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Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Announces Return of The Mercedes T. Bass Sounds of the Summer Series in 2025

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FORT WORTH, TX – March 10, 2025 – The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra (FWSO) is thrilled to announce the return of its beloved Sounds of the Summer Series, in collaboration with longstanding partners the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. This series continues the FWSO's tradition of bringing live music to the Fort Worth community during the summer months, enriching the city's cultural landscape.

FWSO Summer concerts have become a hallmark of the Fort Worth summer experience, and the Sounds of the Summer Series expands on this seasonal staple, offering residents and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy exceptional performances in beautiful indoor and outdoor settings. The partnership with the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art enhances the series, providing a unique backdrop that complements the artistry of the music.

"We are excited to present another Sounds of the Summer Series with our longstanding partners the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and Amon Carter Museum," said FWSO President and CEO, Keith Cerny.

"Bringing live music to the Fort Worth community during the summer months is a well-established tradition of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra."

The series will feature a diverse lineup of performances, showcasing a variety of musical genres that appeal to audiences of all ages. Each concert is designed to create an inviting atmosphere, encourage community engagement, and to instill a love for the arts across generations.

As the FWSO prepares for this year's series, it invites the community to join in celebrating the joy of live music. The Sounds of the Summer Series promises to be a memorable experience, filled with enchanting melodies and the spirit of Fort Worth's vibrant culture.

Join us this summer as we celebrate music, community, and the beauty of our local cultural institutions.

The full lineup for the Mercedes T. Bass Sounds of the Summer Series is presented with support from Gilchrist Automotive.

Mayfest

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra brings the spirit of American music to “The Biggest Party in Fort Worth”! To help celebrate Fort Worth’s vibrant community, the FWSO has curated a program bursting with energy – including the thrill of the western frontier with Copland’s *Rodeo*, smooth jazzy sounds with *Ellington Fantasy*, the bold, patriotic rhythms of Sousa’s *The Washington Post March*, and more. Stop by the Riverbank Main Stage and spend the evening with us!

Thursday, May 1

6:30PM

Trinity Park | Riverbank Main Stage

Visit: <https://mayfest.org/>

Night of Strings at the Garden: Strings in Motion

Nielsen, Golijov, and Dvořák infused their compositions with folk and dance traditions from their homelands. Nielsen’s *Little Suite for Strings* combines Scandinavian Romanticism with waltz-like rhythms. Argentine composer Golijov’s *Last Round* honors the tango, with two quartets exchanging phrases as if caught in a passionate dance. FWSO winds join the strings for Dvořák’s *Serenade in D minor*, which echoes the fiery rhythms of the Bohemian furiant.

Friday, June 13

7:30PM

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Lecture Hall

Tickets: \$35

Visit: www.fwsymphony.org

Night of Strings at the Garden: Baroque Reimagined

Baroque meets contemporary as the FWSO strings revisit the past with a modern twist! Two visionary female composers, Clarice Assad and Caroline Shaw, bookend the program with works that reimagine classical traditions. Assad’s *Suite for Lower Strings* draws from Bach, blending his familiar melodies with 20th-century influences. Inspired by Haydn, Shaw’s *Entr’acte* gives the feeling of dancing, riffing off the classic minuet form. At the heart of the program, Respighi’s Suite No. 3 of *Ancient Airs and Dances* brings a fresh perspective to Baroque-era works for guitar and lute.

Friday, June 20

7:30PM

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Lecture Hall

Tickets: \$35

Visit: www.fwsymphony.org

Concert on the Lawn @ The Carter

The FWSO's Concert on the Lawn at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art returns for a second year! Enjoy the bold sounds of brass with Sousa marches like *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, along with classic Broadway tunes, including "Seventy-Six Trombones" from *The Music Man* and iconic tunes from *South Pacific*. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, pack your snacks, and join us for a night filled with upbeat music and activities, perfect for the whole family.

Saturday, June 21

8:30PM

Amon Carter Museum of American Art

Tickets: Pay What You Can

Visit: www.fwsymphony.org

Night of Strings at the Garden: Travels in Sound

Visit Romania, Norway, and Panama as guest conductor Ron Spigelman leads the FWSO strings in an evening inspired by folk traditions, dance, and music of the Romantic era. Bartók's *Rumanian Folk Dances* and Still's *Danzas de Panamá* are rooted in cultural traditions —Romanian fiddle tunes and Panamanian Afro-Latin melodies. Grieg's *Two Norwegian Airs* evokes the serenity of Norway's countryside, including the movement titled "Cow Keeper's Tune and Peasant Dance." Schreker's *Intermezzo* offers a lush, orchestral contrast with its rich, Romantic string textures.

Friday, June 27

7:30PM

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Lecture Hall

Tickets: \$35

Visit: www.fwsymphony.org

2025 PianoTexas International Festival at Texas Christian University:

PianoTexas International Festival & Academy presents a [full calendar of piano events](#) during the month of June that places Fort Worth on the cultural map of the world. Events include piano recitals, masterclasses, and concerto performances with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

June 15, 22, & 29

5PM

Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU

For more information visit: www.pianotexas.tcu.edu

S.E.E.D. Camp in the Garden:

In partnership with the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, the FWSO will be featured in select camps presenting a Sounds of Nature concert for children ages 4-14.

June 9-13, June 16-18 & June 23-27

Visit: www.fwbg.org/camps

For more information about the Mercedes T. Bass Sounds of the Summer Series, including performance dates and ticket details, please visit the fwsymphony.org or call the FWSO Box Office at 817.665.6000.

About Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra under Music Director Robert Spano is deeply committed to uniting its community through presenting over 120 performance, education, and outreach concerts, reaching an audience of more than 150,000 annually. Since its beginnings in 1912, the FWSO has been an essential thread in the city's cultural fabric and the very foundation of Fort Worth's performing arts. The FWSO has performed at Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as part of SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras. The FWSO has released 13 recordings – with several being world premiere releases – garnering international acclaim. The FWSO has embraced creative collaborations through residencies, partnerships, and commissions. As the principal resident company of the acoustically superb Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall, the Orchestra performs a full season of concerts featuring internationally acclaimed guest artists and works by living composers. The Orchestra performs and partners with Jake Heggie, Texas Ballet Theater, Atlanta-based glo, Fort Worth Opera, The Cliburn, Fort Worth Botanic Garden, The Old Trout Puppet Workshop, and Performing Arts Fort Worth. The FWSO keeps exceptional musical experiences at the heart of its community.

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