



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
MARK RUSSELL SMITH, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

# VIVACE!

ENERGY

CONNECTION

PASSION

2025-26 SEASON







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[vē-vā-chē] adverb • *brisk and spirited, characterized by energy and vivacity, evoking a sense of liveliness and dynamism.*

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# WELCOME

The musicians of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and I are thrilled to welcome you to our 2025-26 season, **VIVACE: Energy, Connection, Passion!** This year, we embark on an inspiring musical journey that spans genres, generations, and cultures, celebrating artistry, storytelling, and the shared joy of live music. Whether you are a longtime subscriber or joining us for the first time, we are excited to share these unforgettable experiences with you.

The 2025-26 season continues to uplift our vision—**QCSO, Where Access Meets Inspiration**—with another diverse and compelling lineup. Enjoy two magnificent piano concertos: the return of brilliant pianist Wei Luo and world-renowned virtuoso Yefim Bronfman. We're proud to introduce exciting new works, including Billy Childs' powerful *Diaspora*, performed by extraordinary saxophonist Steven Banks, and the premiere of Rebecca Burkhardt's *Ballet for Cello and Orchestra*, featuring our own Principal Cellist Hannah Holman. Shake off the winter chill with Stravinsky's electrifying *The Rite of Spring*, a groundbreaking masterpiece full of primal energy. The season culminates in our profoundly moving *Violins of Hope* concert, performed on historic instruments once owned by Jewish musicians before and during World War II—symbolizing resilience, remembrance, and the ultimate triumph of humanity over evil.

Our Pops series continues to bring generations together through the power of live symphonic music. This year's QCBT Riverfront Pops features a dynamic setlist of iconic hits by Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire, and Blood, Sweat & Tears. QCSO at the Movies delivers cinematic excitement with *Jurassic Park*, featuring John Williams' legendary score performed live, and the epic conclusion of the Harry Potter film series in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in Concert*.

As always, your support ensures that extraordinary musical experiences remain accessible to everyone. Thank you for being an essential part of our musical family—we look forward to seeing you at the symphony!

With profound gratitude,



**MARK RUSSELL SMITH**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR



# MASTERWORKS I **GRIEG** PIANO CONCERTO

OCT 4, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

OCT 5, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY**  
*Polonaise from Eugene Onegin*

**EDVARD GRIEG**  
Piano Concerto

**JOHANNES BRAHMS**  
Symphony No. 2

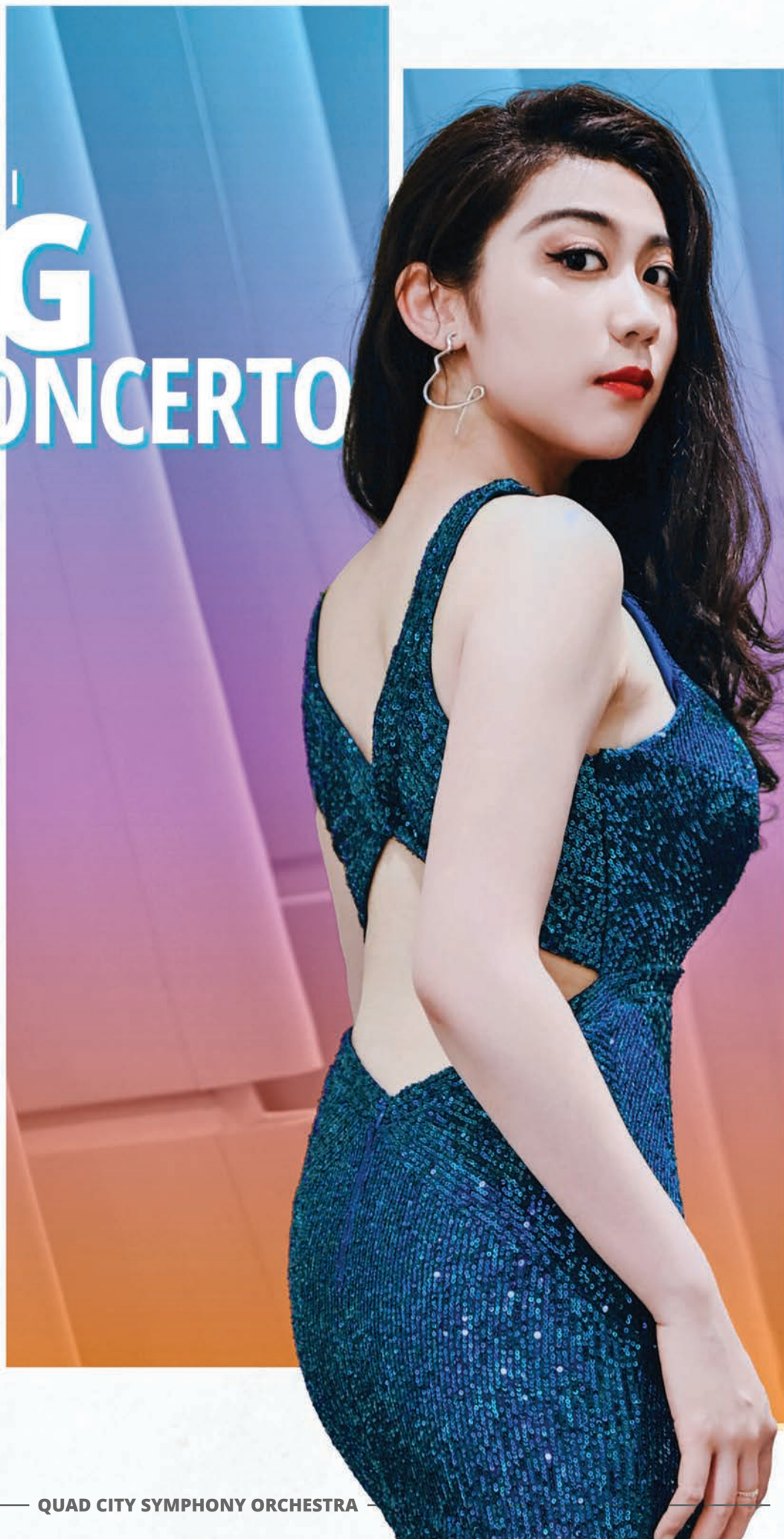
Our 111<sup>th</sup> season opens with vibrant energy and Romantic beauty! Tchaikovsky's spirited Polonaise from *Eugene Onegin*, Grieg's passionate Piano Concerto welcoming back acclaimed pianist Wei Luo, and Brahms' luminous Second Symphony unite in a joyful celebration filled with warmth, beauty, and musical adventure.

**WEI LUO,**  
piano

JOIN US BEFORE THE CONCERT FOR  
**UNCORK THE SEASON**

OCT 4, 2025 | 5:30 PM

see page 15 for more details







# MASTERWORKS II DIASPORA

NOV 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

NOV 9, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**RICHARD STRAUSS**  
Don Juan, Op. 20

**BILLY CHILDS**  
Diaspora, a concerto for  
saxophone and orchestra  
*QC Premiere*

**MAURICE RAVEL**  
Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No. 2

Immerse yourself in vivid storytelling and orchestral brilliance! Strauss's dramatic *Don Juan* pulses with energy, Billy Childs' saxophone concerto *Diaspora* explores powerful jazz-inspired narratives, and Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*, Suite No. 2 dazzles with captivating rhythms and lush, colorful harmonies.

**STEVEN BANKS,**  
saxophone



MASTERWORKS III

# SCHUMANN

## PIANO CONCERTO

DEC 6, 2025 | 7:30 PM

ADLER THEATRE

DEC 7, 2025 | 2:00 PM

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**JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**

Orchestral Suite No. 3

**ROBERT SCHUMANN**

Piano Concerto

**WOLFGANG AMADEUS**

**MOZART**

Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter"

Delight in an experience rich with elegance and virtuosic beauty! Bach's graceful Third Orchestral Suite, Schumann's heartfelt Piano Concerto featuring world-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman, and Mozart's joyful and exuberant "Jupiter" Symphony combine for a timeless and radiant musical experience full of warmth and connection.

**YEFIM BRONFMAN,**

piano







# MASTERWORKS IV THE RITE OF SPRING

FEB 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

FEB 8, 2026 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**MODEST MUSSORGSKY**  
Dawn on the Moskva River

**ANGEL LAM**  
World Premiere of *a* Toulmin  
Foundation Commission

**IGOR STRAVINSKY**  
The Rite of Spring

Explore vivid musical landscapes and bold orchestral color! Mussorgsky's serene *Dawn on the Moskva River* sets a tranquil mood, followed by Angel Lam's captivating new commission making its world premiere. The program concludes with Stravinsky's electrifying *Rite of Spring*, brimming with primal rhythms and daring artistry.

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*Angel Lam's new work was commissioned by the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program, an initiative of the League of American Orchestras in partnership with the American Composers Orchestra.*



# MASTERWORKS V BEETHOVEN SECOND SYMPHONY

MAR 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

MAR 8, 2026 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**LEONARD BERNSTEIN**

Three Dance Episodes  
from *On the Town*

**REBECCA BURKHARDT**

Ballet for Cello and Orchestra  
*world premiere*


**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

Symphony No. 2

Celebrate rhythm, energy, and innovation with Bernstein's vibrant dances from *On the Town*, the world premiere of Rebecca Burkhardt's captivating Ballet for Cello and Orchestra featuring principal cellist Hannah Holman, and Beethoven's spirited and uplifting Second Symphony.

**HANNAH HOLMAN,**  
cello





# MASTERWORKS VI VIOLINS OF HOPE

**APR 11, 2026 | 7:30 PM**  
ADLER THEATRE

**APR 12, 2026 | 2:00 PM**  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**  
Concerto for Two Violins

**GUSTAV MAHLER**  
Symphony No. 6

Experience a moving Masterworks finale presented in partnership with Violins of Hope. Bach's beautiful Concerto for Two Violins features Concertmaster Naha Greenholtz and members of the orchestra performing on historic violins, symbols of resilience, hope, and remembrance. The concert culminates in Mahler's gripping Sixth Symphony, an emotional testament to humanity's strength and ultimate triumph over adversity.

**NAHA GREENHOLTZ  
& TBA, violins**

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# UP CLOSE

## CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

### ROBERT PARKER

NOV 1, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Robert Parker, *trombone* & Marian Lee, *piano*


*Get up close with the principal trombonist Robert Parker with an evening of music at the Figge!*

### ANDY PARKER

JAN 10, 2026 | 7:30 PM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVENPORT

Andy Parker, *oboe* & Marian Lee, *piano*

*Join Principal Oboe Andy Parker in the beautiful sanctuary of First Presbyterian for an engaging evening of oboe and piano music.*

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### BLUEPRINT

MARCH 15, 2026 | 5:00 PM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Naha Greenholtz & Emily Nash, *violin*, Bruno Vaz Da Silva, *viola*, & Hannah Holman, *cello*

*Members of the QCSO present an intimate evening of expressive beauty from Beethoven's elegant Sixth String Quartet to contemporary masterpieces by Caroline Shaw and Philip Glass.*

### VIOLENS OF HOPE

APRIL 18, 2026 | 7:30 PM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Hillary Kingsley & Erik Rohde, *violin*, TBA, *viola*, & Hannah Holman, *cello*

*Experience powerful masterpieces paired with emotionally resonant works, embodying remembrance, resilience, and hope, including Steve Reich's Different Trains.*

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# Chicago & MORE

**EARTH, WIND & FIRE**

**BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS**

**AUG 16, 2025 | 7:30 PM**  
**LECLAIRE PARK**

**Hisham**  
**Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

Join us along the banks of the Mississippi for the Party of the Summer! Rock out as we celebrate the unforgettable hits of the iconic '70s horn bands featuring show-stopping classics like "Spinning Wheel," "Boogie Wonderland," and "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?". This spectacular event closes with our traditional renditions of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever* set to a brilliant fireworks display.

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# IN CONCERT

## LIVE TO FILM

**OCT 25, 2025 | 7:30 PM**  
**ADLER THEATRE**

**Hisham**  
**Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

The action-packed adventure pits man against prehistoric predators in the ultimate battle for survival. Featuring visually stunning imagery and groundbreaking special effects, this epic film is sheer movie magic 65 million years in the making.

Now audiences can experience *Jurassic Park* as never before: projected in HD with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra performing John Williams' iconic score live to picture.

Welcome... to ***Jurassic Park!***



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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE FILM WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA



NOV 22, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
NOV 22, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

**Hisham  
Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

After seven films, it all comes down to this: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™* Part 2 will grace the screen once more—this time in concert! The characters you love are back, battling villains and protecting Hogwarts™ from Voldemort™ himself. Hear the Quad City Symphony Orchestra bring Alexandre Desplat's music to life and experience all the action as the film is projected onto a giant screen with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA





# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

QCSO SOIRÉE

SEP 20, 2025 | 5:30 PM

FIGGE ART MUSEUM

5:30 PM

Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

7:30 PM

Dinner, Auction, & Performance

Experience an elegant evening at the Figge for one of the most popular fundraising events in the Quad Cities! Tickets include cocktail hour, dinner, and a performance, plus a paddle raise and live auction with Maestro Mark Russell Smith as your auctioneer to benefit the QCSO's education programs.



# HOLIDAY BRASS

DEC 13, 2025 | 3:00 PM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND

DEC 14, 2025 | 3:00 PM

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, DAVENPORT

Ring in the holiday season with members of the QCSO Brass and Percussion sections! Under the direction of Maestro Mark Russell Smith, the ensemble is joined by organist Chris Nelson to perform uplifting sections of classical and holiday favorites.

**CHRIS NELSON**, organ

**SHELLIE MOORE GUY**, narrator





# UNCORK THE SEASON

OCT 4, 2025 | 5:30 PM  
LOCATION TBA

Celebrate the start of our 111<sup>th</sup> season at this special pre-concert event! Enjoy delicious spirits and cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and great company before our thrilling Opening Masterworks performance. It's the perfect start to a spectacular evening of music with the QCSO!

Admission is complimentary for Full Masterworks Subscribers.



## MAKE A GIFT

YOUR ANNUAL FUND DONATION SUPPORTS LIVE MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY & HELPS THE QCSO:

- Present affordable and accessible concerts for all communities in the Quad Cities.
- Deliver music education to more than 50,000 students a year.
- Provide scholarships and financial aid to students.
- Support the careers of working musicians.
- Be cultural leaders in the community and make the Quad Cities a better place to live.

### HOW TO GIVE

visit [QCSO.org](https://www.qcso.org) to donate online and discover additional ways to support the QCSO.

Contributions to the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association (FEIN 42-6017663) are tax-deductible. The Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association is a tax-exempt organization under the provisions of Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3).





# QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES

The Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles (QCSYE) consists of four school-year orchestras for musicians of all ability levels, ages 7 to 18. The program provides a rigorous and inspiring learning environment founded on musical excellence for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. Students develop valuable musical, social, and leadership skills which set them up for success in school and beyond. Financial aid is available so everyone can participate regardless of ability to pay.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Weekly rehearsals and thrilling performance opportunities
- Sectionals with the region's finest professional musicians
- Annual Concerto Competition
- Complimentary tickets to QCSO concerts
- College and Summer Camp scholarship opportunities
- Full & partial financial aid

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## KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING QCSYE?

visit [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org) for audition information

QCSYE

### FALL CONCERT

NOV 16, 2025 | 3:00 PM

QCSYE

### WINTER CONCERTS

FEB 15, 2026 | 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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### SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT

APR 26, 2026 | 5:30 PM

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### TOUR SEND OFF CONCERT

JUNE 7, 2026 | 3:00 PM

YSO

### SPAIN & PORTUGAL TOUR

JUNE 13-23, 2026





# TRAVEL WITH US TO SPAIN & PORTUGAL

JUNE 13-23, 2026

Join the Youth Symphony Orchestra for their second European tour!

With QCSO Executive Director Brian Baxter as your guide, you'll visit the famous landmarks in around Madrid, Salamanca, and Lisbon. Plus you will have the opportunity to attend every performance of the Youth Symphony Orchestra lead by Youth Ensembles Music Director Hisham Bravo Groover.

**REGISTER BY JULY 1, 2025**

visit [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org) learn more

## PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

The QCSO Private Lesson Program matches students of all ages and ability levels with highly qualified instructors for weekly lessons at locations around the Quad Cities.

### WEEKLY LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR

Violin	Clarinet	Tuba/Euphonium
Viola	Bassoon	Percussion
Cello	Horn	Harp
Bass	Trumpet	Saxophone
Flute	Trombone	Voice
Oboe		Piano

### FULL & PARTIAL FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!

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# ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE

## INSIDE THE MUSIC

Join QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith in an exploration of the Masterworks programs on the Thursday evening preceding each Masterworks Concert. Free admission. Cash bar available.

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## CONCERT CONVERSATIONS

One hour prior to each Masterworks performance, concert goers are invited to attend informational pre-concert conversations to hear about the works on the program. A video version is also available on all QCSO social media platforms.

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## AFTERGLOW

Mingle with Maestro Mark Russell Smith, guest artists, and members of the QCSO in the Hotel Blackhawk lobby immediately following the Saturday Masterworks Performances. Free admission. Cash bar available.

## CHILDREN'S CRESCENDO CORNER

At Sunday Masterworks performances, stop by the Crescendo Corner in the lobby for engaging activities that both delight and educate our youngest concert attendees!

## STUDENT PROGRAM BOOKLET

Designed for Students @ Symphony and all of our younger audience members in mind, these digital booklets are interactive and include links and activities to enhance the learning and concert experience for students of all ages!

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# EASE YOUR EXPERIENCE

## SHUTTLE BUSES

A convenient park-and-ride shuttle service is available for Sunday Masterworks performances. Visit [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org) for pick-up times and locations. A \$5.00 return ticket is required and available for purchase at the venue box office or will-call table.

## LARGE PRINT & BRAILLE

Large-print and braille programs are available for each Masterworks Concert at the QCSO table in the lobby.

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## MASTERWORKS

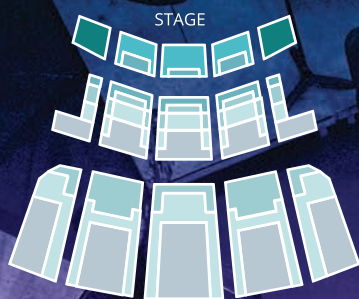
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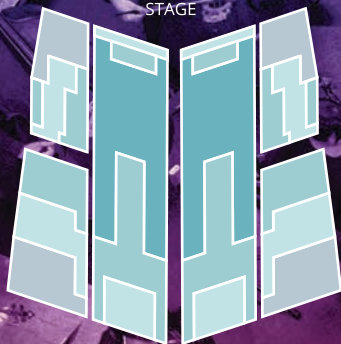


### CENTENNIAL HALL

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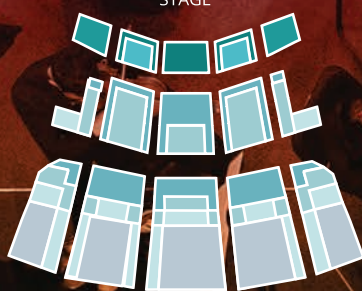
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## FREE PARTY ADMISSION

All subscribers are invited to the **2026-27 Season Announcement Party** in April 2026, plus Full Masterworks Subscribers receive **free admission** to this year's **Uncork the Season** before Masterworks !!

## QCSO SEAT CUSHIONS

Up Close Subscriptions come with a **QCSO branded seat cushion** to improve your comfort across all venues!

## SUBSCRIBE BY MAY 19, 2025 & SKIP ALL THE FEES!

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