

A close-up photograph of a violin and its bow, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The violin is positioned diagonally across the frame, with the bow resting on the strings. The background is a soft-focus image of a violinist's hands playing the instrument.

Explore Our
58th SEASON





lakeland symphony orchestra

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VIOLIN 1

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MATTHEW DAVIS
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BASS

MICHAEL LAWSON, PRINCIPAL
FON SILVERS
HOLLY CORDERO

FLUTE

WHITNEY ROBLES, PRINCIPAL
TINA EDELSTEIN

OBOE

JENNIFER STAHL, PRINCIPAL
DAWN HARDY

CLARINET

GEORGE LINAKIS, PRINCIPAL
JESSE BRYANT II

BASSOON

JAZMIN SKIPPER, PRINCIPAL
JOHN ISKRA

FRENCH HORN

CHASE DECARLO, PRINCIPAL
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PHILIP SHULER

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TUBA

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PERCUSSION

DR. DAVID MITCHELL, PRINCIPAL
MIRNA PEHAR BOWEN
DR. TYSON VOIGT

PIANO

LINDA CHARLTON, PRINCIPAL

HARP

DOLLY ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL

welcome

Welcome to the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra's 58th season. Sharing in the love of music with our community is a gift we have been fortunate to enjoy since 1965. Your support for live symphonic music is why we can continue to enrich, entertain and inspire audiences in Polk County and beyond. Together, we are a powerful, stimulating, steadfast, collective harmony.

Beginning in October with the Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series, we'll start our season in Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College. We'll kick off with guest pianist Robert Fleitz, a Lakeland native who has made appearances in 25 U.S. states and 17 countries worldwide. In December, we'll be at the historic Polk Theatre for two holiday performances, and then back at Branscomb Auditorium to finish out the season with programming that includes Holst's The Planets, selections from West Side Story, as well as the presentation of our Beth Mason Young Artist scholarship winner. And you can plan to attend the Gallery Concert Series at the Polk Museum of Art where you'll have the opportunity immerse yourself in both the visual and musical arts with our LSO ensembles in a more intimate setting.

Finally, mark your calendars for the LSO's 22nd Night at the Opera on January 20th for a fully staged production of Puccini's Madama Butterfly under the direction of Principal Opera Conductor Robert Moody.

Looking forward to an exciting season ahead! See you at the Symphony!



Chuck McDanal
LSO Board President 2023-24

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The Lakeland Symphony Orchestra extends sincere appreciation to the partners who support the mission of the Symphony each year.

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Supported in part through a partnership with **Florida Southern College** and the Departments of Music and Opera Theatre.

Sponsored in part by the **State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture** and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture (Section 286.25, Florida Statutes).



education + outreach

BETH MASON YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION



High school and college student artists are invited to participate in the return of the Symphony's Young Artists Competition.

- Artists in high school (grade 9+) or college (undergraduate or graduate)
- Polk County residents or enrolled in a Polk County school
- Voice, piano, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion

The winner of the Young Artists Competition will earn a \$1,000 scholarship and perform with the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra on March 2, 2024.

APPLY DEC 18-JAN 19

LKLD SYMPHONY.ORG

Children and students of all ages receive free tickets to concerts in the Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series. Add student tickets to your adult subscription to make sure your family doesn't miss a beat!

Students attend symphony concerts for free!

PUBLIX CHARITIES ANNUAL COOKIE CONCERT

The concert where dancing in the aisles is encouraged!

The LSO's annual Cookie Concert has been a family favorite for generations. The free event includes music demonstrations and kid-friendly activities before the concert - and Publix Bakery cookies on the way home!

1:00 PM: Instrument Petting Zoo and Pre-Concert Activities

2:00 PM: Concert

Duration: One hour

Location: Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College

Cost: Free!



SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

You are Instrumental

PLAY YOUR PART IN THE SYMPHONY'S SEASON

The Symphony's donor amenities offer even more opportunities for you to engage the musicians, connect with fellow patrons and invite your friends to join you at the Symphony.

CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE (\$25,000 +)

- Opportunity to sponsor the Symphony's conductor for one season
- *Plus all the benefits below*

ARTIST'S CIRCLE (\$15,000 +)

- Meet Maestro Mark Thielen for a sneak peek at the upcoming season
- Two (2) additional ticket vouchers
- *Plus all the benefits below*

CONCERTMASTER'S CIRCLE (\$7,500 +)

- Opportunity to sponsor the Symphony's Concertmaster for one season
- Benefactor's Reception: Join us for a private reception, then take a seat with the orchestra for rehearsal
- *Plus all the benefits below*

PRINCIPAL'S CIRCLE (\$3,500 +)

- Opportunity to sponsor a Symphony Principal Musician for one season
- Invitation to recitals by LSO musicians
- *Plus all the benefits below*



MUSICIAN'S CIRCLE (\$1,500 +)

- Opportunity to sponsor a Symphony Section Musician for one season
- Two (2) complimentary drink coupons for Toast to the Holidays concert at the Polk Theatre
- *Plus all the benefits below*

SYMPHONY SOCIETY (\$750 +)

- Two (2) "bring-a-friend" ticket vouchers
- *Plus all the benefits below*

FRIEND (\$100 +)

- Early access to subscription and ticket sales
- Recognition in programs
- Season magnet

In order to maximize your benefits, donor amenities do not include items with fair market value, such as tickets to performances.

All amenities and event invitations are subject to availability and scheduling.

subscribe and save

Super Subscription

Keep things simple with the new "Super Subscriber" options! Each Super Subscription includes one best available ticket to every concert this season.

- Four (4) *Jenkins Symphony Series*
- Four (4) *Gallery Series*
- One (1) *Opera (with or without Grande Reception)*

Option	Subscription	You Save
<i>With</i> Grande Reception	\$468.60	\$124.40 <small>(\$93.40 in tickets & \$31 in fees)</small>
<i>Without</i> Grande Reception	\$373.60	

Choose your ticket price for the symphonic series or package everything with the new "Super Subscription." Either way, you'll be saving at least 20% over single ticket rates – and that's before order fees. Subscribe today to get the best seats, the best price and become part of our growing subscriber family!





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1. Mail your order form to Lakeland Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 2623, Lakeland, FL 33806.
2. Call the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra box office (863) 688-3743.
3. Subscribe online at lkldsymphony.org.

Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series Subscriptions

See all four (4) concerts in the Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series at the Polk Theatre - *October 14, December 2 or 3, March 2, and May 4.*

- subscriber ticket prices
- guaranteed seats
- free ticket exchanges
- no ticketing fees (even on special events)

Seating	Subscription	You Save
 Premium	\$156.80	\$51.20 <small>(\$39.20 in tickets and \$12 in fees)</small>
 Good	\$131.20	\$44.80 <small>(\$32.80 in tickets and \$12 in fees)</small>
 Standard	\$108.80	\$39.20 <small>(\$27.2 in tickets and \$12 in fees)</small>
 Economy	\$83.20	\$32.80 <small>(\$20.80 in tickets and \$12 in fees)</small>

Add-On Concerts

As a subscriber to the Jenkins Symphony Series, you have the first chance to purchase tickets for *Madama Butterfly* - plus, subscribers always avoid ticket fees!

GALLERY CONCERTS

Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland





September 14, November 9, February 8, April 11

Seating	Subscriber Price
General Admission	\$156.80

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Branscomb Auditorium, Lakeland

January 20

Seating	Subscriber Price
 Premium	\$60
 Good	\$44
 Standard	\$32
 Economy	\$20

ANNE JENKINS MEMORIAL SYMPHONY



Robert Fleitz, Piano



OCT 14 / 7:00 PM
hungarian nights

<u>Location</u>	Branscomb Auditorium Florida Southern College, Lakeland	
<u>Length</u>	One hour, 10 minutes NO INTERMISSION	
<u>Seating</u>	Reserved seating	
<u>Guest Artist</u>	Robert Fleitz, piano	
<u>What You'll Hear</u>		
Johannes Brahms 1833-1897	Hungarian Dances 4-6	
Franz Liszt 1811-1886	Piano Concerto No. 2	
Zoltan Kodaly 1882-1967	Harry Janos Suite	

MAR 2 / 7:00 PM
the planets

<u>Location</u>	Branscomb Auditorium Florida Southern College, Lakeland	
<u>Length</u>	One hour, 30 minutes 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION	
<u>Seating</u>	Reserved seating	
<u>Visuals</u>	Adrian Wyard	
<u>What You'll Hear</u>		
Richard Strauss 1864-1949	Opening Also Sprach der Zar	
TBD	Young Artist W. A. Mozart	
Gustav Holst 1874-1934	The Planets Accompanying video	

*Please visit www.LkldSymphony.org for current event information.
Concerts and performances are subject to change or cancellation.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS START
AT \$17 PER CONCERT!

NY SERIES



Dawn Hardy, English Horn

MAY 4 / 7:00 PM
love connections

Lakeland
Min Intermission

Sprach Sarathustra

Winner Selection

visual presentation

Location	Branscomb Auditorium Florida Southern College, Lakeland	
Length	One hour, 10 minutes NO INTERMISSION	
Seating	Reserved seating	
What You'll Hear		
Carl Maria von Weber 1786-1826	Overture to "Oberon"	
Giuseppe Ferlendis 1755-1810	Concerto for English Horn	
Leonard Bernstein 1918-1990	Symphonic Dances from West Side Story	

	Seating	Price
	Premium	\$52
	Good	\$44
	Standard	\$37
	Economy	\$29

ANNE JENKINS MEMORIAL SYMPHONY SERIES

Toast to the Holidays

DEC 2 / 7:00 PM


DEC 3 / 2:00 PM

Location Polk Theatre
121 S Florida Ave, Lakeland

Length One hour, 10 minutes
NO INTERMISSION

Seating Reserved seating

Kick off the holiday season with the LSO for
all your favorite music of the season!

	Seating	Price
	Premium	\$52
	Good	\$44
	Standard	\$37
	Economy	\$29

GALLERY CONCERTS



CHAMBER MUSIC

<u>Location</u>	Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College 811 E Palmetto St, Lakeland
<u>Length</u>	One hour NO INTERMISSION
<u>Seating</u>	General Admission \$52

Explore the endless repertoire of chamber music with the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra while immersed among the Polk Museum of Art’s exhibitions. A full sensory experience, this is your opportunity to be inspired by music in a more intimate setting.

SEP 14 / 7:00 p.m.	Remembering Vilna: <i>The Holocaust and the Art of Samuel Bak</i> String Quartet
NOV 9 / 7:00 p.m.	Timeless Origins: <i>The Art of Reynier Llanes</i> Cello Quartet
FEB 8 / 7:00 p.m.	Rockwell/Wyeth: <i>Icons of Americana</i> Woodwind Quintet
APR 11 / 7:00 p.m.	Rockwell/Wyeth: <i>Icons of Americana</i> Brass Quintet

All performances include a 6pm reception with light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

JAN 20 / 7:00 PM

Location Branscomb Auditorium
at Florida Southern College
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland

Length Two hours, 45 minutes | INTERMISSION

Seating Reserved seating

Giacomo Puccini, composer (1858-1924)
Giuseppe Giacosa (1847-1906) and Luigi Illica (1857-1919),
Librettists

At the turn of the 20th century in Japan, Lieutenant Benjamin Franklin Pinkerton of the U.S. Navy leases a house that comes with a geisha wife named Cio-Cio-San, known as Madam Butterfly. Though he is advised against it, he marries the girl. At the marriage ceremony it is revealed that Cio-Cio-San abandoned her ancestral religion for that of the Christian missions, causing her family to denounce her.

Three years later Cio-Cio-San waits for her husband to return while being confronted with a troubling letter, unwanted suitor, and constant longing for her American husband to return and meet his child. However, when Pinkerton does return, it is not the reunion Cio-Cio-San might have wished.

	Seating	Price
	Premium	\$82 (\$75 ticket + \$7 fee)
	Good	\$62 (\$55 tickets + \$7 fee)
	Standard	\$47 (\$40 ticket + \$7 fee)
	Economy	\$32 (\$25 ticket + \$7 fee)

*\$95 GRANDE RECEPTION may be added to Premium ticket (Hosted by Deanna & Howard Bayless)



MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Celebrating 22 Seasons OF PROFESSIONAL OPERA IN POLK COUNTY

With 21 opera seasons in the books, the LSO will enter the 2023-24 season with another fully-staged opera production in store. *Madama Butterfly* will see the return of Principal Opera Conductor, **Robert Moody**, as well as the Lakeland Opera chorus, which includes Florida Southern College students.



**GRANDE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
AT THE HOME OF DEANNA & HOWARD BAYLESS**

venues & seating

■ premium ■ good ■ standard ■ economy

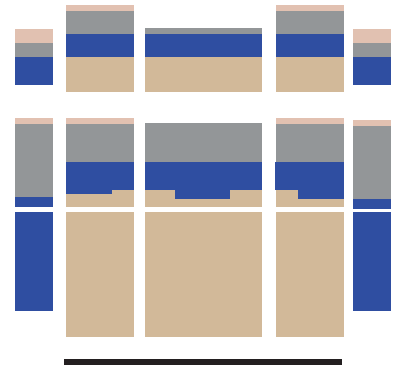
BRANSCOMB AUDITORIUM

111 LAKE HOLLINGSWORTH DR
LAKELAND, FL 33801

Branscomb Auditorium is located on the campus of Florida Southern College and hosts student performances as well as touring artists. Balcony is stair access only.



branscomb auditorium



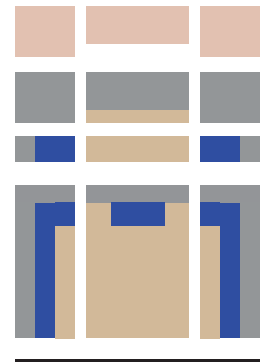
POLK THEATRE

121 S FLORIDA AVE
LAKELAND, FL 33801

The Polk Theatre is one of three atmospheric theaters in Florida - so called because of the simulated natural setting of the twinkling stars in the ceiling. Loge, Mezzanine and Balcony are stair access only.



polk theatre



POLK MUSEUM OF ART

AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE
801 E PALMETTO ST.
LAKELAND, FL 33801

The Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College is a Smithsonian Affiliated Museum presenting exhibitions from permanent and touring collections. Ensemble concerts will be performed in the gallery spaces with general admission seating.



Wheelchair accessible parking and seating is available for all venues.

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OCT 14 Hungarian Nights	PREMIUM	X	\$156.80	=
DEC 2 & 3 Toast to the Holidays (select date)	GOOD	X	\$131.20	=
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MAR 2 Planets				
MAY 4 Love Connections	STUDENT	X	FREE	FREE
	SYMPHONY TOTAL			\$

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JAN 20 Madama Butterfly	PREMIUM	X	\$60	=
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With premium tickets, add the Grande Reception following the opera at the home of Deanna & Howard Bayless for \$95 per person.	GOOD	X	\$44	=
	STANDARD	X	\$32	=
	STUDENT	X	\$20	=
	OPERA TOTAL			\$

ADD-ON GALLERY CONCERTS	SEATING	# SEATS	PRICE	TOTAL
SEP 14	GA	X	\$39.20	=
NOV 9	GA	X	\$39.20	=
FEB 8	GA	X	\$39.20	=
APR 11	GA	X	\$39.20	=
	GALLERY TOTAL			\$



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