



ANNOUNCING THE 23-24 SEASON AND DELTA DAVID GIER TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

SDSO'S 2023-24 season – Delta David Gier's 20th as Music Director - will feature masterworks including Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Brahms' "A German Requiem," Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto.

Pops programs to include an evening of patriotic favorites, annual holiday celebration 'Tis the Season, and a symphonic tribute to the Beatles.

Season concludes with Delta David Gier leading the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Gustav Mahler's monumental Third Symphony.

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Sioux Falls, SD – Today the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra announced details of the 2023-24 season, also the 20th anniversary of music director Delta David Gier. The new season will feature masterworks of Beethoven, Haydn, and Schubert, as well as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, and Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. The South Dakota Symphony Chorus will be featured in Handel's *Messiah*, Brahms' "A German Requiem", featuring guest conductor John Nelson, and Maestro Gier takes on Mahler's Third Symphony for the season finale.

Symphonic pops concerts include an evening of patriotic favorites, the annual celebration of the holidays – 'Tis the Season – and a symphonic tribute to the Beatles.

The season features many living American composers including Jessie Montgomery, Adolphus Hailstork, Caroline Shaw, Thomas Parente, Daniel Dorff, and South Dakotan Stephen Yarbrough. Soloists are the internationally renowned Joyce Yang and Emanuele Arciuli, plus, SDSO oboist Jeffrey Paul and clarinetist Christopher Hill.

"In his two decades as Music Director, Delta David Gier has had a profound impact on this orchestra and our community," said South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Jennifer Teisinger. "Through innovative programming and nationally recognized community engagement programs, he has brought the SDSO to the world. Through commissioning new works from composers of the day, and engaging renowned guest artists, he has brought the world to South Dakota."

Subscription packages for the new season are on sale Friday at 10a through the Washington Pavilion Box Office at (605) 367-6000 open (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 11:30 a.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.

2023-2024 Season

BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH

Saturday, October 7

Delta David Gier, conductor

MONTGOMERY

Banner

HAILSTORK

Symphony No. 3

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 5

SCHEHERAZADE

Saturday, October 28

Delta David Gier, conductor

Emanuele Arciuli, piano

BORODIN

Prince Igor: Polovtsian Dances

HARRISON

Piano Concerto

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

Scheherazade

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Saturday, November 18

Delta David Gier, conductor

Thomas Fortner, conductor

Join the SDSO for a star-spangled salute featuring rousing Sousa marches, music of John Williams, and songs from the branches of the armed forces.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 2

Delta David Gier, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Chorus

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 9

Sunday, December 10

Thomas Fortner, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Chorus

A holiday tradition for your family and friends filled with heartwarming and jovial timeless classics plus a sing-a-long!

MOZART AND MORE

Saturday, January 20

Delta David Gier, conductor

Jeffrey Paul, oboe

MOZART	Symphony No. 29
VIVALDI	Oboe Concerto in C Major
SHAW	Entr'acte
PARENTE	World Premiere
HAYDN	Symphony No. 59, "Fire Symphony"

REVOLUTION: MUSIC OF THE BEATLES. A SYMPHONIC EXPERIENCE

Saturday, February 10

Thomas Fortner, conductor

25 of the Beatles' greatest hits including "Ticket to Ride," "Penny Lane," "Get Back," and "Hey Jude" as you've never experienced them before! Featuring dynamic orchestrations restored from the original Abbey Road recording sessions with stunning imagery from the Beatles' official fan magazine.

JOYCE YANG PLAYS RACHMANINOFF

Saturday, February 24

Delta David Gier, conductor

Joyce Yang, piano

RACHMANINOFF	Piano Concerto No. 2
SCHUBERT	Symphony No. 9 "The Great C Major"

BRAHMS A GERMAN REQUIEM

Saturday, March 23

John Nelson, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus

MOZART *Exsultate, jubilate*

BRAHMS A German Requiem

AMERICAN MASTERS

Saturday, April 13

Delta David Gier, conductor

Chris Hill, clarinet

YARBROUGH Orchestra Fanfare

DORFF Clarinet Concerto World Premiere

COPLAND Appalachian Spring Suite

BERNSTEIN Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*

DELTA DAVID GIER CONDUCTS MAHLER 3

Saturday, April 27

Delta David Gier, conductor

South Dakota Symphony Chorus

MAHLER Symphony No. 3

About the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra

The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra is based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a vibrant and growing community serving a 125-mile region that touches five states. A 100-year old institution, the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra is the state's premier performing arts organization with the Washington Pavilion as its home. Artistically, the SDSO is led by Maestro Delta David Gier, who has guided the orchestra to new heights and national recognition.

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