

Sapporo Symphony Orchestra 2023-2024 Season Program as of Oct. 20, 2022

Subscription Concerts

Theme for the year “Night”

Eight programs that follow the theme for the year. Enjoy all the eight concerts as one.

8 programs 16 concerts

Venue: Sapporo Concert Hall Kitara

Saturday from 17:00/Sunday from 13:00

●652nd Sat, April 22, and Sun, April 23

Mussorgsky (arr. Shostakovich):

Khovanshchina Prelude: Dawn on the Moscow River

Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 3

Rachmaninov: Symphony No. 2

~150th anniversary of Rachmaninov birth~

Kentaro Kawase, resident conductor

Olli Mustonen, piano

●653rd Sat, May 27 and Sun, May 28

Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream: Overture, Nocturne

Brahms: Ein deutsches Requiem

~190th anniversary of Brahms birth~

Matthias Bamert, chief conductor

Tamayo Yoshida, soprano, Eijiro Kai, baritone

Sapporo Symphony Chorus (Isao Osanai, Shigeto Oshima and Toshiaki Nakahara, chorus masters)

●654th Sat, June 24 and Sun, June 25

Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 3

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Debussy: Ibelia

Ravel: Rapsodie espagnole

Junichi Hirokami, friendship conductor

Kyohei Sorita, piano

●655th Sat, Sept. 9 and Sun, Sept. 10

Ravel: Le tombeau de Couperin

Falla: Nights in the Garden of Spain

Franck: Symphony

Matthias Bamert, chief conductor

Lise de la Salle, piano

●656th Sat, October 7 and Sun, October 8

Philippe Racine: Des Amours

Heinz Holliger: Dämmerlicht

Fünf Haiku für Sopran und großes Orchester

Sándor Veress: Threnos in memoriam Béla

Bartók

Bartók: Music for Strings, Percussion and

Celesta

Heinz Holliger, conductor

Sarah Wegener, soprano

●657th Sat, Nov. 11 and Sun, Nov. 12

Wagner (arr. H. W. Henze): Wesendonck Lieder

Mahler: Symphony No. 7 Lied der Nacht

Tatsuya Shimono, conductor

Kaori Ikeda, mezzo-soprano

●658th Sat, Jan. 27 and Sun, Jan. 28

Tokyo Concert on Wed, Jan. 31

Britten: Serenade

Bruckner: Symphony No. 6

~200th anniversary of Bruckner birth~

Matthias Bamert, chief conductor

Ian Bostridge, tenor

Alessio Allegrini, horn

●659th Sat, Feb. 24 and Sun, Feb. 25

~90th anniversary of Elgar's Death~

Elgar: Chanson de nuit

Elgar: Cello Concerto

Elgar: Symphony No. 2

Tadaaki Otaka, Honorary Music Director

Michiaki Ueno, cello

Subscription hitaru Concert Series

Evening of a weekday in hitaru listening to favorite classic, piano concerti and a contemporary starting at 7pm

4 concerts

●13th Tue, April 11

Fumiko Kohjiba: Hiroshima Requiem

Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 2

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Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5

Eiji Oue, conductor

Andrei Gavrolov, piano

●14th Thurs, August 3

Poulenc: Suite française *

Grieg: Piano Concerto

Toru Takemitsu: Dreamtime

Stravinsky: L'oiseau de feu Suite

(1919 version)

Masato Suzuki, conductor and harpsicord*

Tomoki Sakata, piano

●15th Tues, Nov. 21

Michio Mamiya: Tableaux pour orchestra

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Mozart: Symphony No. 40

Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2

~190th anniversary of Brahms birth~

Matthias Bamert, chief conductor

Gerhard Oppitz, piano

●16th Thurs, February 8, 2024

Akira Ifukube: Triptyque Aborigène

Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20

Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 “Pastoral”

Junichi Hirokami, friendship conductor

Kei Ito, piano

《Other Concerts》

●Sakkyo Symphonic Brass

Sat, May 13 in Kitara

●Sakkyo Summer Holiday Special

Fri, August 11 at Kitara

Masterpiece Concert

Weekend afternoon starting at 2pm in Kitara for classics in different tone and color with pre-talk session

●Sat, June 17 【Brahms and J. Strauss II from Vienna】

Brahms: Violin Concerto

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J. Strauss II: Waldmeister: Overture, Seid

umschlungen Millionen Walzer, Perpetuum

mobile, Lagunen Walzer, Unter Donner und Blitz

Volkhard Steude, concertmaster & solo violin

●Sat, August 26 【Present from Pommer; Three Great B's from Germany】

J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No.3

Beethoven: Symphony No. 8

Brahms: Symphony No. 4

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Max Pommer, conductor

●Sat, Sept. 16 【Famous Overtures from Forgotten Opers】

Rossini: La gazza ladra Overture, Reznicek: Donna

Diana Overture, Mozart: Der Schauspieldirektor

Overture, Flotow: Martha Overture, Weber:

Oberon Overture, Hérold: Zampa Overture,

Boieldieu: Le calife de Bagdad Overture, Nicolai:

Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor Overture,

Glinka: Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture

Matthias Bamert, chief conductor

●Sat, March 16 【Super Brass Stars】

Popular three soloists are to be invited as Super Brass Stars. Program is to be announced.

Kentaro Kawase, resident conductor

with Eijiro Nakagawa, trombone, Eric Miyashiro,

trumpet and Masato Honda, saxophone

●Sakkyo the Ninth in Kitara with Shurihito

Sat, Dec. 16 & Sun, Dec. 17

Dai Fujikura: Glorious Clouds,

Beethoven: Symphony No. 9