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SEASON 53



*P*ALM BEACH
SYMPHONY

GERARD SCHWARZ MUSIC DIRECTOR
SOUTH FLORIDA'S PREMIER ORCHESTRA

MATINEES

All shows at 3:00 PM

Sunday

January 17, 2027

Augustin Hadelich, *violin*

Sunday,

May 23, 2027

Ray Chen, *violin*

*All performances will
be held at The Dreyfoos
Hall located at The
Raymond F. Kravis
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Performing Arts*

EVENING

All shows at 7:30 PM

Tuesday,

November 17, 2026

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, *piano*

Wednesday,

December 16, 2026

Yefim Bronfman, *piano*

Wednesday,

February 10, 2027

Daniil Trifonov, *piano*

Monday,

March 15, 2027

Julian Schwarz, *cello*

Wednesday,

April 28, 2027

Pinchas Zukerman, *violin*



PALM BEACH SYMPHONY

2026-2027 MASTERWORKS SERIES

Dear Palm Beach Symphony Family,

I would like to invite you to experience our upcoming 2026-2027 season of the Palm Beach Symphony, where I have the privilege to serve as music director, now in my eighth year. Our concert season will feature some of the greatest soloists of our time, the greatest iconic symphonic masterpieces of the orchestral repertoire, and a continuing celebration of our great country's 250th anniversary, featuring premieres and select classics of our great American composers.

Our season will bring to you three of the most outstanding pianists of our time — Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Yefim Bronfman, and Daniil Trifonov — masters of the keyboard who will take us on a journey through exemplary concertos by Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, and Tchaikovsky. Superstar violinists Augustin Hadelich, Pinchas Zukerman, and Ray Chen will dazzle us with master concertos by Paganini, Bruch, and Sibelius. I'm especially thrilled about collaborating again with my son, Julian Schwarz — a leading cellist of his generation — on Strauss's tone poem *Don Quixote*, featuring a solo cello extravaganza as Cervantes's wild-eyed title character, and our own Principal violist, Chauncey Patterson, joining as the story's more practical Sancho Panza.

Each of our concerts has a warhorse masterpiece of the symphonic tradition. These include Brahms's *Symphony No. 4*, Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 6*, Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, Dvořák's *Symphony No. 6*, Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*, and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

Our works by living composers include the world premieres of Daron Hagen's *Consolation* and my own work, *Symphony*, commissioned so graciously by Don and Mary Thompson. In addition, Cindy McTee's *Timepiece* and Anna Clyne's *Masquerade* will round out our 21st-century composers.

Each program is designed as always to inspire, to touch, and to share incredible music in a menu format for a perfect musical evening. Our phenomenal symphony and I are so excited to perform these concerts for you. You are our audience, our music lovers, supporters, and most importantly, our friends, and we can't wait to be together again next season!

Please take a moment to explore this brochure, which has all the details, including subscriber benefits and information about how you can support our mission. Thank you for your unwavering support. Above all, enjoy the music and see you very soon.

With appreciation,

Gerard Schwarz

*Music Director
Palm Beach Symphony*



JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET, PIANO

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 PM

Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

DARON ARIC HAGEN *Consolation* (World Premiere)

DARON ARIC HAGEN *con gáil: a greeting and a farewell*

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS *Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Major, Op. 103*
"Egyptian"

JQHANNES BRAHMS *Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98*

Legendary pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet** opens our season with Saint-Saëns's *Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Major "Egyptian"* under the baton of **Maestro Gerard Schwarz**. Experience the world premiere of Daron Aric Hagen's *Consolation* and enjoy the timeless splendor of Brahms's *Symphony No. 4 in E Minor*.



This evening's Guest Artist is generously sponsored by Suzanne Mott Dansby

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YEFIM BRONFMAN, PIANO

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 PM

Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL Selections from *Messiah*

DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH *Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 54*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37*

Internationally acclaimed pianist **Yefim Bronfman** joins **Maestro Gerard Schwarz** to bring Beethoven's poetic *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor* to life. This program also features three chorus selections from Handel's *Messiah* arranged for orchestra by Gerard Schwarz, and Shostakovich's whimsical *Symphony No. 6 in B Minor*.



AUGUSTIN HADELICH, VIOLIN

Sunday, January 17, 3:00 PM
Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

CINDY MCTEE *Timepiece*
NICCOLÒ PAGANINI *Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Minor*
HECTOR BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*

Violinist **Augustin Hadelich** creates a splendid musical afternoon with Paganini's *Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Minor* under the baton of **Maestro Gerard Schwarz**. The Symphony continues with Cindy McTee's exhilarating *Timepiece* and Berlioz's epic *Symphonie fantastique*.



This evening's Guest Artist is generously sponsored by Ari Rifkin/The Len-Ari Foundation

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DANIIL TRIFONOV, PIANO

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 PM

Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

ANNA CLYNE *Masquerade*

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK *Symphony No. 6 in D Major, Op. 60*

PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY *Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Minor, Op. 23*

Grammy Award-winning pianist **Daniil Trifonov** takes the stage to perform Tchaikovsky's intense *Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Minor*. **Maestro Gerard Schwarz** leads the Symphony in Anna Clyne's exuberant *Masquerade* and Dvořák's sweeping *Symphony No. 6 in D Major*, showcasing the orchestra in full force.

JULIAN SCHWARZ, CELLO

Monday, March 15, 7:30 PM
Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART Overture to *The Magic Flute*
FELIX MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Op. 90 "*Italian*"
RICHARD STRAUSS *Don Quixote*

Cellist **Julian Schwarz** joins his father, **Maestro Gerard Schwarz**, and Principal Viola **Chauncey Patterson**, portraying Sancho Panza, for an unforgettable performance of Strauss's brilliant *Don Quixote*. Plus, Mozart's iconic Overture to *The Magic Flute* and Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4 in A Major "Italian"* make for a memorable evening.



This evening's Guest Artist is generously sponsored by Thomas Harvey & Cathleen Black

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PINCHAS ZUKERMAN, VIOLIN

Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 PM
Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

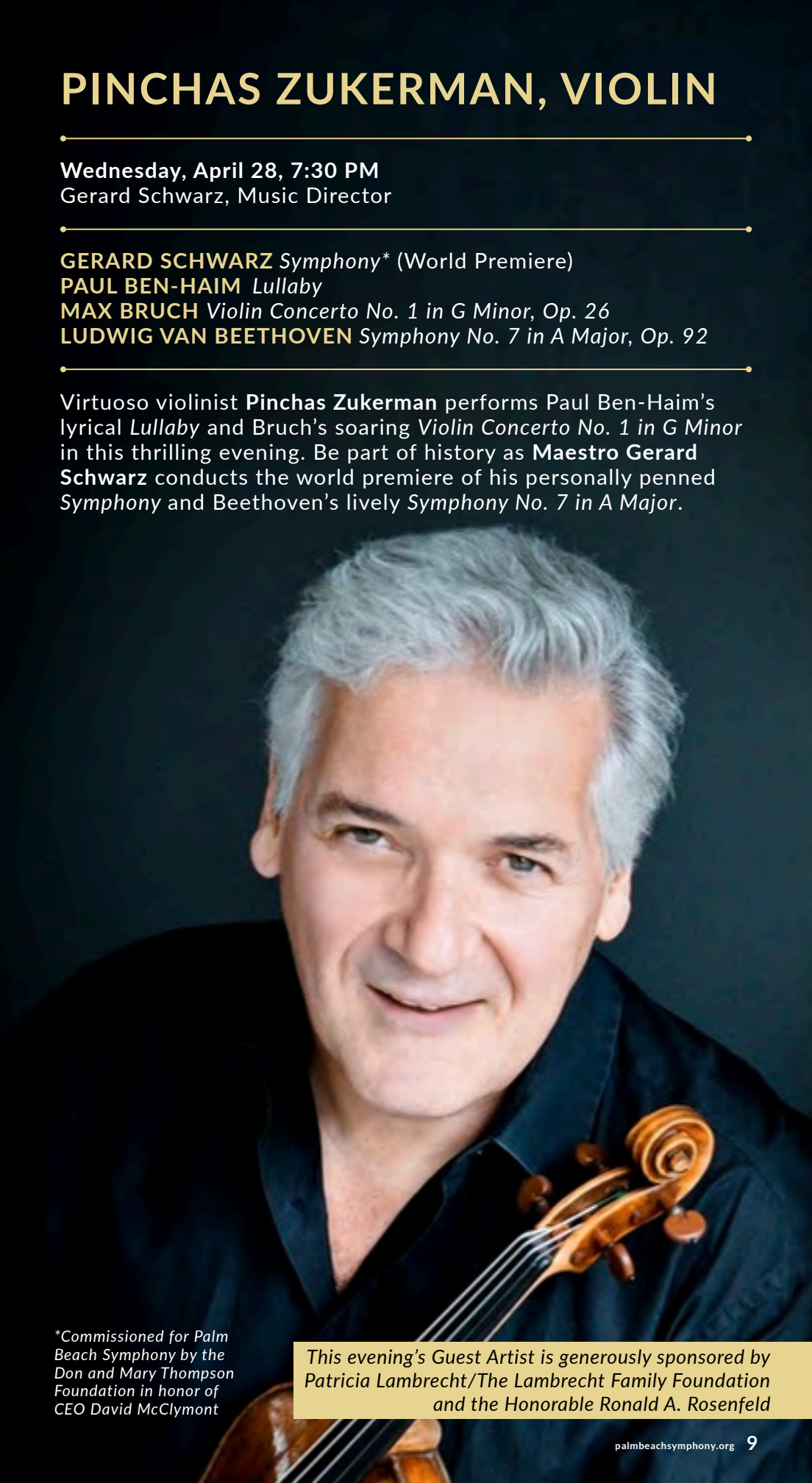
GERARD SCHWARZ *Symphony** (World Premiere)

PAUL BEN-HAIM *Lullaby*

MAX BRUCH *Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN *Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92*

Virtuoso violinist **Pinchas Zukerman** performs Paul Ben-Haim's lyrical *Lullaby* and Bruch's soaring *Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor* in this thrilling evening. Be part of history as **Maestro Gerard Schwarz** conducts the world premiere of his personally penned *Symphony* and Beethoven's lively *Symphony No. 7 in A Major*.



**Commissioned for Palm Beach Symphony by the Don and Mary Thompson Foundation in honor of CEO David McClymont*

This evening's Guest Artist is generously sponsored by Patricia Lambrecht/The Lambrecht Family Foundation and the Honorable Ronald A. Rosenfeld

RAY CHEN, VIOLIN

Sunday, May 23, 3:00 PM
Gerard Schwarz, Music Director

RICHARD WAGNER *Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*
JEAN SIBELIUS *Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47*
IGOR STRAVINSKY *Rite of Spring*

Remarkable violinist **Ray Chen** takes on Sibelius's technical *Violin Concerto in D Minor* in a grand season finale led by **Maestro Gerard Schwarz**. The season concludes with a Community Side-by-Side performance of Wagner's *Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* and Stravinsky's theatrical *Rite of Spring*.

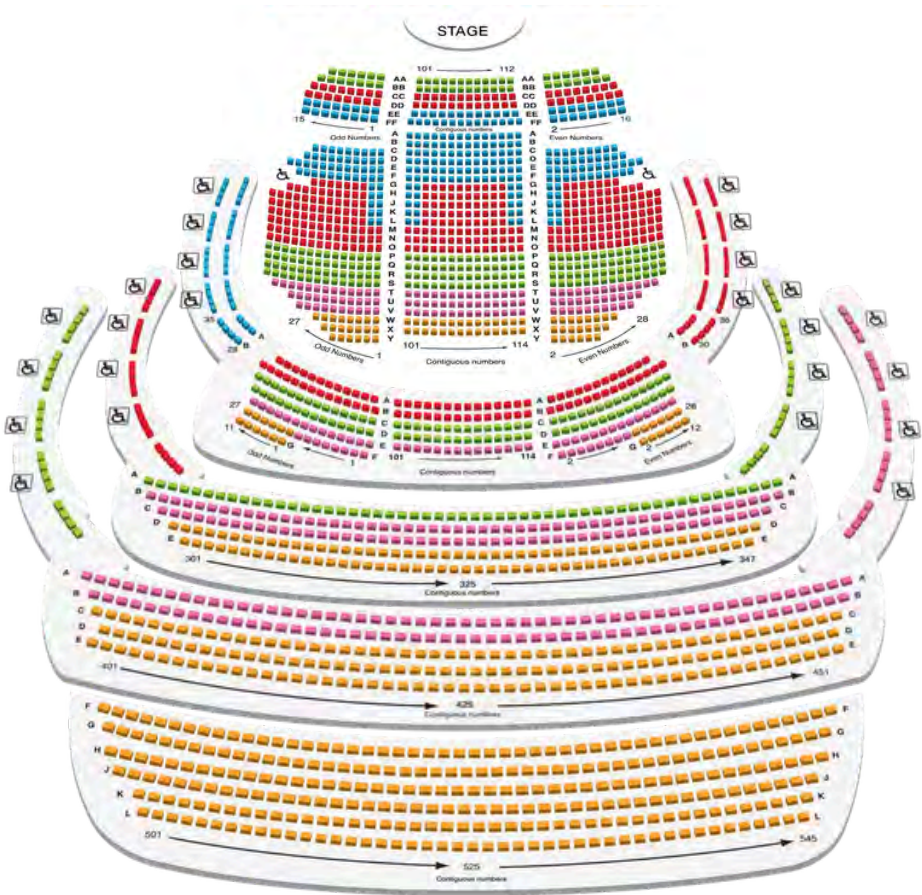


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STUDENT TICKETS

Palm Beach Symphony is proud to offer a limited number of complimentary tickets to students and educators, and beyond this allotment, \$10 student tickets are available for the upcoming season. To reserve your student tickets or learn more, please contact **Bryce Seliger, Education & Programming Associate**, at bseliger@palmbeachsymphony.org.

GROUP TICKETS

We offer special group rates for the exciting 2026-2027 Masterworks Series — starting with just 10 tickets! Form your group today and enjoy a thrilling evening with Palm Beach Symphony. For pricing and details, contact **Sage Lehman** at (561) 281-0145 or groups@palmbeachsymphony.org.



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR 2026-2027 LUNCH AND LEARNS

Enjoy a three-course lunch alongside special guest speakers during an intimate and engaging conversation about the music, composers, and historical context behind our Masterworks performances. These sessions offer a deeper understanding of the Masterworks program and are perfect for both newcomers and seasoned music lovers alike.

Lunch & Learn takes place every Thursday before each Masterworks concert in the Community Foundation Building, located at 700 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

SINGLE SESSION: \$135 EACH
FULL SERIES (7 SESSIONS): \$875

ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE FROM 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

SYMPHONY SESSION 1
Thursday, November 12

SYMPHONY SESSION 2
Thursday, December 10

SYMPHONY SESSION 3
Thursday, January 14

SYMPHONY SESSION 4
Thursday, February 4

SYMPHONY SESSION 5
Thursday, March 11

SYMPHONY SESSION 6
Thursday, April 22

SYMPHONY SESSION 7
Thursday, May 20

Music Director Gerard Schwarz teaches patrons about Brahms's Symphony No. 3 as they enjoy Sconset Salad, Saffron Sunset Steak, and Meyer Lemon Tarts



MEMBERSHIP

Experience the best the Palm Beaches has to offer while supporting the arts in your community. Members at Palm Beach Symphony take an active role in enriching our community with world-class music and educational experiences. In return, we provide an elite, luxury experience at all our concerts and social events.

For every interest level and age, there is a membership experience for you. Step into a deeply connected community where your passion for music supports your Symphony's mission.

IMPRESARIO SOCIETY

Members of the Impresario Society play a leading role in Palm Beach Symphony's efforts to deliver spirited Masterworks concerts with the finest musicians in South Florida and distinguished world-class guest artists. Benefits and visibility will vary and are customizable for each patron to maximize your support, which will enrich our community with great music and educational experiences.

To join the **Impresario Society**, please contact **David McClymont** at dmcclymont@palmbeachsymphony.org.

CONDUCTOR SOCIETY, CHAIRMAN SOCIETY, AND FOUNDER SOCIETY

As part of our Conductor Society, Chairman Society, or Founder Society, you'll enjoy every Masterworks Concert with priority seating in premier sections, a seat at our spectacular Annual Gala, and connections into our flourishing community. Each membership opportunity allows you to create the Symphony experience that best suits you.

To join the **Conductor Society, Chairman Society, or Founder Society**, please contact **Kewan Smith** at ksmith@palmbeachsymphony.org.

PRELUDE SOCIETY

Our Prelude Society offers prestigious benefits during each action-packed season, including premier seating for all of our Masterworks Series concerts at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts, under the direction of Emmy Award-winning Maestro Gerard Schwarz, featuring some of the "greatest hits" and "new favorites" of classical music.

To join the **Prelude Society**, please contact **Kewan Smith** at ksmith@palmbeachsymphony.org.

YOUNG FRIENDS

An active group of young professionals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who have an appreciation for classical music and are committed to supporting Palm Beach Symphony's impactful education and outreach programs.

As a Young Friends member, you are supporting our programs that provide instruments for needy students, support coaching sessions by professional Symphony musicians for the next generation, and offer free concerts for children.

To join Young Friends, please contact **Felix Rivera** at frivera@palmbeachsymphony.org.

BEFORE OUR PERFORMANCES...

PRE-CONCERT PERFORMANCES

Overture Series Pre-Concert Performances by student and community musicians begin 1 hour before our Masterworks Concerts in the lobby of Dreyfoos Hall, and they are free with your Masterworks ticket. There will be no such performance on May 23, 2027.

MEET ME IN THE MEZZANINE

Step into a night of music and meaningful connections with your organization at Palm Beach Symphony's Meet Me in the Mezzanine – an exclusive social experience at the Kravis Center during our 2026-2027 Masterworks Series. Mingle with fellow professionals, sip champagne, meet our musicians, and enjoy a world-class performance. To register your organization or explore sponsorship perks for the 2026-2027 season, contact **Sage Lehman**, at boxoffice@palmbeachsymphony.org or (561) 281-0145.

