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ORCHESTRA LUMOS ANNOUNCES THE 2025-2026 SEASON CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

STAMFORD, CT (April 29, 2025) — On the heels of another successful season of orchestral music in Fairfield County, [Orchestra Lumos](#) is excited to announce its 2025-2026 season. Music lovers across Fairfield County are invited to celebrate America's 250th birthday with a season of American classics, new works, a movie classic, and events to mark this momentous year! The season features great works of American composers from Aaron Copland to Leonard Bernstein, plus music of the old-world composers such as Dvořák and Tchaikovsky, who made inspirational visits to America.

The 2025-2026 season includes four programs at the Palace Theatre in Stamford, a first visit by the full orchestra to the Quick Center in Fairfield, plus ten *Small Space* concerts at local venues from Rye NY to Bridgeport CT. Audiences can enjoy the thrill of a live, full orchestra with Michael Stern, Music Director, or join their local communities in a celebratory year of great American music.

"Since its inception, America has always been the amalgam of many different things. The music of our country has been nothing less than the reflection of all of those experiences and experiments which have brought us to where we are," said [Michael Stern](#), Music Director of Orchestra Lumos. "So in addition to great works by Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff, Dvořák, and other masters, our season will pay tribute to the vibrant American musical legacy that has informed our history. We will celebrate the music of Copland, Gershwin, Joplin, and others, and present two world premieres composed by some of the most vibrant American voices of our time. We are thrilled to share these extraordinary performances with the community and welcome both longtime fans and new audiences to experience the magic of live orchestral music."

Rounding out the year is Orchestra Lumos's third movie, featuring the Orchestra performing the soundtrack live while Disney's iconic *Fantasia* is presented on the big screen. This family event will be February 1, 2026 at the Palace Theatre in Stamford.

America 250 opening night is October 4, 2025, with the brilliant violin concerto written by superstar Wynton Marsalis, and played by sensational American virtuoso Kelly Hall-Tompkins. Through the course of the season, Orchestra Lumos will present two world premieres, including *Five American Portraits*, a new work commissioned by Orchestra Lumos for the Semiquincentennial of the United States. Season subscriptions are on sale now.

The full orchestra concerts are:

Wynton and all that Jazz

Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 7:30pm

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 3:00pm

The Palace Theatre, Stamford

The America 250 birthday season launches with the Violin Concerto written by American superstar Wynton Marsalis and performed by Kelly Hall-Tompkins with Orchestra Lumos. Connecting America with the old world will be Symphony No. 2 by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, who conducted the opening concert at Carnegie Hall in 1891, and *Fiddler on The Roof* composed by Jerry Bock.

Michael Stern, *conductor*

Kelly Hall-Tompkins, *violin*

Rhapsody

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 7:30pm

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00pm

The Palace Theatre, Stamford

Audiences will be treated to two impassioned piano rhapsodies in one concert, including Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, both performed by award-winning acclaimed pianist Joyce Yang. Plus, masterpieces by Dvořák, whose 1893 transformation of our musical life in New York changed the course of American musical heritage.

Michael Stern, *conductor*

Joyce Yang, *piano*

American Gems

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 7:30pm

The Palace Theatre, Stamford

Sunday March 8, 2026 at 3:00pm

The Quick Center, Fairfield

This concert presents extraordinary American sounds inspired by J.S. Bach through another old-world émigré, Igor Stravinsky including Aaron Copland's clarinet concerto and Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer*. The Saturday concert will be at the Palace Theatre in Stamford, while the Sunday performance will mark the Orchestra's debut at the Quick Center in Fairfield.

Michael Stern, *conductor*

Juan Esteban Martinez, *clarinet*

America 250

Saturday April 18, 2026 at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 3:00pm

The Palace Theatre, Stamford

For an all-American season end, the America 250 Birthday goes *On the Town* with Leonard Bernstein! Add Orchestra Lumos' commission *Five American Portraits*, George Gershwin's iconic *Rhapsody in Blue* and Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and let the fireworks begin!

Michael Stern, *conductor*
Joshua Mhoon, *piano*

[Disney's Fantasia in Concert](#)

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 3:00pm
The Palace Theatre, Stamford

Experience Disney's groundbreaking marriage of symphonic music and animation, *Fantasia*. Beloved repertoire from the original 1940 version and *Fantasia 2000*, including *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, and *The Nutcracker Suite*, will be performed by the Orchestra Lumos while Disney's stunning footage is shown on the big screen. Presentation licensed by Disney Concerts.

Season subscriptions are available from Orchestra Lumos Patron Services at 203-325-1407 x1.

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About Orchestra Lumos

Formerly known as Stamford Symphony, Orchestra Lumos is the preeminent orchestra serving all of Fairfield County CT. We are expanding in multiple dimensions, bringing more of the music you love throughout Fairfield County. Our mission is to present exceptional musical experiences, from awe-inspiring concerts with world-renowned soloists to family-friendly programs that captivate all ages. We're also expanding our reach with intimate performances in smaller spaces, hands-on education programs, and community presentations across the county. While our home base is The Palace Theatre in Stamford, you can also experience our music in venues from Rye NY to Bridgeport CT, including local libraries, schools, museums, breweries, places of worship, and community centers. For more information, please visit: www.orchestralumos.org.

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