

MUSIC | 2010-11 SEASON

Symphony announces schedule

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The Virginia Symphony Orchestra's 2010-11 classics season, announced today, will celebrate music director JoAnn Falletta's 20th year with the orchestra through eight classics concerts and numerous other events.

"I can hardly believe it's been 20 years," Falletta said in a statement. "I feel almost as if I have 'grown up musically' with this incredible orchestra, and I am deeply grateful to them and to our wonderful community."

The season will open Sept. 10 with performances of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 and Glazunov's Concerto for Violin performed by guest soloist Chee Yun.

Other classics programs will include Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony No. 6, Handel's Messiah, Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Mozart's Coronation Mass, a George Gershwin Celebration and the world premiere of a new work by Lowell Liebermann.



COURTESY OF CHEE YUN

The Virginia Symphony will open its season Sept. 10 with guest soloist Chee Yun.

Among the guest artists will be pianist Erica Ciccarelli, percussionist Colin Currie, cellist prodigy Julian Schwartz, pianist Olga Kern and trumpeter Joe Burgstaller.

As is its custom, the symphony will continue to perform throughout Hampton Roads, principally at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Ferguson Center for the Arts in Newport News, Sandler Center for the Performing Arts and Regent University in Virginia Beach, and St. Bede Catholic Church in

Williamsburg.

The pops season will open with four-time Grammy winner Aaron Neville on Oct. 9. Other concerts in this series are Holiday Pops at the Harrison Opera House, Dec. 17; a George Gershwin Celebration, Jan. 29; the Classical Mystery Tour Beatles Tribute, March 5; and Broadway Divas, with Debbie Gravitte, Jan Horvath and Christiane Noll, April 2.

The symphony's PB&J family classics series will include four Sunday afternoon shows from November to April.

Subscriptions are available by calling the symphony box office at (757) 892-6366. Subscriptions begin at \$125 for an eight-concert series at Ferguson, Chrysler Hall and Sandler Center and \$65 for a four-concert series at Regent University and St. Bede Catholic Church.

Pops subscriptions begin at \$85, and PB&J subscriptions begin at \$105, which includes the admission of a child with each adult subscription.

Single tickets will be available in August.

