, but I'm not going to demand something of you that you can't do. It's my job as your teacher to get you there, and if we don't do it, then you know we've failed beautifully together," she says.

Over the past 20 years, there have been 118 participants, many of whom are still in contact with Scott. She continues to support them by offering opportunities to network and perform, and serving as a cheerleader for their careers, amplifying their names, performances, and successes.

"She is a force to be reckoned with," says cellist and composer Erin Murphy Snedecor, a 2023 AIR alum. "I adored meeting someone who expected as much of me as I did. She sets the bar so high and gives you all the tools to do what you want to do."



Pop vocalist Be Steadwell credits Scott for helping her build confidence as a performer. "Betty really encouraged me to be present and connect with the audience. I started as a very shy, introverted performer. Over the [program] year, I inched my way toward being able to stand fully in my artistry," says the 2016 AIR alum. "All these years later, Betty is still looking out for us, helping us with gigs and making connections."

"I feel like, at this point in my life, I have quite a bit of wisdom that I'm happy to impart when asked—and sometimes when not asked! It brings me great joy. I'm big on passion and joy, Scott says. "I think if you're able to realize those two things, at least in parts of your life, you can consider yourself successful."



Each Wednesday, from January to June, resident artists will take the Mansion stage for an educational workshop and two public concerts. Don't miss your chance to experience a diverse range of musical talent and be part of their artistic journey.

Visit **Strathmore.org/AIR** for the full schedule and ticket information.

Photos by Margot Schulms

20th Anniversary Class ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Each artist presents two unique concerts and offers a free workshop at the Mansion. Meet the 2025 class and get your tickets today!

Hasan Imam Hamdani,

Guitar

Global guitarist influenced by flamenco, blues, classical, and African music.

Concerts: Jan 15 & 29 Workshop: Jan 22



Concerts: Feb 12 & 26 Workshop: Feb 19

Paired with AIR donors Victoria J. Perkins , Tina & Art Lazerow, and Karen Lefkowitz & Al Neyman

Qi Yu, Guzheng Traditional guzheng (Chinese zither) player with an unexpectedly modern repertoire.

Concerts: March 12 & 26 Workshop: March 19

Paired with AIR donors Richard & Melba Reichard ♣, J. Alberto Martinez & Anna Pigotti, and Myrna Sislen







Jack Gruber, Jazz Piano Jazz pianist distinctively mixing pop, video game, and anime music influences.

Concerts: April 9 & 23 Workshop: April 16

Paired with AIR donors Karen Deasy*, Jamie & Jessica McIntyre*, Steven & Irene White*, and Ava Kaufman

Marcel Penzes, Trombone Jazz trombonist weaving together soulful New Orleans sounds with global rhythms.

Concerts: May 14 & 28 Workshop: May 21

Paired with AIR donors Daniel & Sarah Gallagher →, Ellen & Michael Gold →, and Bayo & Funke Ovewole →

Gabby Cameron, Banjo Banjoist exploring human connection through bluegrass, jazz, and classical music.

Concerts: June 11 & 25 Workshop: June 18

Paired with AIR donors Hope Eastman & Allen Childs ♣, Jean & Michael Hoyt ♣, Linda & Van Hubbard ♣, and Carolyn & Marty Shargel ♣







Get your concert tickets now for just \$25! Prices increase to \$32 after December 13.

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Strathmore graciously thanks our Artist in Residence Champions for their multi-year commitments and their above-and-beyond support of the AIR program.

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GETTING MARRIED IN Colorful FASHION

By Jasmine Kwok, 2024 Summer Intern

Jaiwuan and Michael's love story began with a swipe, fizzled out, and then reignited on Tinder—sparking a commitment for life. Seven months later, Michael surprised Jaiwuan with a proposal at the helm of a cruise ship, marking the start of their lifelong journey together.

The couple wanted their wedding to be as stylish and adventurous as their relationship. They found the perfect backdrop at the Mansion at Strathmore, with its lush gardens, historic charm, and vibrant visual arts. "Although it was one venue, it felt like multiple," they recall.

In May 2024, they exchanged vows in the Mansion's intimate Music Room, surrounded by a bold palette of tangerine, deep navy, and shimmering gold accents. The celebration continued with a lively reception, with plenty of room for dancing. Stepping into their new chapter surrounded by loved ones was a day the husbands say they will "cherish forever."









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Planning: Michael and Jaiwuan **Florist**: Michael and Jaiwuan

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BIG MUSIC FOR LITTLE EARS

Before the Music Center officially opened in February 2005, second graders from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) were the first to experience a live performance in the newly completed space. That concert sparked a lasting commitment to providing every student in our community with vital exposure to world-class arts. This year, we proudly celebrate 20 years of partnership with MCPS, continuing to offer free student concerts every fall featuring the National Philharmonic.



Strathmore extends its gratitude to the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation and Jordan Kitts Music/Rockley Family Foundation for their longtime, generous support of our student concerts.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions are on view in the Mansion Tuesday through Saturday—and they're free!

NOV 23-JAN 11

Intersections

Rashad Ali Muhammad & Jordann Wine

The *Intersections* series contrasts artists with distinct viewpoints creating counterbalance and connection. Muhammad's collages form new worlds with familiar imagery, while Wine's meditational geometric work transforms through a subtle merging of colors.

Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC Fine Art in Miniature

Explore a world of tiny masterpieces at this year's exhibition, now celebrating its 91st anniversary. In this international exhibition, artists create works reduced in size by up to 84 percent, featuring oil paintings, engravings, stone carvings, and more.

JAN 25-MARCH 1

Opening Reception: Fri, Jan 31, 7pm

Strathmore's 33rd Juried Exhibition

Full Circle

Jurors: Glen Kessler and Darryl Patterson

Circles are universal symbols of motion, balance, and renewal. Artists from the region and beyond are invited to exhibit original works that feature circular forms or explore circular symbolism, metaphor, or tradition.

MANSION HOURS

Tue-Fri: 12–4pm Sat: 10am–3pm Sun-Mon: Closed

Please see the website for holiday closures.

FREE ADMISSION



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From top: Between the Black and White by Rashad Ali Muhammad (Intersections), Spiral by Jordann Wine (Intersections), Big Ben by Vivian Kosinsky (Fine Art in Miniature)

FORM FOLLOWS **FUNCTION**

Here's why Strathmore's Concert Hall sounds as good as it looks.

By PJ Feinstein



Since opening in February 2005, the 1,976seat Concert Hall at Strathmore's Music Center has been celebrated for both its architectural beauty and acoustic precision. Designed by the team responsible for Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Concert Hall features a classic shoebox design that promotes balanced sound distribution. Its maple floors, white birch walls, and bronze metal grillage combine form and function, contributing to the hall's warm, inviting ambiance.

audience coming together as a community," says architect William L. Rawn III.

"The hall creates an intimacy, celebrating the

One of the Concert Hall's standout features is an adjustable system that allows sound engineers to tailor the acoustics for different types of performances. Whether hosting a symphony orchestra, a jazz ensemble, a pop singer, or a bluegrass band, these adjustments fine-tune the reverberation time and sound diffusion to match the needs of each performance.

"Artists tell us that performing here feels different than most other halls," says Artistic Director and Vice President of Programming Joi Brown. "Unlike traditional venues with heavy curtains and lots of separation between artists and audience, the acoustics, and the curved seating put audiences closer to artists."

Pianist and composer Arturo O'Farrill, who will return to the Concert Hall in March 2025 with his Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra. agrees. "Strathmore is a treasured and distinguished venue," he says. "The theater has some of the finest acoustics I've heard. If you listen carefully, you will hear the souls of the artists and audience members who have shared in this sacred space."

DID YOU KNOW?

An FM radio frequency assistive listening system helps patrons who are hard of hearing. Complimentary headphones and assistive listening devices, equipped with an integrated neck loop for individuals with telecoil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants, are available at the Music Center coatroom.



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CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

Our community came together at Strathmore's campus to welcome the fall with a celebration of nature and art! For four weeks during *Monuments: Forces of Nature*, breathtaking, larger-than-life portraits were projected onto trees, transforming them into living sculptures. After its 2020 debut at Strathmore celebrating creativity, this year's installation highlighted six local champions of climate action, environmental stewardship, and resource justice.











Strathmore extends its gratitude to Kathleen Knepper, The Embassy of Australia, and Ravel & Royale on Strathmore Square for their generous support of Monuments.

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

Veterans and artists unite for a powerful day of healing and connection.

By Jessica Gregg



There's that old expression about one door opening when another closes. But what about the sense of community that forms when plans unexpectedly change?

In 2023, a handful of writers from a virtual workshop decided to meet up in real life and registered to attend a writing conference together. They were part of a larger group of veterans, healthcare workers, family caregivers, and other community members participating in writing classes through a long-standing partnership between Strathmore and Community Building Art Works (CBAW).

Years earlier, this group met monthly at Strathmore. When the pandemic emerged, the workshops became virtual, and the ranks of the writers grew to include veterans and others from every continent. They shared their grief and joys, living out the very mission of CBAW—using art to reconnect veterans with their communities.

"The heart of what we are trying to do is to address the loneliness that veterans experience," says Seema Reza, founder and CEO of the Rockville-based nonprofit. "Loneliness happens to all of us but when you start to feel lonely, you begin to feel threatened, that there is no point in risking social interaction. We want to reaffirm that it's worth the risk to connect."

The monthly writing workshops were a big part of that. So, too, would be the conference a few writers had registered to attend. Then it was canceled. At this point, the writers were too invested to give up on their plans. They decided instead to meet in Maryland, home to both Strathmore and CBAW. They planned to host

a small party, a barbecue at their Airbnb, where they would finally have the chance to talk in person.

When they invited Reza to the gathering, she quickly saw the potential for something bigger. "Why don't we reach out to everyone?" she asked the group. Reza called Strathmore's Lauren Campbell, vice president of

education and community engagement, who agreed that the meetup could be more than just a party.

Strathmore artists have been collaborating with Reza since 2010, when she worked as a military contractor providing veterans with art resources. Reza went on to found CBAW, where her partnership with Strathmore continued—leading to various art and music events at the Mansion for CBAW members, as well as in-person and virtual writing workshops.

"We are lucky and honored to get to walk alongside these artists and CBAW and to learn from them," Campbell says. "They make us better."

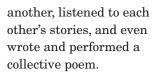
Campbell and Reza's conversation led to the 2023 creation of A Day of Belonging, which brought 90 participants—veterans, caregivers, and community members—to the Mansion at Strathmore for workshops focused on art and healing.

In a video from that day, Raye, a disabled veteran with treatment-resistant PTSD, described the obstacles she faced to attend the event. "I took a train, I came without my son, without my daughter, told my aide, 'Go on vacation. I'm going by myself," she said to applause. "And I'm having a good time."

Participants described the day as "a reunion" where they felt comfortable more quickly than expected and a safe space where they could be present without needing to be perfect. They cried together, consoled one

Learn more about
Strathmore's educational
and community
programming on
YouTube





"The energy was so electric and filled with love," Campbell says, emphasizing that the gathering "was not just words; it was true belonging."

For Reza, it was hard to describe what she felt seeing the community convene. "Folks came from everywhere for this really, really beautiful day, and we knew immediately we had to do it again," she says.

And so, they did. The second annual Day of Belonging took place at Strathmore in September and included a poetry workshop, mindfulness

activities, a collaborative weaving project, woodcarving, papermaking, and more. Participants also watched *We Carry On*, a CBAW documentary made in partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project.

Once again, it was joyous—a homecoming. "The best way to experience belonging is to give belonging, and we all attended this event with that intention," says Reza.

Strathmore is grateful to Lockheed Martin for supporting our Bloom access initiative and for making this event possible.

Photos by Anthony Palliparambil

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Subverting expectations with drag artist SASHAVELOUR

By Jason Fontelieu

Groundbreaking, world-traveling drag artist Sasha Velour is bringing her newest production, *The Big Reveal Live Show!*, to Strathmore's Music Center this January. Based on her book *The Big Reveal, An Illustrated Manifesto of Drag*, Velour describes the show, a coproduction with Washington Performing Arts, as "the history of drag, as told by a drag artist," blending theatrical surprises with deeply personal truths.

Q: Can you expand on the concept of the "reveal" and what it means to you?

A: There are two sides to the "reveal." One is that surprise is a huge aspect of the art of drag, subverting people's expectations and twisting meanings. Drag is where genuinely surprising things happen—people show talents you didn't expect, and the boundaries of gender and beauty are subverted in ways that give

Greg Endries

you a sense of the possibility in life. That's why there's a joyous aspect to drag. So much more is possible in a drag show, with fewer needs than in most places.

The other side of the reveal is that beyond the spectacle, costumes, and heavy makeup, we share personal things about ourselves on stage. I try to put both of those in every three-to-seven-minute drag number—a bit of surprise and a bit of truth.

Q: What is your favorite part of the show?

A: Oh my gosh, it changes. The show opens with an iconic performance. I wait inside a prop on stage, watching the audience come in, and then I pop out to start the show. I've never heard such a loud reaction in any theater I've ever performed in.

Q: What do you want people to get out of this show?

A: I want people to see the artistic merit of drag, particularly the silly parts. That's one of the places where the artistry really shines. Sometimes people think art has to be deathly serious, and while I have a lot of that in the show, there's also a lot of camp.

I talk about my grandma's experience with drag in the '40s, '50s, and '60s and how that influenced me as a kid. To some people, that's a reminder that drag, queerness, and trans expression on stage have been a part of culture for a while and shouldn't be so shocking.

Q: Why is it so important to remind people about the history of drag?

A: It's the ultimate statement that we belong in every part of culture and every corner of the world. The fact that drag has found a way to exist despite centuries of backlash is the ultimate testament that we will keep existing no matter what.

Strathmore and Washington Performing Arts Present Sasha Velour's The Big Reveal Live Show! Sat, Jan 25, 8pm

Tickets available at STRATHMORE.ORG

WINTER CALENDAR

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Strathmore Children's Chorus

A World of Celebration 2024 Winter Concert

Fri, Dec 6, 7:30pm

SCC performs festive holiday melodies from around the world and premieres a work by award-winning composer Joshua Fishbein.

MUSIC CENTER

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Spirit of the Season: Bach, Corelli & Vivaldi

Nicholas Mcgegan, Conductor Sherezade Panthaki, Soprano Diana Moore, Mezzo-Soprano Thomas Cooley, Tenor Enrico Lagasca, Bass Handel Choir of Baltimore

BACH Cantata No. 1 from Christmas Oratorio BACH Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, BWV 1048 CORELLI Concerto grosso, Op. 6, No. 8, G minor (Christmas Concerto) VIVALDI Gloria, RV 589

Sat, Dec 7, 8pm

McGegan guides the BSO and a team of all-star vocalists through Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. Vivaldi's setting of the "Gloria in excelsis Deo" delivers some of Baroque music's most iconic and inspired melodies.

MUSIC CENTER

Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras of Strathmore

Luminosity

Sun, Dec 8, 2pm & 7pm Wed, Dec 11, 7pm

MCYO performs a multitude of amazing works showcasing their incredible musicians while exposing the community to new composers and hidden gems from some of the greatest composers of all time.

MUSIC CENTER

Strathmore Presents

A Renaissance Christmas With Ars Gratia Populi

Directed by Kevin Elam
Thu & Fri, Dec 12 & 13,
7:30pm—Sold out!

Bridging the gap between classical chamber and folk music in an a cappella setting for a holiday celebration of the season's carols.

MANSION



Strathmore Presents

Indigo Girls Lucy Wainwright Roche

Thu, Dec 12, 8pm—Sold out! Grammy-winning folk duo, known for their powerful harmonies and timeless hits like "Closer to Fine" and "Howl at the Moon," share stories and songs spanning over three decades.

MUSIC CENTER

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Cirque Nutcracker Troupe Vertigo

Fri, Dec 13, 7:30pm

The sensational Troupe Vertigo joins the BSO to present a new and exciting rendition of Tchaikovsky's beloved *The Nutcracker*, complete with jaw-dropping acrobatics and astonishing choreography.

MUSIC CENTER

Strathmore Presents

Elijah Jamal Balbed & The Jogo Project The Jogo Big Band Holiday Show

Sat, Dec 14, 5pm

Wammie-winning band kicks off the holiday season with its signature Count Basie-Meets-Chuck Brown sound.

GOOD HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER

This program is generously supported by Washington Gas.

The Washington Chorus

A Candlelight Christmas

Sat, Dec 14, 7:30pm

Join the Washington Chorus in celebrating the 15th anniversary of this beloved holiday tradition, featuring spirited brass, a festive chorus, and special guests.

MUSIC CENTER

Washington Bach Consort's

The Christmas Story: Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Sun, Dec 15, 3pm

Focused on the complete story of the Nativity, the Bach Consort is one of just a few ensembles in the nation to present this beloved European tradition annually.

MUSIC CENTER

Strathmore Presents

Virtual Creative Writing Workshops

Thu, Dec 19, 7pm

In this series of workshops, accomplished contemporary authors offer perspectives on their craft and guide participants through a series of writing prompts.

ONLINE



NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC

Ring in the season as National Philharmonic presents two performances of Handel's Messiah on December 21 and December 22. Guest conductor Anthony Blake Clark leads the Baltimore Choral Arts Society and returning soloists Soprano Aundi Marie Moore, Mezzo Soprano Lucia Bradford, Tenor Norman Shankle, and Baritone Jorell Williams through the ultimate holiday classic. On February 28, celebrate the birthday of prolific Polish



composer Frédéric Chopin as pianist Brian Ganz continues his extraordinary quest to perform Chopin's complete catalogue. Tickets start at just \$29 and kids under 17 are always free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

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National Philharmonic

Handel's Messiah

Anthony Blake Clark, Conductor Sat, Dec 21, 7:30pm Sun, Dec 22, 3pm

Celebrate the season with four celebrated soloists, Soprano Aundi Marie Moore, Mezzo Soprano Lucia, Tenor Norman Shankle, and Baritone Jorell Williams.

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Attila Glatz Concert **Productions**

Salute To Vienna New Year's Concert

Sun, Dec 29, 3pm

Ring in 2025 with soaring arias, romantic duets, and festive overtures, evoking the enchantment and grandeur of Vienna's Golden Age.

MUSIC CENTER

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

The Princess Bride In Concert

Fri. Jan 3, 7:30pm

Experience one of the most beloved films of all time as never before with the power of the BSO performing the entire musical score live-to-picture. ©The Princess Bride Limited. All Rights Reserved.

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Tar Production

Homayoun Shajarian & Anoushiravan Rohani

Sat, Jan 4, 8pm

Featuring the Siavash Orchestra, this concert promises an unforgettable performance by two of Iran's most revered musicians. **MUSIC CENTER**

Strathmore Presents

Sensory-Friendly Backstage Tour

Sat, Jan 11, 11am

Young people with autism or sensory sensitivities are invited to come backstage at the Concert Hall for a small-group tour.

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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

The Planets with Heyward

Jonathon Heyward, Conductor Jess Gillam, Saxophone

JAMES LEE III Sukkot Through Orion's Nebula ANNA CLYNE Glasslands **HOLST** The Planets

Sat, Jan 11, 8pm

An out-of-this-world performance featuring an immersive musical tour of the vast solar system and beyond to Orion's Nebula, and crossing into a fantastical realm with Anna Clyne's saxophone

MUSIC CENTER

Strathmore Presents

Virtual Creative Writing Workshops

Thu, Jan 16, 7pm

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ONLINE

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 featuring Tao & Heyward

Jonathon Heyward, Conductor Conrad Tao, Piano

BRITTEN Passacaglia from Peter Grimes MOZART Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor LUTOSŁAWSKI Concerto for Orchestra

Thu, Jan 16, 8pm

Tao illuminates the subtleties of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20. Lutosławski's Concerto for Orchestra is an eartickling marvel of mid-century modernism. An interlude from Benjamin Britten's breakthrough opera provides another angle of emotional mastery from a musician wise beyond his years.

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Classical Arts Entertainment

Swan Lake

Sat, Jan 18, 7pm

A world-class performance of Tchaikovsky's timeless, enchanting classic by the State Ballet Theater of Ukraine.

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Strathmore Presents

Yamato:

The Drummers of Japan 人の力 "Hito no Chikara"-The Power of Human Strength

Thu, Jan 23, 8pm

Witness the sights and sounds of Yamato, a globally renowned Japanese taiko drumming group, playing 40 unique drums on stage. **MUSIC CENTER**



Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Dancing in the Street: Music of Motown

Byron Stripling, Conductor Fri, Jan 24, 8pm

Experience the magic of Motown! Stripling returns for a program featuring smash hits made famous by artists like Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, The Temptations, and Stevie Wonder.

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Strathmore Exhibitions

Strathmore's 33rd Annual Juried Exhibition

Full Circle

Jurors: Glen Kessler and Darryl Patterson

Jan 25-March 1

This call invites artists to create work depicting subjects with a circular form or exploring symbolism, metaphor, or traditions that expand the basic circle.

MANSION

Strathmore & Washington Performing Arts Present

Sasha Velour's The Big Reveal Live Show!

Sat, Jan 25, 8pm

With a sharp-witted script and unexpected humor, the wildly praised gender-fluid drag queen uses comedy to disarm audiences and deliver deep emotional truths.

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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Lunar New Year

Tue, Jan 28, 8pm

After two successful years in Baltimore, the BSO is expanding its Lunar New Year celebration to the Music Center for the very first time. Join the BSO and special guests as they welcome the Year of the Snake, with family-friendly events featuring cultural performances and activities.

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Strathmore Presents

Heloísa Fernandes Quartet

Thu, Jan 30, 7:30pm

Critically acclaimed pianist performs wide-ranging genres infused with the music and diverse culture of her homeland, Brazil.

MANSION

Strathmore Exhibitions

Opening Reception

Fri, Jan 31, 7pm

Mingle with other art lovers to celebrate the opening of our winter exhibitions.

MANSION

Strathmore Presents

Hamid Rahmanian's Song of the North

Fri, Jan 31, 8pm

Cinematic performance combines the manual art of shadow puppetry with projected animation to tell the classic Persian tale.

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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

A Ravel Anniversary & Prokofiev Violin Concerto

Robert Treviño, Conductor Karen Gomyo, Violin

ZHOU TIAN Metropolis
PROKOFIEV Violin Concerto
No. 1

RAVEL Alborada Del Gracioso RAVEL Rapsodie espagnole RAVEL Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte

RAVEL $La\ Valse$, Poème chorégraphique pour orchestre

Sat, Feb 1, 8pm

To celebrate his 150th birthday, the BSO pays tribute to Ravel's status as a titan of orchestration and composition.

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WEDDINGS OPEN HOUSE

Sun, Feb 23, 11am-3pm

Join us in the Mansion for an inspirational wedding showcase! Preview the space decorated for a celebration and enjoy some delicious bites and cocktails from Strathmore Culinary Arts and other preferred caterers. Special rates are available for those who book during the event.

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Annapolis Symphony Orchestra

Pictures at an Exhibition

Netanel Draiblate, Violin Sun, Feb 2, 3pm

Presenting a work that describes composer Mussorgsky's walk through a museum, as he admires the paintings of his friend Viktor Hartmann. Plus, Saint-Saëns' Violin Concerto No. 3 fully embraces romantic fireworks and drama.

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Strathmore Presents

Twelfth Night

Thu, Feb 6, 7:30pm

A period instrumental and vocal ensemble performs early classical music for the modern day.

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Strathmore Presents

Patti LuPone A Life in Notes

Thu, Feb 6, 8pm

The three-time Tony Award winner performs indelible interpretations of unexpected pop hits and American Songbook classics—touchstones and reflections on her life growing up in America—plus electrifying performances of her best-known Broadway songs.

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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Brahms X Radiohead

Fri, Feb 7, 8pm

Performed by the BSO and three pop vocalists, Radiohead's *OK Computer* is interwoven with Brahms' lush first symphony.

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Strathmore Presents

Music Center Birthday Bash

An Afternoon of Performances, Arts Activities, And Family Fun with Inez Barlatier & Justin Roberts and with Kattam & His Tam-Tams

Sat, Feb 8, Hours to come

This special open house event will feature free music classes, face painting, building tours, and more!

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Strathmore Presents

The Westerlies

Sun, Feb 9, 4pm & 7pm

Four brass musicians blend jazz, Americana, and classical chamber music, offering a fresh take on quartet tradition.

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Strathmore Presents

Hanzhi Wang

Thu, Feb 13, 7:30pm

Emerging accordionist redefines the sound and range of the overlooked instrument with style and mastery of her craft.

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Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Rachmaninoff's First Piano Concerto & Stravinsky

Cristian Măcelaru, *Conductor* Simon Trpčeski, *Piano*

JESSIE MONTGOMERY
Snapshots (BSO
Co-Commission)
RACHMANINOFF Piano
Concerto No. 1
STRAVINSKY Symphony in C
ENESCU Romanian Rhapsody

Sun, Feb 16, 3pm

No. 1

Măcelaru brings Romanian flair to music from his homeland and beyond; Trpčeski, the Macedonian pianist favored for "his combination of deft, subtle musicianship allied with virtually infallible fingers" (*The Washington Post*), romps through Rachmaninoff's hearty first piano concerto; and Montgomery offers alluring *Snapshots* in a score cocommissioned by the BSO.

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Thu, Feb 20, 7pm

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ONLINE

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Simply the Best: Music of Tina Turner

Enrico Lopez-Yañez, Conductor Shaleah Adkisson, Vocalist Tamika Lawrence, Vocalist Scott Coulter, Vocalist John Boswell, Piano

Fri, Feb 21, 8pm

A celebration of Turner's iconic musical legacy, featuring hits like "Proud Mary," "What's Love Got to Do with It," "Disco Inferno," "Private Dancer," and "Simply the Best."

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$Strathmore\ Presents$

Lalah Hathaway

Sat, Feb 22, 8pm

The five-time Grammy winner fuses soul, R&B, and jazz while exploring the depths of Black identity in her latest album.

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Pipo Romero

Thu, Feb 27, 7:30pm

Acoustic guitarist blends colors and nuances as he explores the musical traditions of Spain and global folkloric traditions.

MANSION

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Mahler's Fourth Symphony with Heyward

 $\label{eq:conductor} \mbox{Jonathon Heyward}, Conductor \\ \mbox{Julia Bullock}, Soprano$

DVOŘÁK Carnival Overture JESSIE MONTGOMERY Five Freedom Songs MAHLER Symphony No. 4

Thu, Feb 27, 8pm

Montgomery, in collaboration with soprano Bullock, drew from a 19th-century anthology of spirituals to create a work that articulates a powerful expression of their shared experience as Black Americans. Bullock returns for Mahler's Symphony No. 4, with Music Director Heyward steering the BSO through this dreamy score all the way to its heavenly, melodious finale. Dvořák's concert overture is a joyous, exuberant celebration of life, transporting the listener into the wild clamor of a carnival at nightfall.

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National Philharmonic

An Evening of Chopin Brian Ganz, Piano

Fri, Feb 28, 7:30pm

Ganz brings some of Frédéric Chopin's most challenging and exciting compositions to the NatPhil stage in celebration of the composer's 215th birthday. MUSIC CENTER

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Plan your trip by bus with Montgomery County Transit Services.

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