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## **SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES 2025-26 SEASON**

Season to celebrate 30-year anniversary of Concertmaster Doosook Kim.

Classical highlights include Falla's Three Cornered Hat, Gershwin's An American in Paris, Delights and Dances by Pulitzer Prize winning American composer Michael Abels, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with soloist Lio Kuok-Wai, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 8 with background provided by cultural historian Joseph Horowitz, Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" in collaboration with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and Mahler's Fifth Symphony.

Pops programs feature a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's classic horror film *Psycho* with unforgettable eerie score by Bernard Hermann, annual holiday celebration 'Tis the Season, and a salute to great Broadway musicals immortalized in film.

### **For Immediate Release February 13, 2025**

Sioux Falls, SD – Today the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra announced details of the 2025-26 season, its 104<sup>th</sup>, which will celebrate 30 years with Concertmaster Doosook Kim. Kim will take center stage as soloist for the Violin Concerto of Alban Berg in the final concert of the season (April 25, 2026).

The new season opens October 4 in the Washington Pavilion with a program featuring music of Latin America including Falla's enchanting Three-Cornered Hat and arias from Bizet's opera *Carmen*. Other highlights include masterworks of Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Chick Corea's Trombone Concerto performed by New York Philharmonic Principal Trombone Joesph Alessi (Nov. 22, 2025), the South Dakota premiere of Delights and Dances by Pulitzer Prize winning American composer Michael Abels (Jan. 24, 2026), Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with soloist Lio Kuok-Wai (Feb. 7, 2026), Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 8 with

background provided by cultural historian and long-time SDSO collaborator Joseph Horowitz (Mar. 7, 2026), and Mahler's Fifth Symphony (Apr. 25, 2026). The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus will be featured in Handel's Messiah (Dec. 5 & 6, 2025) and Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" (Apr. 11, 2026). On Sunday, April 12, the SDSO will offer Concert For Kids & Families specifically tailored to introduce young listeners to the orchestra. Popular presentations include a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's classic horror film *Psycho* with the SDSO strings performing the spine-tingling score by Bernard Hermann, the annual celebration of the holidays – 'Tis the Season – and a salute to Broadway musicals that have also been immortalized in film.

"The new season is a mix of traditional and contemporary I think our audiences will enjoy," said SDSO Music Director Delta David Gier. "There is Beethoven and Gershwin and Mozart, but we also have a fascinating concerto for trombone – not a common solo instrument – by noted jazz artist Chick Corea and new works by Robert Carl, Jessica Meyer, and Michael Abels – three outstanding living American composers."

Subscription packages for the new season go on sale tomorrow, February 14 starting at 10am through 3e Encore Guest Services at (605) 731-2440 open (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday). A variety of options are available, including the Imperial package which features a discount equivalent to three free concerts.

### 2025-2026 Season

All performances begin at 7:30pm in the Washington Pavilion unless otherwise noted.

#### SPANISH PASSION

##### Carmen & Three-Cornered Hat

Saturday, October 4

Delta David Gier, conductor

Audrey Babcock, Mezzo-Soprano

DEBUSSY	<i>Ibéria</i> from <i>Images Pour Orchestra</i>
GABRIELA LENA FRANK	Three Latin American Dances
BIZET	Selected Arias from "Carmen"
FALLA	Three-Cornered Hat

### **PSYCHO: FILM + ORCHESTRA**

Saturday, October 25

Nicholas Sharma, conductor

“33 percent of the effect of *Psycho* was due to the music,” said legendary director Alfred Hitchcock. Enjoy Hitchcock’s timeless thriller projected on the big screen as the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra performs Bernard Hermann’s spine-tingling score live.

### **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**

Saturday, November 22

Delta David Gier, conductor

Joseph Alessi, trombone

MILHAUD	<i>The Creation of the World</i>
MARY LOU WILLIAMS	Selections from Zodiac Suite
CHICK COREA	Concerto for Trombone
ELLINGTON	Black, Brown, and Beige: Suite
GERSHWIN	An American in Paris

### **HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”**

Friday, December 5, 7:00pm

Saturday, December 6, 7:00pm

Delta David Gier, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus

First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls

The greatest story ever told. The most majestic music ever composed. Experience Handel’s “Messiah” – featuring the inspiring Hallelujah Chorus – in the glory of First Lutheran Church.

### **‘TIS THE SEASON**

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14, 2:30pm

Nicholas Sharma, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus

Gather family and friends for the sounds of the season with the South Dakota Symphony and Chorus.

### **MOZART'S A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC**

Saturday, January 24

Delta David Gier, conductor

MOZART	Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
R. STRAUSS	Metamorphosen for 23 Strings
JESSICA MEYER	Through Which We Flow
ELGAR	Serenade for String Orchestra
MICHAEL ABELS	Delights and Dances

### **BEETHOVEN & BRAHMS**

Saturday, February 7

Delta David Gier, conductor

Lio Kuok-Wai, piano

BRAHMS	Symphony No. 3
ROBERT CARL	Wind Hymn (World Premier)
BEETHOVEN	Piano Concerto No. 3

### **SHOSTAKOVICH SYMPHONY NO. 8**

Saturday, March 7

Delta David Gier, conductor

Joseph Horowitz, cultural historian

SHOSTAKOVICH      Symphony No. 8

Joseph Horowitz, who expertly set the stage for the SDSO's triumphant performance of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony in February of 2023, returns to Sioux Falls to guide you through another of Shostakovich's epic war symphonies.

### **BROADWAY to HOLLYWOOD**

Saturday, March 21

Nicholas Sharma, conductor

Nicole Parker, singer

South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

Nicole Parker, who was seen as Elphaba both on Broadway and in the first national tour of *Wicked*, and appeared on Broadway in *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*, joins the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra for an evening of showstoppers from stage shows that became immortalized in film. Your favorite moments from *Wicked*, *Wizard of Oz*, *The Sound of Music*, and more. Plus, the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra join their professional counterparts in a side-by-side performance.

**HAYDN'S GLORIOUS "THE CREATION"**

Saturday, April 11

Delta David Gier, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus

HAYDN          The Creation

**CONCERT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES**

Sunday, April 12, 4:00pm

Nicholas Sharma, conductor

**DOOSOOK KIM AND MAHLER 5**

Saturday, April 25

Delta David Gier, conductor

Doosook Kim, violin

BERG            Violin Concerto

MAHLER        Symphony No. 5

SDSO Concertmaster Doosook Kim celebrates 30 years!

**About the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra**

The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (SDSO) is based in the vibrant and growing city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The SDSO is the state's premiere performing arts organization with the Washington Pavillion as its home. Led by Maestro Delta David Gier, the SDSO has garnered a national reputation for innovative programming and statewide outreach. The core of SDSO is comprised of nine full-time professional musicians that make up the Dakota String Quartet and the Dakota Wind Quintet.

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