

Two Nights of Classical Music at The Soraya!

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Shostakovich, Brahms, and Ogonek***

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Festival Strings Lucerne***

Thu, Nov 9 at 8pm

Tickets available now at <http://www.thesoraya.org/classical!>

(Los Angeles, CA) Oct. 31, 2023— The Soraya's 2023/2024 Season continues in November with two extraordinary nights of classical music — Esa-Pekka Salonen returns to The Soraya to conduct the Colburn Orchestra on Sat, Nov 4 at 8pm, followed by the astonishing violinist Midori performing with Festival Strings Lucerne on Thu, Nov 9 at 8pm.

The Colburn Orchestra: Shostakovich, Brahms, and Ogonek conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen

A beloved Los Angeles institution for more than three decades, Esa-Pekka Salonen is now the Music Director of San Francisco Symphony, but continues to make the Southland his home- away-from-home, as head of the Negaunee Conducting Program at the Colburn School. He returns to The Soraya for the fourth time leading Brahms Symphony No. 4 which premiered in 1885, a piece described by many experts as being inspired by and closely related to Beethoven's symphonies. The program also features a contemporary piece by Elizabeth Ogonek as part of the California Festival: A Celebration of New music, a two-week statewide music initiative showcasing the most compelling and forward-looking voices in performances of works written in the past five years.

This concert is free to the public, limited ticket availability.

The Colburn Orchestra Program:

Elizabeth OGONEK *Moondog* (2022)
SHOSTAKOVICH Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 107 (1959)
BRAHMS Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98 (1884)

Midori makes her Soraya debut with Festival Strings Lucerne led by Daniel Dodds

On Thursday, November 9, Midori will make her debut on The Soraya's Great Hall stage with the Lucerne String Quartet led by Artist Director Daniel Dodds.

Wowing audiences since her debut with The New York Philharmonic at the age of 11, the Japanese-born phenom joins the Swiss ensemble Festival Strings Lucerne for her debut at The Soraya. Midori is equally at home on concert stages worldwide as she is in her role as global human rights activist. Though debuting at The Soraya, she is no stranger to Los Angeles, where she acts as Distinguished Professor at USC. She appears twice on the program—Beethoven's Romance in F major and Robert Schumann's Violin Concerto in D minor, a piece shrouded in mystery, having been relegated to secrecy for eight decades following Schumann's death in 1856. The program closes with Beethoven's Symphony No. 4, one of the least performed of his symphonic works.

The Midori, Festival Strings Lucerne Program

HONEGGER Pastorale d'été, H. 31
DUBUGNON Caprice IV "Es muss sein!", Op. 72, No. 4
SCHUMANN Violin Concerto in D Minor, WoO 23
BEETHOVEN Romance in F Major for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 50 No. 2
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 60

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For questions or ticket information, visit www.TheSoraya.org or call the Ticket Office at (818) 677-3000. Office hours are 11a-4p, Tuesday through Saturday.

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

The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for The Performing Arts (The Soraya) is an award-winning, state-of-the-art 1,700-seat theatre designed and built by HGA Architects and Engineers and opened in January 2011 as the Valley Performing Arts Center (VPAC). Through a transformative gift by Younes and Soraya Nazarian the venue was renamed as The Soraya in 2017. Vibrant programming has served to establish The Soraya as the intellectual and cultural heart of the San Fernando Valley and its 1.8 million residents, and as one of the top arts and culture venues in Southern California. Since its inaugural season, The Soraya has presented over 500 artists and companies across the genres of music, dance, theater and film and is a highly in demand location for filming and rental events.

The Soraya's 2023/2024 Season boldly advances the expansive sound of orchestras both traditional and contemporary; the freestyle vibe of jazz; an array of dance luminaries, and a cultural bounty drawn from the musical well of global voices. The Soraya continues its vigorous commitment to innovating, excelling, and amplifying access by offering a wide variety of performances that reflect Los Angeles' many distinctive communities and featuring new and original work and artists from the local region as well as nationally and around the world.

Located on the vibrant campus of California State University Northridge (CSUN), The Soraya and the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication share an integral link that enhances student access and opportunities in the arts and performing arts. A \$5 million contribution from record producer and former California Lieutenant Governor Mike Curb was pivotal in ensuring the completion and opening of The Soraya in 2011. For his founding support and in acknowledgment of the integral relationship between the Mike Curb College and The Soraya, Mike Curb is recognized as one of The Soraya's Cornerstone Benefactors. This partnership fosters academic and artistic excellence, elevating the talents and the future growth of CSUN's students through master classes, student tickets, concerts of student ensembles, and students appearing alongside renowned artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Aida Cuevas, and Martha Graham Dance Company.

What: The Colburn Orchestra: Shostakovich, Brahms, and Ogonek conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen

Midori with Festival Strings Lucerne led by Daniel Dodds

When: Saturday, November 4, 8:00 PM – The Colburn Orchestra
Thursday, November 9, 8:00 PM – Midori with Festival Strings Lucerne

Where: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya)
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

Tickets: Tickets start at \$49

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