



The Soraya Celebrates Its 2022-23 Season Opening Night with *A MoodSwing Reunion*

Featuring Jazz Legends Joshua Redman, Brad Mehldau, Christian McBride, and Brian Blade

Thursday, September 22 at 8pm

Tickets on Sale Now at www.TheSoraya.org!

(Los Angeles, CA) September 1, 2022— **The Soraya** kicks off its 2022-23 season with the celebrated sounds of four Jazz legends—tenor saxophonist and composer Joshua Redman, pianist Brad Mehldau, bassist Christian McBride, and drummer Brian Blade — all trailblazers of the Jazz genre. [*A MoodSwing Reunion*](#) promises to be an unforgettable *Signature Series* performance, a once-in-a-generation celebration of the 30th anniversary of the release of *MoodSwing*—the recording that changed jazz forever.

A Moodswing Reunion takes place Thursday, September 22 at 8pm. Tickets start at \$39 and can be purchased at www.thesoraya.org.

A MoodSwing Reunion is the first of The Soraya's 42-performance season which will include the return of **Jazz at Naz**, a month-long festival in February that will feature some of the best and brightest jazz artists — with two concerts held in The Soraya's one-of-a-kind **Jazz Club**, a 21st century iteration of a low-lit smoke (less) speakeasy.

"One of the things to understand about **Redman + Mehldau + McBride + Blade** is — first of all, they're all amazing musicians. We're looking at about probably 30 different albums that they've all released," said **Reggie Quinerly**, Soraya **Jazz at Naz** host. "But rewind to about 30 years back, they were all very young, and they were coming together and finding their ways as artists."

All Fall 2022 Performances Include:

Season Opening Night!

Thu Sep 22 | 8pm

Signature Series

[Redman + Mehdau + McBride + Blade: A MoodSwing Reunion](#)

Celebrated tenor saxophonist Joshua Redman introduced his first permanent band with his 1994 album *MoodSwing*, an astonishing collection by four precociously talented musicians who would rapidly establish themselves as creative beacons. The original group reunites — with Redman, pianist Brad Mehldau (who won the 2020 Grammy for “Best Jazz Instrumental Album”), bassist Christian McBride, and drummer Brian Blade — for an unforgettable performance of brand-new material alongside signature work that showcases Redman’s “musical breadth, emotional depth, and intellectual savvy” (*Chicago Tribune*).

Sat Oct 1 | 8pm

Hecho en las Américas Series

[Aida Cuevas](#)

45TH Anniversary

Yo Creo Que Es Tiempo

The Queen of Ranchera Music commemorates the 45th anniversary of her career performing beloved songs and greatest hits! Aida will be joined by Mariachi Aztlán as she returns to her Los Angeles familia at The Soraya for another spectacular performance.

Thu Oct 13 | 8pm

Signature Series

[Malpaso Dance Company](#)

with Arturo O’Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble

This artistic export direct from Havana is more than the rhythms and moves you love from Cuba. Malpaso is a serious contemporary dance company that captures the soul of the island nation, its aspirations, and its proud cultural identity alike. The Soraya again brings together live music and dance, with Arturo O’Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble backing the dance company on their groundbreaking work *24 Hours and a Dog*. The company also performs a new piece, by American choreographer Azure Barton, *Stillness in Bloom*, co-commissioned by The Soraya.

Sat Oct 22 | 8pm

Hecho en las Américas Series

[Luis Enrique + C4 Trío](#)

With Special Guest Nella

The sounds of Nicaragua and Venezuela unite in this one-time pairing, only at The Soraya. Luis Enrique “El Príncipe de la Salsa,” headlines the evening—uniting with Venezuelan cuatro ensemble C4 Trío, and Grammy-Award-winning vocalist Nella in her main stage debut in Los Angeles.

Sat Oct 29 | 3pm

Signature Series

[Soweto Gospel Choir; HOPE—It’s Been a Long Time Coming, Songs from the Great African and American Struggle](#)

Hailing from Soweto — the home of revolutionary Nelson Mandela — the world-renowned choir commemorates South Africa’s Freedom Movement and the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. with heartfelt renditions of songs made famous by Billie Holiday, James Brown, Otis Redding, Curtis Mayfield and the one and only Aretha Franklin. The Soweto Gospel Choir continues to inspire audiences with its powerful blend of African gospel, freedom songs and international classics.

Sat Nov 5 | 8pm

Premium Classical Series

[Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Lahave Shani, Musical Director and Conductor](#)

An evening of firsts – the **Israel Philharmonic** makes a historic Soraya debut with new music director **Lahav Shani** who inherited the role from Los Angeles' beloved Zubin Mehta. Shani will provide The Soraya another milestone – the first ever Mahler symphony to resound in the Great Hall. Dedicated to uplifting Israel's creative artists and composers, the orchestra will open the concert with the foremost Israeli composer of classical music, Paul Ben-Haim whose works uplifted Jewish life as the nation of Israel was first forming in the shadow of World War II.

Wed Nov 9 | 8pm

Signature Series

[An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt](#)

Two of America's most prolific songwriters of any generation—Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt—bring their unique blend of musical artistry to The Soraya. Both performers deliver songs that speak to the soul with lyrics filled with equal parts joy and pain. While on stage, the genuine affection and admiration each holds for the other is shared with the audience as they riff, cajole, and entertain not only those listening, but themselves as well.

Sun Nov 13 | 7pm

Signature Series

[Concierto para Dolores: A Musical Tribute to Dolores Huerta](#)

Dolores Huerta is the guest of honor for this Soraya-produced tribute to one of the most influential women of the 20th century. The very best performers in Los Angeles and beyond—including singer-songwriter **David Aguilar**, comedian **Cristela Alonzo**, musician **John Doe**, singer **La Marisoul**, and Guatemalan singer-songwriter **Gaby Moreno**, join a world-class house band and **Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar** in this celebration by Director Dan Guerrero and Musical Director Cheche Alara. All genres unite for an evening honoring Dolores' lifetime devotion to the labor and civil rights movements.

Sun Nov 20 | 7pm

Signature Series

[Emily Bear Plays Syberia: The Word Before and Other Works by Inon Zur](#)

Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, Dr. Noreen Green, Artistic Director and Conductor

A night reveling in the works of award-winning Israeli-American composer **Inon Zur** that transports us to other-worldly places. The LA Jewish Symphony travels through Inon Zur's video game scores, including the World Premiere performance of the **Suite from Syberia: The World Before**, featuring Grammy and Emmy Award-winning pianist Emily Bear. It tells the story of a young pianist in 1937, whose music offers hope amid the growing threat of fascism in Europe. Zur will join as a special guest to perform the Fallout Medley Suite on piano.

Sat Dec 3 | 8pm

Holiday Series

[Watkins Family Hour Christmas](#)

Brother and sister duo Sean and Sara Watkins bring their bluegrass musical variety show to The Soraya with a special Anniversary edition just for the Holidays. The Family Hour began right here in Los Angeles at the nightclub Largo where the siblings are known for gathering their

family and famous friends. You're in for a surprise guest or two who will stop by The Soraya to make music! Most renowned for their work in the trio Nickel Creek, they've enjoyed eight Grammy Award nominations over the years, with a win for Best Contemporary Folk Album for Nickel Creek's "This Side" in 2002.

Wed Dec 7 | 8pm

Holiday Series

[All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914](#)

Based on a true story when peace, camaraderie, and music prevailed on the battlefield in 1914. Out of the violence a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. A remarkable true story, told in the words and songs of the men who lived it. Performed by Theater Latté Da, *the New York Times* calls **All is Calm** "a beautiful musical recounting of a World War I ceasefire of gifts, poetry, and melody."

Sat Dec 10 | 8pm

Sun Dec 11 | 3pm

Holiday Series

[Nochebuena](#)

Featuring Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles and Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar

A popular holiday tradition at The Soraya, the lively Nochebuena celebration returns this year with an extraordinary line-up.

Sat Dec 17 | 7pm

Holiday Series

[Alton Brown Live](#)

[Beyond the Eats—The Holiday Variant](#)

Former host of scientific cooking show *Good Eats*, chef and Food TV personality Alton Brown is hitting the road with a new variant of his culinary variety show just in time for Holidays. Audiences can look forward to cooking, comedy, music, mayhem, and dangerous-seeming science stuff. Prepare for an evening unlike any other and if Brown calls for volunteers...think twice. Expect audience interaction, maybe a gameshow segment, strange devices, and other amusements meant for foodies.

Sun Dec 18 | 7pm

Holiday Series - Onstage Sessions

[London Handel Players](#)

[A Baroque Christmas](#)

Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit, sitting onstage with this Baroque ensemble from London. Conjuring Christmases past, the nine-piece ensemble will perform excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and sparkling works by Mozart and Vivaldi. Having toured extensively in Europe and North America, **London Handel Players** will make a rare West Coast stop at The Soraya for this intimate holiday celebration.

Contact The Soraya for interview and ticket requests. For questions or ticket information, visit www.TheSoraya.org or call the Ticket Office at (818) 677-3000. **Office hours are 11am-4pm, Tuesday through Saturday.**

About the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya)

Located on the vibrant and diverse campus of California State University in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, the **Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya)** continues its vigorous commitment to innovating, exceling, and amplifying access by offering a wide variety of performances that reflect LA's many distinctive communities and featuring new and original work from the Los Angeles region as well as artists from around the world.

The Soraya's 2022-23 season offers a joy-filled reunion featuring a vibrant program of nearly 50 classical and popular music, dance, theater, family, and international events that will further establish it as one of the top arts companies in Southern California that uplifts and inspires its audiences.

Tickets: For all ticket information visit www.thesoraya.org or call the Ticket Office at (818) 677-3000.

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