



CHATTANOOGA
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UNSPOKEN:
OUR STORIES THROUGH SOUND
Chapter 2

MOMENTS

2026-2027 Season



Art By Jeremiah Brill



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MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Chapter 2: Moments (2026–2027 Season)

Music happens now.

Last season, we began with reflection. This season, we step fully into the present.

Welcome to **Unspoken: Chapter 2 – Moments**. This is a season about what music can do right now: surprise us, move us, challenge us, and bring us together in ways that feel immediate and alive. If Chapter 1 – **Reflection** – asked us to look back, **Moments** is about what happens when we experience music in real time, together.

That is where music has its greatest power: in the energy of performance, in the connection between musicians on stage, and in the atmosphere created when a hall full of people is listening, feeling, and discovering something all at once. This season is built around those moments - the ones that are unpredictable and impossible to forget.

This year's season is filled with everything we love about music, but it is also rooted in something larger. As we approach America's 250th anniversary, I can think of no better way to commemorate it than by celebrating Chattanooga and the extraordinary musicians of this community. This season features more than twenty soloists, and many of them are part of our own artistic family: principal players of the orchestra, artists with deep local roots, and internationally celebrated musicians who help tell the story of this place.

You will hear some of the most powerful and defining music in our repertoire: the unparalleled virtuosity of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, the bold and singular voice of Florence

Price, the rhythmic force of Duke Ellington, the theatrical electricity of *West Side Story*, and the luminous world of Mahler's Fourth Symphony. Alongside these works, we are especially proud to feature music by a Chattanooga composer in every subscription concert and beyond - our community brought front and center.

This season also brings an especially meaningful milestone. In February 2027, the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera returns to the Tivoli Theatre, our historic home, following its long-awaited renovation. It will be a celebration of where we have been and a powerful reminder of everything still ahead. Nothing hits like coming home.

There will be plenty of ways for you to experience the CSO throughout the year: from *The Empire Strikes Back* in concert, to the exuberance of *Big Band's Best*, to the dazzling spectacle of *Cirque de la Symphonie*. The symphony is for everyone and each concert offers a different way to experience what this orchestra can be.

Putting this season together was such an immense joy, and I am excited to finally share it with you! Join us - and experience the moment.



Ilya Ram

Kayoko Dan Fund Music Director
Chattanooga Symphony & Opera



SEASON ART BY JEREMIAH BRILL



Jeremiah was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 13, 2001, one of a set of triplets. Weighing just two pounds at birth, he has since grown to 6'3". Diagnosed with autism at age three, he developed a deep love of reading and has taught himself elements of several languages, including American Sign Language, Swedish, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Hebrew, and German, along with an exceptional memory for names, dates, geography, and spelling. He and his siblings graduated from Bledsoe County High School in Pikeville, Tennessee, in 2020.

Art and music are central to Jeremiah's life. A self-described "modern artist," he creates bold, vibrant paintings and works alongside fellow artists at The Hart Gallery in Chattanooga and Small Ceramics in Dunlap. He also has a natural ear for music and keeps a variety of instruments in his home studio.

Jeremiah lives with his parents in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, and enjoys reading, swimming, parks, movies, live performances, and time with family.

CLASSICS

Subscription information on pg.10-11

OPENING NIGHT

WEST SIDE STORY & THE AMERICAN GROOVE

Thurs, Sept 24, 2026 | 7:30 pm

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium

The 26–27 Season kicks off with a celebration of American spirit, featuring Duke Ellington, selections from *West Side Story*, and Randall Goosby performing the breathtaking Brahms Violin Concerto.

ILYA RAM

conductor

RANDALL GOOSBY

violin

DUKE ELLINGTON

Black, Brown & Beige Suite

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Violin Concerto, Op. 77

BEN VAN WINKLE

*Pura Musica 1 **

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

*Symphonic Dances from
West Side Story*

Made Possible by Captain
Larry and Toni Taylor.

RACHMANINOFF PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2

Thurs, Nov 19, 2026 | 7:30 pm

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium

Let expression and melody lead the way in an evening that blends virtuosity and spiritual depth, from Florence Price to Sergei Rachmaninoff's beloved Piano Concerto No. 2. Bold, beautiful, and instantly engaging.

ILYA RAM

conductor

CHAEYOUNG PARK

piano

FLORENCE PRICE

Symphony No. 1

JONATHAN MCNAIR

*Hopyard Overture**

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18

TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY NO. 4

Thurs, Feb 18, 2027 | 7:30 pm

Tivoli Theatre

Celebrate the CSO's return to the Tivoli Theatre, a long-awaited homecoming where soaring music leads to a powerful, unforgettable evening.

ILYA RAM

conductor

TBA

flute

CHRISTIAN PAGNARD

trumpet

PRENTISS HOBBS

trombone

TBA

cello

SHERI PECK

violin

CAITLIN JONES

marimba

DOUGLAS HEDWIG

*Cloud Mountain *†*

SHUYING LI

Coping Cadences ^

**PYOTR ILYICH
TCHAIKOVSKY**

Symphony No. 4, Op. 36



SEASON FINALE

MOZART & MAHLER: A WORLD OF WONDER

Thurs, Apr 29, 2027 | 7:30 pm

Tivoli Theatre

Join us for the 26–27 Season Finale, an evening of wonder from the magic of Mozart to the radiant beauty of Gustav Mahler's Fourth Symphony.

ILYA RAM

conductor

MAYAN GOLDENFELD

soprano

W.A. MOZART

*Overture to *The Magic Flute**

RONNIE RESHEF

Childhood Sketches

TIM HINCK

New Composition TBA†*

GUSTAV MAHLER

Symphony No. 4

* = Local Composer

† = World Premiere

^ = Regional Premiere



POPS



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STAR WARS

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

IN CONCERT



FULL FEATURE FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

PRESENTED BY

CHATTANOOGA SYMPHONY & OPERA

FULL ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY **DEN PALMER**

SAT, NOV 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM

SUN, NOV 8, 2026 | 3 PM

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

MUSIC BY **JOHN WILLIAMS**



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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 19, 2026 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 20, 2026 | 3:00 pm

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium

A Chattanooga holiday favorite returns with a fresh new twist! Home for the Holidays is the CSO's festive, family-friendly celebration—filled with beloved seasonal music, joyful moments, and a spirit that brings the whole community together. This year's performance adds a new layer of energy and storytelling, with a more dynamic, show-style experience that blends music, movement, and a touch of theatrical magic. It's the same holiday tradition you love, reimagined to shine brighter than ever.

ILYA RAM

conductor

CSO CHORUS

Darrin Hassevoort, Director

METROPOLITAN BELLS

Gary Bynum, Director

AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS



CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

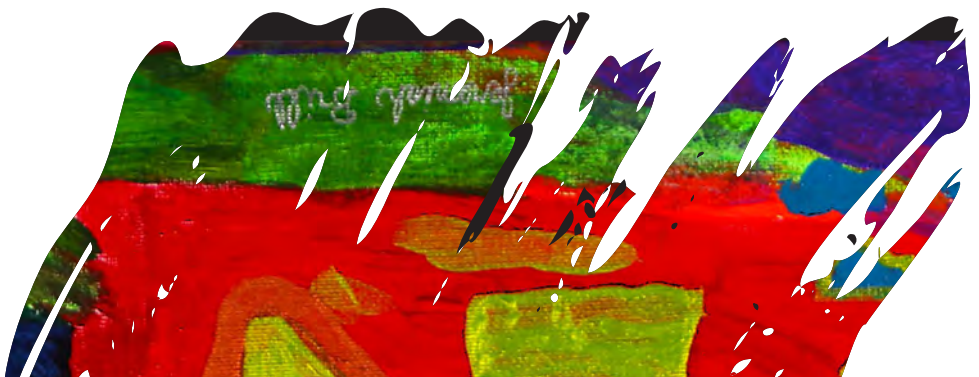
Saturday, April 10, 2027 | 3:00 pm

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium

The CSO is bringing the magic of cirque back to Chattanooga with Cirque de la Symphonie! Experience an elegant fusion of cirque and orchestra featuring many of the best cirque artists in the world. This thrilling show includes aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers, and more!

ILYA RAM

conductor



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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sat, Dec 5, 2026 | 3:00 pm
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sun, Dec 6, 2026 | 3:00 pm
Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church

Celebrate the season with Handel's classic oratorio, *Messiah*, featuring the world-famous *Hallelujah Chorus*. A cherished holiday tradition, this powerful performance is not to be missed - get your tickets early, these performances fill up fast!

DARRIN HASSEVOORT
conductor

JOSEPH PARRISH
bass

CHELSEA GUO
soprano

CSO CHORUS
Darrin Hassevoort, director

ILANNA STARR
mezzo-soprano

**CHORAL ARTS OF
CHATTANOOGA**
Darrin Hassevoort, director

LAWRENCE JONES
tenor

BIG BAND'S BEST!

Sat, Feb 13, 2027 | 7:30 pm
The Signal

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with the return of this crowd-favorite—now with a fresh new vibe at The Signal. Big Band's Best! brings swing to a more immersive setting with a spacious dance floor and flexible seating, so you can dance, mingle, or relax and enjoy. **Upgrade your experience with reserved balcony seating or VIP tables with bubbly and sweets for a perfect night out.**

ILYA RAM
conductor

COMING SOON

THE ATLANTA OPERA'S FAMILY OPERA



CINDERELLA April 2027 - Exact Date TBD

Abridged presentation of Rossini's Cinderella

FRONT ROW

Front Row invites you to experience music up close this year at First Baptist Church, where the setting brings new depth and clarity to every performance—an experience once reserved for the front row, now shared with everyone.

MOZART'S MUSICAL CONVERSATIONS

Sat, Jan 23, 2027 | 3:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga

W.A. MOZART

Sinfonia Concertante, K. 364

MAURICE RAVEL

Introduction et allegro for Harp, Clarinet, Flute and String Quartet, M. 46

W.A. MOZART

Sinfonia Concertante, K. 297

ILYA RAM

conductor

JOSH HOLRITZ

violin

METINEY SUWANAWONGSE

viola

CAROLINE BROWN HUDSON

harp

ASHLEY LEIGH

clarinet

JESSICA SMITHORN

oboe

GORDON JAMES

horn

ERIC ANDERSON

bassoon

VOICES UNBROKEN

FEAT. THE CSO CHORUS

Sat, Mar 20, 2027 | 7:30 pm

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga

Sun, Mar 21, 2027 | 3:00 pm

Collegedale Seventh-Day Adventist Church

SAMUEL BARBER

Adagio for Strings

JOHN WYKOFF

*Out of this Darkness:
A Normandy Cantata*

JOHN CAGE

4'33"

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Dona Nobis Pacem

ILYA RAM

conductor

JULIANA ZARA

soprano

SETH CARICO

baritone

CSO CHORUS

Darrin Hassevoort, director

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Classics Subscription

(4 CONCERTS - PG. 4-5)

WEST SIDE STORY & THE AMERICAN GROOVE

Thurs, 9/24/26 | 7:30 PM | Memorial Auditorium

RACHMANINOFF PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2

Thurs, 11/19/26 | 7:30 PM | Memorial Auditorium

TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY NO. 4

Thurs, 2/18/27 | 7:30 PM | Tivoli Theatre

MOZART & MAHLER: A WORLD OF WONDER

Thurs, 4/29/27 | 7:30 PM | Tivoli Theatre

PL1 \$364.80 PL2 \$252.80 PL3 \$184.68 PL4 \$117.60

STUDENT/CHILD: 50% DISCOUNT | MUSIC EDUCATOR: \$60

Package pricing varies by seat selection in each venue; choosing different price levels between Memorial Auditorium and the Tivoli may change your total. Prices listed do not include fees.

Pops Subscription

(3 CONCERTS - PG. 6-7)



STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK IN CONCERT

Sat, 11/7/26 | 7:30 pm | Memorial Auditorium

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sat, 12/19/26 | 7:30 pm | Memorial Auditorium

CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

Sat, 4/10/27 | 3:00 pm | Memorial Auditorium

PL1 \$283.86 PL2 \$201.45+ PL3 \$150.48+ PL4 \$92.40+

STUDENT/CHILD: 50% DISCOUNT | MUSIC EDUCATOR: \$45

Pops subscriptions default to Saturday performances for Star Wars and Home for the Holidays. Prefer Sunday? Contact the Box Office to exchange. Pricing varies by seat selection, as some Star Wars seats are priced differently. Prices listed do not include fees.

Add On Tickets

prices include 10% subscriber discount

FRONT ROW	Adult \$40.50+	Student/Child 50% off
MESSIAH	Adult \$40.50+	Student/Child 50% off
BIG BAND'S BEST!	Adult \$40.50+	Student/Child 50% off



SEAT MAPS &
PRICING INFO



NEW

CSO Young Professionals Subscription

(4 CONCERTS - FOR AGES 21-40)

The CSO Young Professionals Subscription includes four of our most in-demand performances at our best value, plus full subscriber benefits and exclusive invitations to social events throughout the season.

WEST SIDE STORY & THE AMERICAN GROOVE

Thurs, 9/24/26 | 7:30 PM | Memorial Auditorium

STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK IN CONCERT

Sat, 11/7/26 | 7:30 pm | Memorial Auditorium

TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY NO. 4

Thurs, 2/18/27 | 7:30 PM | Tivoli Theatre

CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE

Sat, 4/10/27 | 3:00 pm | Memorial Auditorium

PL1 \$342

PL2 \$237+

PL3 \$171+

PL4 \$105+

STUDENT/CHILD: 50% DISCOUNT | MUSIC EDUCATOR: \$60

Package pricing varies by seat selection across venues. Choosing different price levels at Memorial Auditorium and the Tivoli—or seats with special pricing for Star Wars—may change your total. Prices listed do not include fees.



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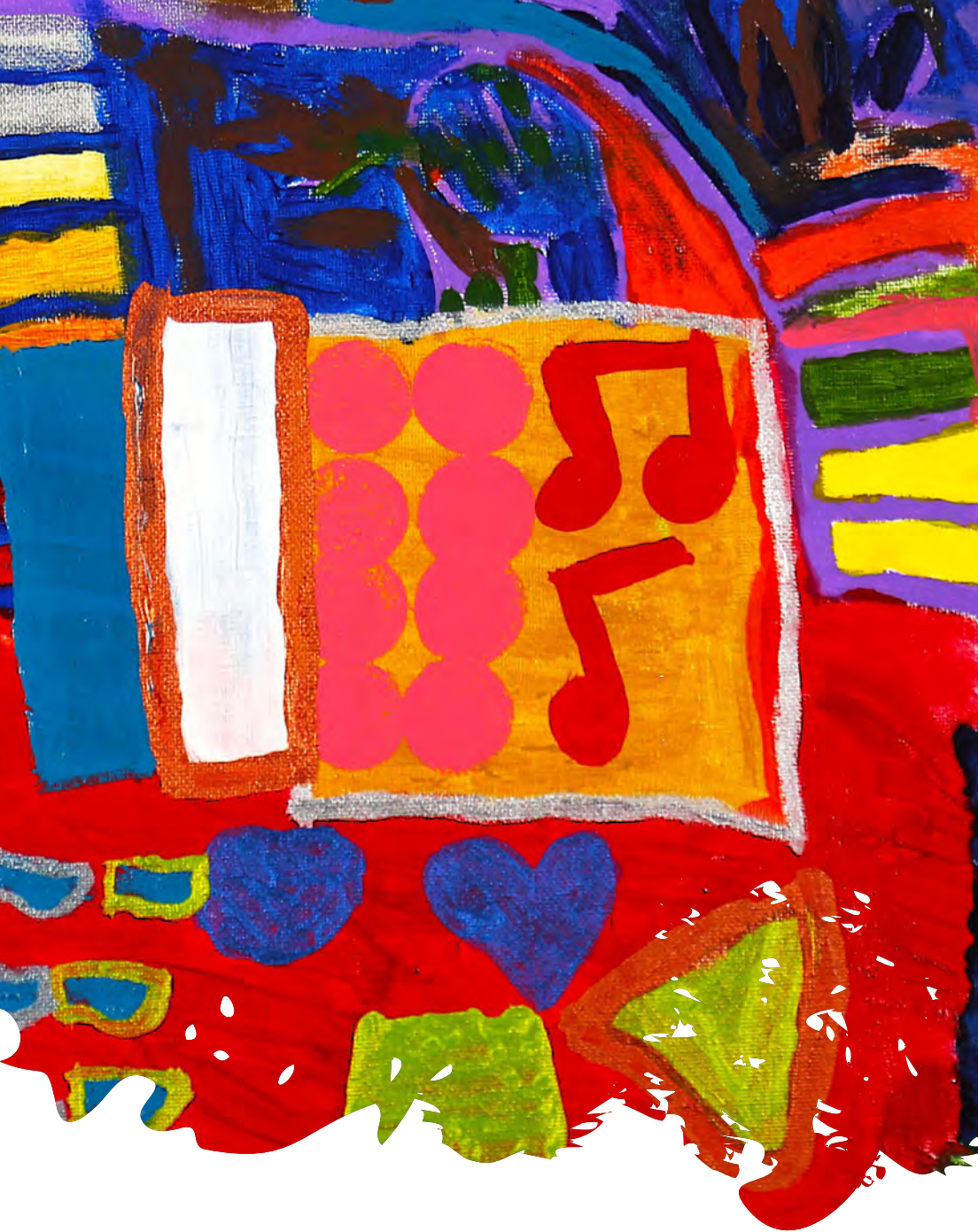
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