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## ABOUT THE NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

The New World Symphony, America's Orchestral Academy (NWS), prepares graduates of music programs for leadership roles in professional orchestras and ensembles. In the 30 years since its co-founding by Artistic Director Michael Tilson Thomas and by Lin and Ted Arison, NWS has helped launch the careers of more than 1,050 alumni worldwide.

A laboratory for the way music is taught, presented and experienced, the New World Symphony consists of 87 young musicians who are granted fellowships lasting up to three years. The fellowship program offers in-depth exposure to traditional and modern repertoire, professional development training, community engagement and personalized experiences working with leading guest conductors, soloists and visiting faculty. Relationships with these artists are extended through NWS's extensive distance-learning via the internet.

### EXPERIENCE THE NEW WORLD CENTER

Designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, the New World Center has become a global hub for creative expression and collaboration. The New World Center is a cultural meeting place as well—a second home for all to explore classical music and its future. The New World Symphony campus was Frank Gehry's first commission in Florida and is a landmark for American culture, attracting global attention from architecture, art and music aficionados alike. "the outstanding American violinist of his generation" — TIME

"a knockout" — LOS ANGELES TIMES

"one of today's preeminent violinists" — THE NEW YORK TIMES

## GIL SHAHAM AND BRAHMS

Saturday, February 24 at 8:00 PM

Pablo Heras-Casado, conductor Gil Shaham, violin

Liszt: Les Préludes Bartók: Violin Concerto No. 2 Brahms: Symphony No. 3

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SOUNDS OF THE TIMES: JOHN ADAMS AND THE SOUNDS OF AMERICA "If American music has a living epitome, it is John Adams."

- The Sunday Times

#### Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 PM

John Adams, conductor Jonathan Biss, piano Timo Andres, piano

J. Adams: Tromba lontana Lang: Mountain Andres: The Blind Banister Marshall: Flow S. Adams: many words of love

Tickets available at **nws.edu/adams** or at **305.673.3331.** 

# Friday, January 12 at 7:30 PM

Robert Spano, conductor Yefim Bronfman, piano

Robert Spano, celebrated Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony, and world-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman join forces for an unforgettable evening at the New World Center. Samuel Barber's First Symphony packs a punch, compressing the power of four movements into one. Hailed as "a marvel of digital dexterity and jaw-dropping bravura," Bronfman shines in Beethoven's masterpiece.

#### **BRONFMAN PLAYS BEETHOVEN** Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 PM ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER

**Robert Spano**, conductor Yefim Bronfman, piano

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3 Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5

Can music change your life? World-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman thinks so. He returns to the Adrienne Arsht Center with the NWS Fellows and Robert Spano, celebrated Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony, to perform what he calls "the foundation of pianists' existence." Bathed in controversy, Dmitri Shostakovich's powerful, warhorse symphony fuses tragedy, mourning and a superficial optimism, giving voice to a forbidden language.

**PULSE: LATE NIGHT AT THE NEW WORLD SYMPHONY** 

Friday, January 19 at 9:00 PM

Dean Whiteside, conductor Sam Hyken, composer

The anticipation is over. Grab your friends for the last Pulse of the season! Kick off your weekend in South Beach with the hottest lounge-meets-orchestra collab: New World Symphony and local DJ. Stand up close and groove alongside the performers, or arrive early to immerse your senses in the late-night lounge vibe from a seat upstairs. Make history by witnessing the world premiere of Sam Hyken's new work for DJ and orchestra. You've never experienced music fusion like this!

**BEETHOVEN AND BARBER** 

Barber: Symphony No. 1 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3





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**EVENT CALENDAR** 

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#### AN AFTERNOON IN PARIS

Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 PM





Michelle Bradley, soprano Poulenc: Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano Chausson: Perpetual Song Caplet: The Prayers Saint-Saëns: Carnival of the Animals

Witness the City of Lights through the lens of its humorists, Romantics and modernists. Metropolitan Opera soprano Michelle Bradley lends her "rich and vibrant" voice to the anguished unrequited love of Ernest Chausson's Perpetual Song and the glowing beauty of André Caplet's The Prayers, written on the front lines of battle. From the swan's graceful glides to the aquarium's shimmering waters, Camille Saint-Saëns' Carnival whimsically illustrates the animal kingdom.

#### SOLO SPOTLIGHT: LIEDER DECONSTRUCTED

Monday, January 22 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required



Ansel Norris, trumpet

Trumpet Fellow Ansel Norris performs songs by classical music's best lyricists: Schumann, Brahms, Schubert, Richard Strauss and Tchaikovsky. Presented in the intimate SunTrust Pavilion, Solo Spotlights feature one or two Fellows in recital programs they design.

#### PERCUSSION CONSORT: VERSES AND VICES Saturday, January 27 at 7:30 PM



Michael Linville, conductor Kelsey Lauritano, mezzo-soprano Michael Kelly, baritone

Berio: Circles Cage/Harrison: Double Music Crumb: Songs, Drones and Refrains of Death

It's a wild ride when percussive beats meet evocative prose. Experimentalist Luciano Berio plunges into the poetry of e e cummings. The dark and and mystical worlds of surrealist poet Federico García Lorca get a primal treatment, with electric guitars and wild cadenzas, by George Crumb. Contemporary titans John Cage and Lou Harrison made history when each wrote half of the same piece.

#### NEW WORK Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 PM



#### Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor

Tilson Thomas: New work of music to be announced (world premiere) Wall: New play with music to be announced (world premiere; NWS commission) Hearne and Kane: Miami in Movements (world premiere of revised version; NWS commission)

Join New World Symphony Artistic Director Michael Tilson Thomas as he leads an evening exclusively dedicated to new artistic creations. This event is the cornerstone of NWS's commitment to multi-genre innovation.

The program includes the world premieres of a musical composition by MTT himself and a short play by New York playwright Christopher Wall, with selected Fellows performing both musically and theatrically. It concludes with the reprise of Project 305's Miami in Movements, a vibrant multisensory reflection on, and a love song to, contemporary Miami created by composer Ted Hearne and filmmaker Jonathan David Kane.

#### **30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

Saturday, February 10 at 6:00 PM





Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm, gala chairs

The New World Symphony celebrates its 30th Anniversary at the annual black-tie gala. Gala Chairs Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm invite you to celebrate this important milestone.

Please contact Jack Mizutani at 305.428.6777 or jack.mizutani@nws.edu for further details.



THE FIREBIRD Saturday, February 17 at 7:30 PM WALLCAST® CONCERT Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 PM





Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor Leif Ove Andsnes, piano

Xenakis: Shaar Debussy: Fantaisie for Piano and Orchestra Stravinsky: The Firebird

Join MTT and the NWS Fellows for an evening of fantasy and magic. Igor Stravinsky, who always prioritized creative freedom over any controversy left in its wake, conjured an explosive score for The Firebird, one as enchanting as the folklore it paints. MTT leads a rare performance of the full ballet score, wickedly challenging and colorful from its triumphant hymns to the primal Infernal Dance. Hailed as a musician of "magisterial elegance, power and insight," Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes sparkles in Claude Debussy's rarely-heard, yet stunning Fantaisie.

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BRAHMS THE ROMANTIC Friday, February 23 at 7:30 PM



Pablo Heras-Casado, conductor

Ligeti: Romanian Concerto Liszt: Les Préludes Brahms: Symphony No. 3

Pablo Heras-Casado, whom The New York Times hails as "the thinking person's idea of a hotshot young conductor," returns to the New World Symphony for an evening of luxurious orchestral gems. The soaring lushness of Franz Liszt's famous tone poem Les Préludes is pure indulgence. Brahms' rich Third Symphony is one of the genre's greatest hits.



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Pablo Heras-Casado, conductor Gil Shaham, violin

Liszt: Les Préludes Bartók: Violin Concerto No. 2 Brahms: Symphony No. 3

Join multiple Grammy Award-winner Gil Shaham for an exclusive evening at the Adrienne Arsht Center—his only South Florida appearance this spring! Hailed by Time magazine as "the outstanding American violinist of his generation," Shaham spins Bartók's Second Violin Concerto into a gypsy-like trance with exquisite virtuosity. Spanish conducting sensation Pablo Heras-Casado leads the orchestra in Brahms' rich Romantic panorama of heartwarming and heart-wrenching moments in one of the genre's greatest hits. Liszt's famous tone poem Les Préludes lushly combines themes of love, destiny, war and triumph.

#### MUSICIANS' FORUM Monday, February 26 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required

Curated and produced by the Fellows, Musicians' Forums come alive through musical spontaneity and unique artistic partnerships.

#### DOUBLE TAKE: THE IMAGINATIVE SYMPHONY Friday, March 2 at 7:30 PM

NWS Fellows share their take on the works that stir their passions and imaginations in this one-night-only event. Mentored by MTT, selected Fellows get your take on these works in an innovative, immersive performance. From the pastoral mysticism of Sibelius' Fifth Symphony to Debussy's controversial Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun and the wildness of Debussy's depiction of the sea in La Mer to mythical beasts in Roberto Sierra's Carnaval, this interactive performance takes you on a journey of impressions and emotions.

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HIGHLIGHT EVEN

#### THE LEAGUE OF COMPOSERS Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 PM





Daniel Ching, violin Britten: Cello Sonata Shostakovich/arr. Atowmjan: Five Pieces for Two Violins and Piano Chávez: Upingos Ginastera: String Quartet No. 1 Copland/arr. Linville: Danzón cubano

Violinist Daniel Ching, founder of the Miró Quartet, joins the Fellows for music by a worldly gang of composer friends who, despite distance and origins, frequently shared artistic ideas. Aaron Copland, father of the American Sound, offers a tourist's impression of a vivacious Cuba in his *Danzón cubano*, arranged here for percussion ensemble. Dmitri Shostakovich discards his signature darkness for the lively waltzes, polkas and gypsy dances adapted from his theatrical works.

#### Diario Las Américas

#### SOLO SPOTLIGHT: FLUTE WORKS INSPIRED BY THE VOICE Monday, March 5 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required



#### Masha Popova, flute

Flute Fellow Masha Popova presents works by J.S. Bach, Crumb and Schumann, alongside Franz and Karl Doppler's *Rigoletto* Fantasy. Presented in the intimate SunTrust Pavilion, Solo Spotlights feature one or two Fellows in recital programs they design.



#### A RETURN TO BACH'S COFFEEHOUSE Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 PM WALLCAST® CONCERT

Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 PM

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Jeannette Sorrell, conductor/harpsichord

Telemann: Grillen-Symphonie Vivaldi: Concerto in A minor for Two Violins J.S. Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 2 J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2

Long before Starbucks appeared on every corner there was Leipzig's Café Zimmermann, where the original jam sessions were taking place regularly by musical mastermind J.S. Bach and his student orchestra. With libations flowing, Bach would take the stage to perform his own works, as well as those by his admired friends Vivaldi and Telemann. Recreate the magic as Baroque authority Jeannette Sorrell sets the scene with intoxicating zest and hypnotic precision.





Dean Whiteside, conductor Jamie Bernstein, host

Not long ago Leonard Bernstein—celebrated composer, conductor and music educator became a household name, using television to invite millions of young people into the world of classical music. In celebration of his 100th birthday, the New World Symphony welcomes his daughter Jamie as host for an all-Bernstein concert featuring orchestral hits from his Broadway shows West Side Story, Candide, On the Town, Fancy Free and more. Concerts for Kids are designed with the young ones-ages four to nine-in mind. Come early and meet the NWS Fellows at the instrument petting zoo.

The performances of Bernstein's Birthday Bash will be sensory-friendly. We welcome children with Sensory Processing Disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorders to experience the concert live in the hall. Noise-reduction headsets and a quiet room will be available.

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#### Gregory Cardi, host

Discover how and why conductors make choices and shape music by experiencing Copland's Appalachian Spring through a conductor's lens. Violin Fellow Gregory Cardi hosts as audience members are encouraged to participate by asking questions and taking part in post-presentation discussions.



**CONCERTO SHOWCASE** Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 PM WALLCAST® CONCERT Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 PM



Edwin Outwater, conductor **NWS** musician soloists

#### All-concerto program to be announced

In a popular all-concerto program—a staple of the NWS program—select Fellows take the coveted spotlight as winners of this season's concerto competition, an intense contest where Fellows compete head-to-head armed with their favorite solo work. Join us to celebrate the immeasurable talent and accomplishments of the young musicians who call the New World Symphony home.



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John Adams, conductor Jonathan Biss, piano Timo Andres, piano

J. Adams: Tromba lontana Lang: Mountain Andres: The Blind Banister Marshall: Flow (East Coast premiere) S. Adams: many words of love

John Adams, today's contemporary American music icon, returns to lead a program of his own music and that of a younger generation. Hailed for his "playful intelligence and individuality," Timo Andres creates a magical quest inspired by Beethoven in *The Blind Banister*, a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize performed by its dedicatee, pianist Jonathan Biss.

#### SOLO SPOTLIGHT: DEBUSSY, RACHMANINOFF AND STRAVINSKY Monday, April 2 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required



#### John Wilson, piano

Piano Fellow John Wilson presents suites by Debussy, preludes by Rachmanioff and selections from Stravinsky's *Petrushka*. Presented in the intimate SunTrust Pavilion, Solo Spotlights feature one or two Fellows in recital programs they design.

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PINES OF ROME Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 PM WALLCAST® CONCERT Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 PM





#### **Stéphane Denève,** conductor **Johannes Moser,** cello

Berlioz: Overture to Benvenuto Cellini Saint-Saëns: Cello Concerto No. 1 Connesson: E chiaro nella valle il fiume appare (U.S. premiere) Respighi: Pines of Rome

Global conducting phenom Stéphane Denève conjures a vibrant, sun-dappled Italy seen through the lens of French and homegrown musical giants. No composer captured the spirit of Italy quite like its own Ottorino Respighi, whose *Pines of Rome* is a breathtaking ode to nature and the iconic landscapes of the Eternal City. Rockstar cellist Johannes Moser returns in Camille Saint-Saëns' First Concerto, a virtuosic tour de force.

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MAURICE RAVEL: A MUSICAL JOURNEY Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 PM



#### Stéphane Denève, conductor

#### All-Ravel program

French music authority and Music Director-Designate of the St. Louis Symphony, Stéphane Denève makes his anticipated return to lead an in-depth exploration of the music of Maurice Ravel. Discover Ravel's rich body of work in a three-part event that highlights his style and influences, from childlike charm to American jazz to glittering exoticism. Known for his lush harmonies and vibrant orchestral color, Ravel is one of the most extraordinary composers of the 20th century.

Journey Concerts are flowing explorations of a composer or type of music, which also showcase the versatility of the New World Center's performance hall. Using both its main stage and multiple smaller stages, they are continuous performances that transition from one stage to the next, enveloping the audience in the music. Journey Concerts are approximately three hours in length.

#### SCHUBERT AND THE LIGHT WITHIN Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 PM





#### Sharon Robinson, cello

J.L. Adams: The Light Within Torke: Adjustable Wrench Schubert: String Quintet

In the season's final chamber music concert, consummate cellist Sharon Robinson joins the Fellows for an unforgettable performance of Franz Schubert's sublime String Quintet. This final instrumental piece by Schubert is generally regarded as one of the greatest works in the entire chamber music repertoire.

MUSICIANS' FORUM Monday, April 23 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required



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#### SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT

Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 PM, Free, ticket required WALLCAST® CONCERT





Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor

The Side-by-Side Concert is an extraordinary opportunity for young instrumentalists (grades 7-12) to perform alongside the New World Symphony Fellows. The students share the New World Center's stage and develop musical relationships with the Fellows as they rehearse and perform music of the highest caliber.

A limited number of tickets will be available in order to accommodate the students, their families and support networks. Contact the Box Office at 305.673.3331 for more information.









INSIDE THE MUSIC: PAINT NITE AT NWS Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required



Hye Jin Koh, host

Working with guest artists, explore music and visual art by participating in a guided painting session with a classical music pairing. Join Violin Fellow Hye Jin Koh for this unique evening. Audience members are encouraged to participate by asking questions and taking part in post-presentation discussions.

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HIGHLIGHT EVENT

# THE MAHLER LEGACY: 9 Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 PM Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 PM



Ligeti: *Lontano* Mahler: Symphony No. 9

Gustav Mahler's symphonies have changed the way we think about music. And Michael Tilson Thomas is changing the way we hear them. Six of MTT's eleven Grammy Awards celebrate his commanding interpretations of these symphonic masterworks. Witness magic as MTT explores Mahler's Ninth Symphony, a tortured swan song to love, society and life itself. Relish in the last glimpse of this season's Fellows in this formidable finale to an epic 30th Anniversary Season.

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BRAVO! THE MUSICLAB FINALE CONCERT Friday, May 11 at 7:00 PM, Free, ticket required





Dean Whiteside, conductor

The New World Symphony's annual MusicLab program, a yearlong program that involves New World Symphony Fellows mentoring students throughout Miami-Dade County, culminates with this performance featuring the Fellows and their mentoree students from Miami Northwestern Senior High School, Miami Beach Senior High School, Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and Miami Music Project. This free performance celebrates the students' accomplishments and showcases the skills they've honed and developed as a result of their work throughout the school year.







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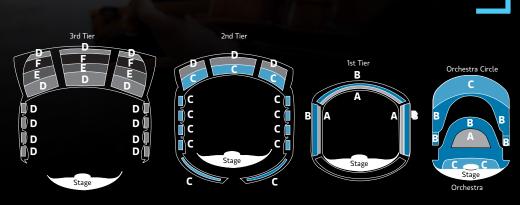
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