

59th Season 2024-2025



**Lakeland
Symphony^o
Orchestra**





Lakeland Symphony Orchestra

MARK THIELEN | MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

VIOLIN 1

Alvaro Pereiro | Concertmaster
Marina Tucker | Assoc. Concertmaster
Sarah Morrison
Pamela Mireles
Evgeny Komarnitskiy
Brett Bechakas
Michael DeJesus
Francisco Diaz

VIOLIN 2

Joshua Dampier | Principal
Dixie Yesenia Ortiz
Maddie Klee
Laura Crowe
Luisa Zambrano
Eduardo Castro
Fernando Tirado
Norma Vaillette

VIOLA

Dr. Rafael Ramirez | Principal
Tracy Thielen
Heather Gullstrand
Oana Potur
Warren Pattison
Jose Fiortentino

CELLO

Michael Sedloff | Principal
Matthew Davis
Audra McWhinnie
Bethany Thompson
Olga Beliaieva
Anne Parrette

BASS

Michael Lawson | Principal
Fon Silvers
Holly Cordero
Shelby Montgomery

FLUTE

Whitney Robles | Principal
Tina Edelstein

OBOE

Jennifer Stahl | Principal
Dr. Dawn Hardy

CLARINET

George Linakis | Principal
Jesse Bryant II

BASSOON

Jazmin Skipper | Principal
John Iskra

FRENCH HORN

Chase Decarlo | Principal
Nicholas Burner
Klae Peek
Philip Shuler

TRUMPET

Griffin Weber | Principal
Kyle Lanier
Jason Aylward

TROMBONE

Kaylea Bowden | Principal
Douglas Dial
Craig Sotolongo

TUBA

Joseph Alvarez | Principal

TIMPANI

Dr. Danny Tindall | Principal

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 59th season! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to invite you to join us for a series of unforgettable musical performances. This season promises a rich tapestry of classical masterpieces and exciting contemporary works that will delight audiences of all ages.

We also continue to expand our outreach programs to enrich our community through music education, ensuring that the joy of music reaches even more individuals.

Your support is invaluable to us as we continue to grow and innovate. Together, let's embark on this musical journey filled with passion, creativity, and the timeless beauty of orchestral music.

Thank you for being a part of our Symphony Orchestra family. Here's to a season filled with extraordinary music and cherished memories!



Ashley Bailey
LSO Board President 2024-25



2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A NOTE OF THANKS



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

Support for programs and educational activities provided through the **City of Lakeland Mayor's Council for the Arts** grants program.

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



Education & Outreach



THE BETH MASON YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN ENTER TO WIN \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP AND PERFORM WITH THE LSO ON MARCH 8, 2025!

- Artists in high school (grade 9+) or college (undergraduate or graduate)
- Polk County resident students or enrolled in a Polk County school
- Voice, piano, strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion
- Applications open December 18 thru January 19
- Apply at [LKLDsymphony.org](https://lkldsymphony.org)

PUBLIX CHARITIES ANNUAL COOKIE CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

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

1:00pm: Instrument Petting Zoo and activities

2:00pm-3:00pm: Concert

Location: Branscomb Auditorium at FSC

Cost: Free!



DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS CAN ATTEND LAKELAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS FOR FREE?

Children and students of all ages can attend any Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series concert at no additional charge! Be sure to add student tickets to your adult subscription to make sure your family doesn't miss a beat!

You're Instrumental in Bringing the Arts to Our Community!

PLAY YOUR PART IN LSO'S 59TH 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 LSO's conductor for one season
- **PLUS** all the benefits below

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

- 2 additional ticket vouchers
- **PLUS** all the benefits below

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

- Opportunity to sponsor the Symphony's Concertmaster for one season
- **PLUS** all the benefits below

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

- Opportunity to sponsor a Symphony Principal Musician for one season
- **PLUS** all the benefits below



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

- Opportunity to sponsor a Symphony Section Musician for one season
- **PLUS** all the benefits below

SYMPHONY SOCIETY (\$750+)

- 4 Bring-a-Friend ticket vouchers
- VIP parking at concerts at Branscomb (excludes Opera)
- **PLUS** all the benefits below

FRIEND (\$100+)

- 2 Bring-a-Friend ticket vouchers
- Early access to subscription and ticket sales
- Special VIP access to pre-concert events and receptions
- Recognition in programs
- Season magnet

JOIN THE GLASS JAR CLUB FOR ONLY \$19.65!



In recognition of the year the LSO was founded (1965), your monthly gift of \$19.65 ensures the LSO can continue to educate, inspire, and entertain audiences. Scan the code now to get all of the FRIEND perks listed above and more!

Subscribe & Save

Choose your ticket price for the symphonic series or package everything in a 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!

3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE:

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

Benefits Disclaimer

In order to maximize your benefits, please note that 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.

ADD-ON CONCERTS

As a subscriber to the Jenkins Symphony Series, you have the first chance to purchase tickets for *Man of La Mancha*—plus, subscribers always avoid ticket fees!

SUPER SUBSCRIPTION

Keep things simple with Super Subscriber options and get one best available ticket to every concert this season. Plus, no extra fees!

- 4 Jenkins Symphony Series
- 4 Gallery Series
- 1 Opera (with or without Grande Reception)
- No extra fees (including special events!)

SUBSCRIPTION OPTION	\$ BEFORE*	\$ NOW	SAVINGS
w/ Grand Reception	\$655.00	\$523.60	\$131.40
w/o Grand Reception	\$498.00	\$373.60	\$124.40

* "Before" ticket prices shown include fees.

ANNE JENKINS MEMORIAL SYMPHONY SERIES SUBSCRIPTIONS

See all four (4) concerts in the Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series. October 12, December 14 or 15, March 8, and April 12.

- Subscriber ticket price savings
- Guaranteed seats
- Free ticket exchanges
- No extra fees (including special events!)

SEAT SELECTION	\$ BEFORE*	\$ NOW	SAVINGS
PREMIUM	\$208.00	\$156.80	\$51.20
STANDARD	\$128.00	\$92.80	\$35.20

* "Before" ticket prices shown include fees.

SEATS	SUBSCRIBER \$
GENERAL	\$156.80

GALLERY CONCERTS

The AGB Museum of Art*

September 12, November 14, 2024
February 13, April 24, 2025

*Formerly Polk Museum of Art

SEATS	SUBSCRIBER \$
PREMIUM	\$60.00
STANDARD	\$30.00
STUDENT	\$15.00

MAN OF LA MANCHA
FSC Branscomb Auditorium
January 18, 2025

Anne Jenkins

Memorial Symphony Series

SEATS	TICKETS \$
PREMIUM	\$52.00
STANDARD	\$32.00
STUDENT	FREE



OCT 12, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FIRE & WATER

LOCATIONBranscomb Auditorium
Florida Southern College

LENGTH..... 1 hour, 30 min
No intermission

SEATING Reserved

MUSICOrpheus in the Underworld
Jacques Offenbach (1819-1880)

Water Concerto
Tan Dun (1957-)

Selections from Water Music
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Suite from the “Firebird”
Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

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



Featuring:

Carrie Wann Bailey | Violin
Julius Wirth Fuentes | Viola



MAR 8, 2025 | 7:00 PM

WELCOME HOME

LOCATION Branscomb Auditorium
Florida Southern College

LENGTH 1 hour, 30 min
No intermission

SEATING Reserved

MUSIC Overture to Zampa
Ferdinand Hérold (1791-1833)
John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola & Orchestra
in E flat major, K. 364

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Special guests: Carrie Wann Bailey & Julius Wirth Fuentes

Symphony no. 4 in F minor
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Plus, additional selections from our
Beth Mason Young Artist Award recipients!



Featuring:

Matthew Corl | Organ



APR 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM

LA MUSIQUE:

FEATURING SAINT-SAËNS ORGAN SYMPHONY

LOCATION Branscomb Auditorium
Florida Southern College

LENGTH 2 hours
Intermission

SEATING Reserved

MUSIC Grand Choeur Dialogue
for Organ & Orchestra
Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

Requiem in D minor, Op. 48
Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Special guests: Florida Southern College Concert Choir

Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Op. 78
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
Special guest: Matthew Corl

Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH LSO!

SEATS	TICKETS \$
PREMIUM	\$52.00
STANDARD	\$32.00
STUDENTS	FREE

PRESENTED BY
CORE WEALTH
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DEC 14, 2024 | 7:00 PM
DEC 15, 2024 | 2:00 PM

TOAST TO THE HOLIDAYS

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

LOCATION Branscomb Auditorium
Florida Southern College

LENGTH 1 hour, 10 min
No intermission

SEATING Reserved





Gallery Concerts Bring Art & Music Together

**ASHLEY GIBSON BARNETT MUSEUM OF ART
AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE**

CHAMBER MUSIC

Experience the Gallery Concert Series, where chamber music resonates within the vibrant galleries of The AGB (formerly Polk Museum of Art). This season, enjoy a diverse lineup of ensemble performances featuring strings and winds, as LSO musicians bring art to life with captivating melodies.

LOCATION The AGB Museum of Art

LENGTH 1 hour
No intermission

SEAT PRICE General Admission | \$52

6:00PM Reception (all shows)
Light hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

9/12/24 | 7:00PMString Quartet

11/14/24 | 7:00PM Woodwind Quintet

2/13/25 | 7:00PMString Quartet

4/24/25 | 7:00PMString Quartet

Gallery Concerts are subject to change or cancellation.
Please visit [LkldSymphony.org](https://www.LkldSymphony.org) for current information.

A Night at the Opera is a Night to Remember

SEATS	TICKETS \$
PREMIUM	\$82.00
STANDARD	\$47.00
STUDENTS	\$32.00

GRANDE RECEPTION | \$150

This exclusive event takes place immediately after the performance and can be added to a Premium ticket. (Hosts and location TBA)

*Seat prices include a \$7 fee.

JAN 18, 2025 | 7:00 PM

MAN OF LA MANCHA

Featuring Principal Opera Conductor, Robert Moody, this timeless tale of courage and imagination in “Man of La Mancha”, the beloved opera adaptation of Cervantes’ classic novel, “Don Quixote”. Follow the noble Don Quixote on his quest to defend chivalry and love against the backdrop of the Spanish Inquisition. With stirring music and unforgettable characters, this enduring masterpiece transports audiences to a world where dreams defy reality.

LOCATION:Branscomb Auditorium
Florida Southern College

LENGTH:2 hours
15 min intermission

SEATING:Reserved

WRITER:Dale Wasserman

MUSIC:Mitch Leigh

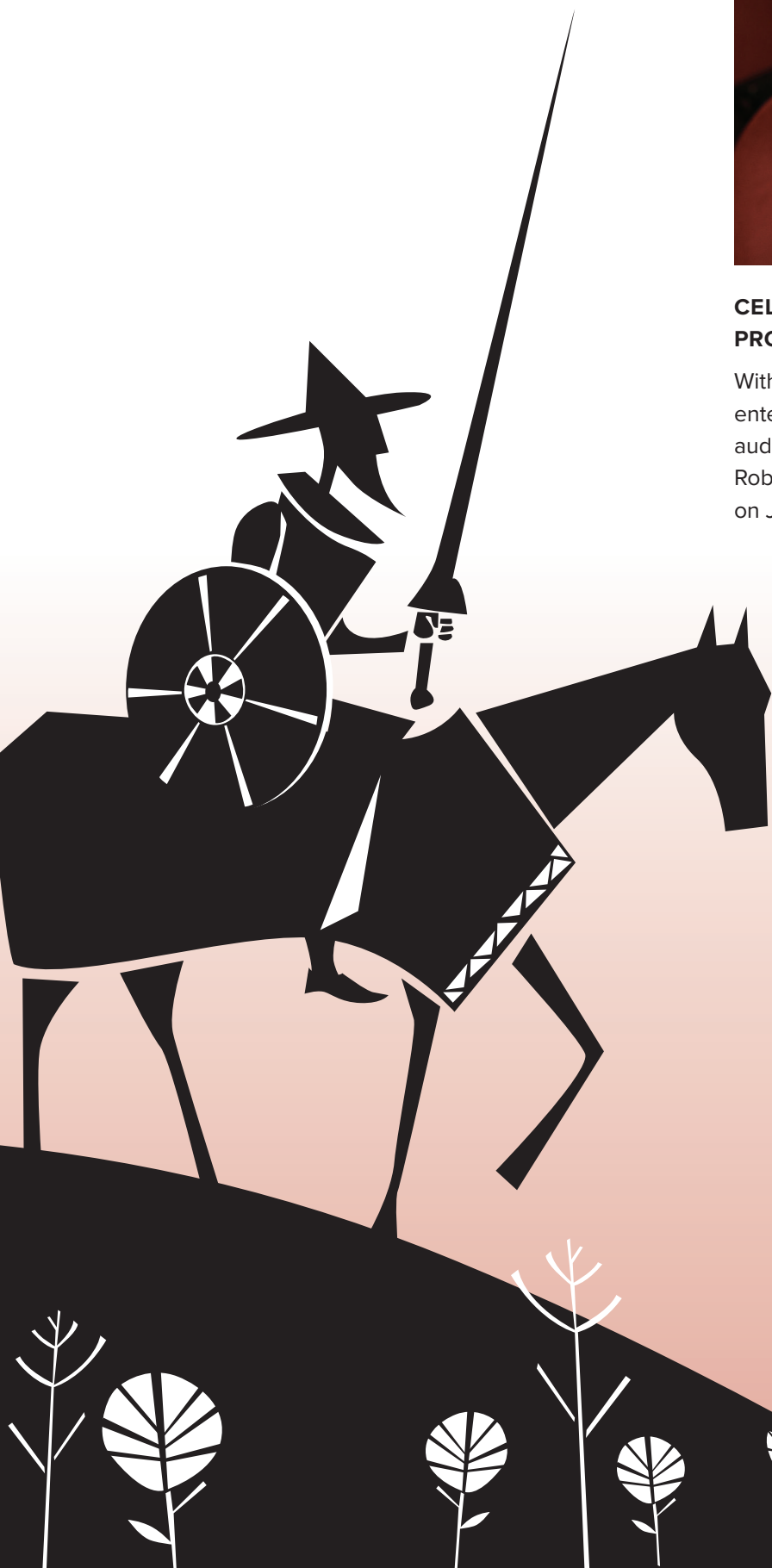
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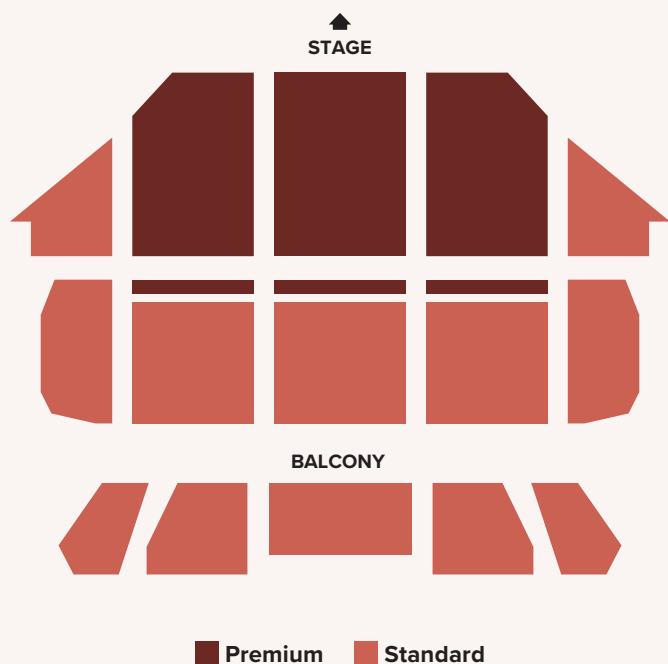


**CELEBRATING 23 SEASONS OF
PROFESSIONAL OPERA IN POLK COUNTY!**

With 22 opera seasons in the books, the LSO will enter the 2024-25 season with a new presentation for audiences to enjoy. Join our Principal Opera Conductor, Robert Moody and the Lakeland Symphony Orchestra on January 18 for a production not to be missed!



Venues & Seating



BRANSCOMB AUDITORIUM

111 LAKE HOLLINGSWORTH DR | LAKELAND

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.

THE ASHLEY GIBSON BARNETT MUSEUM OF ART AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

801 E PALMETTO ST | LAKELAND

The AGB 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 are available at both venues.

Order Form

INSTRUCTIONS:

To complete the form, begin by making your selections from the donation and performances sections on this page. Once you've made your choices, add each section (1-5) and write the total amount in the Total Payment box, below.

Your generous donations and your attendance at LSO performances help us to continue to bring these exceptional musical experiences to our community.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at **863-688-3743**. Thank you!



TOTAL PAYMENT:

\$

Payment Method Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Seating Preference:

☐ Main Floor ☐ Balcony

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<input type="checkbox"/> Artist's Circle (\$15,000+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphony Society (\$750+)
<input type="checkbox"/> Concertmaster's Circle (\$7,500+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$100+)
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal's Circle (\$3,500+)	MY LSO DONATION \$

2 SUPER SUBSCRIBER	# SEATS	PRICE	TOTAL
4 Symphony Concerts, 4 Gallery Concerts, 1 Opera	x	\$373.60	=
All 9 performances, plus Grand Reception	x	\$523.60	=
		SUPER TOTAL \$	

3 AJM SYMPHONY SERIES	SEATING	# SEATS	PRICE	TOTAL
Oct 12 Fire & Water	PREMIUM	x	\$156.80	=
Dec 14 & 15 Toast to the Holidays*	STANDARD	x	\$92.80	=
*Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 14 @ 7:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 15 @ 2:00pm	STUDENT	x	FREE	= 0
Mar 8 Welcome Home				
Apr 12 La Musique			SERIES TOTAL \$	

4 LAKELAND OPERA ADD-ON	SEATING	# SEATS	PRICE	TOTAL
Oct 12 Man of La Mancha	PREMIUM	x	\$60.00	=
Grand Reception*	Grand Reception	x	\$150.00	=
*This exclusive event takes place immediately after the performance and may only be added to a Premium seat purchase. (Host/location TBA)	STANDARD	x	30.00	=
	STUDENT	x	15.00	=
			OPERA TOTAL \$	

5 GALLERY CONCERTS ADD-ON	SEATING	# SEATS	PRICE	TOTAL
Sep 12 String Quartet	GENERAL	x	\$39.20	=
Nov 14 Woodwind Quintet	GENERAL	x	\$39.20	=
Feb 13 String Quartet	GENERAL	x	\$39.20	=
Apr 24 String Quartet	GENERAL	x	\$39.20	=
			GALLERY TOTAL \$	



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