

2026-27 SEASON

RISING STARS

The Sound of Tomorrow, Performing Today



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2026-27 SEASON · RISING STARS

Dear Music Lover,

Welcome to *Rising Stars: The Sound of Tomorrow, Performing Today* — our most ambitious season yet. This year we welcome violinist Timothy Chooi, pianist George Li, artists of the Washington National Opera, Jeff Corwin, and extraordinary music from Tchaikovsky to Beethoven.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Bartram". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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Inspire

the next generation

Educate

children and students

Enrich

our community

Connect

through the power of live performance



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Your 2026–27 Subscription Season

Six concerts · Monroe Auditorium

SEP 19, 2026

Symphonic Flashbang!

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4 · Copland Rodeo · Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture

OCT 24, 2026

Classical's Greatest Hits

Bach · Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto · Mozart Symphony No. 40 · Timothy Chooi

DEC 19, 2026

Christmas Bells Are Ringing

One Show Only · Stafford Handbell Society · The Spotsylvanians Chorus

FEB 13, 2027

Rising Stars: George Li

Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 · Gershwin Porgy and Bess

APR 10, 2027

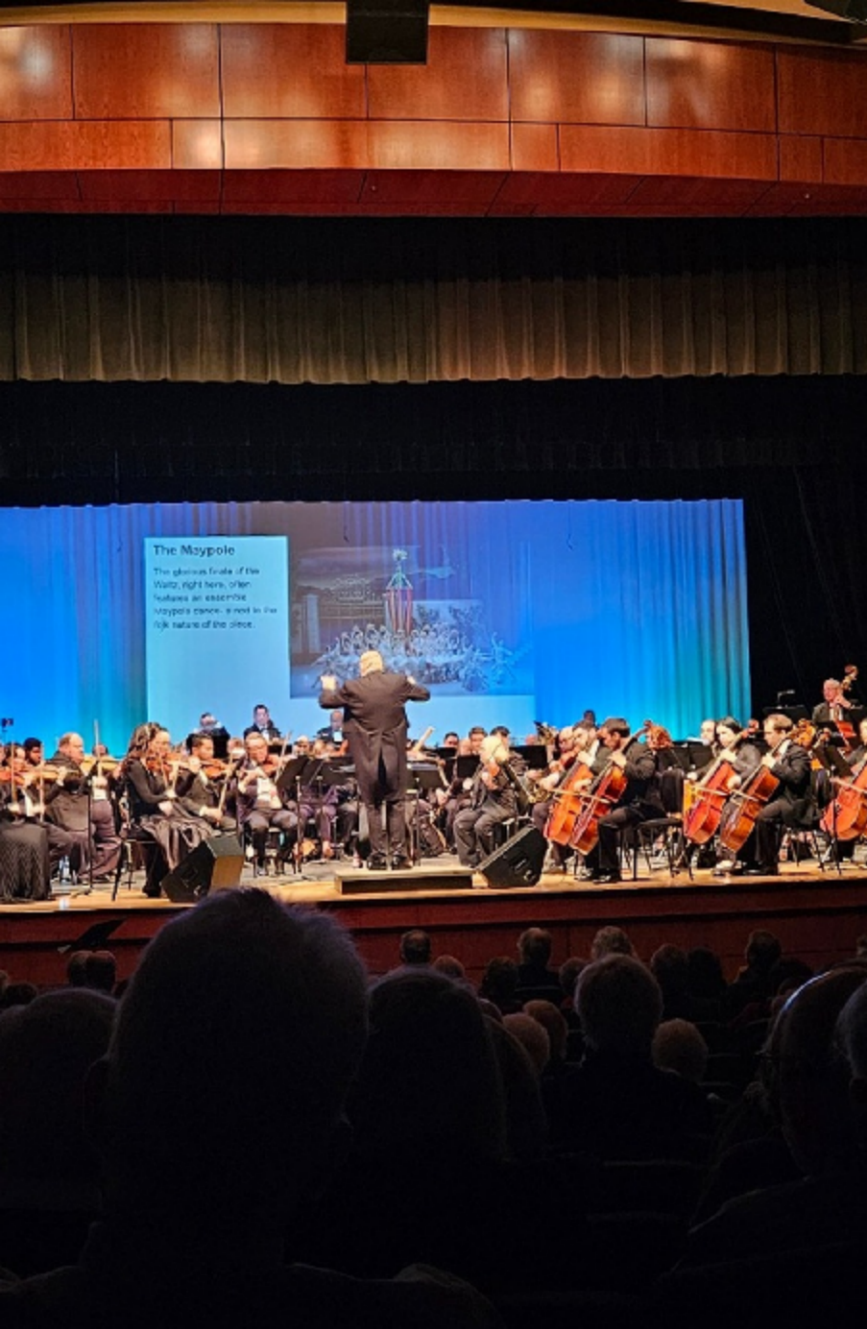
Lolli-Pops: Let's Go On Safari!

Family Series · Your safari guide, Jeff Corwin

MAY 22, 2027

Honoring Beethoven's Legacy

Eroica · Fidelio · Moonlight Sonata · Symphony No. 9 · WNO Artists



2026 - 2027 SEASON GRAND OPENING

Saturday, September 19, 2026

"Symphonic Flashbang!"

SEASON OPENER

A Symphonic Flashbang!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 · 7:30 PM · MONROE AUDITORIUM

Kick off the season with music of extraordinary power, color, and excitement. Tchaikovsky's gripping Symphony No. 4 launches the evening with a dramatic battle against fate. Copland's Rodeo brings the wide-open energy of the American West to the stage, and Tchaikovsky's legendary 1812 Overture closes the night with a roof-raising finale.

THRILLING. EXPLOSIVE. AN UNFORGETTABLE OPENING NIGHT.

Featured Program

- Tchaikovsky — Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36
- Copland — Rodeo
- Tchaikovsky — 1812 Overture



– FSO SUBSCRIPTION SERIES –

CLASSICAL'S GREATEST HITS

with Superstar Violinist
Timothy Chooi

Saturday, October 24, 2026



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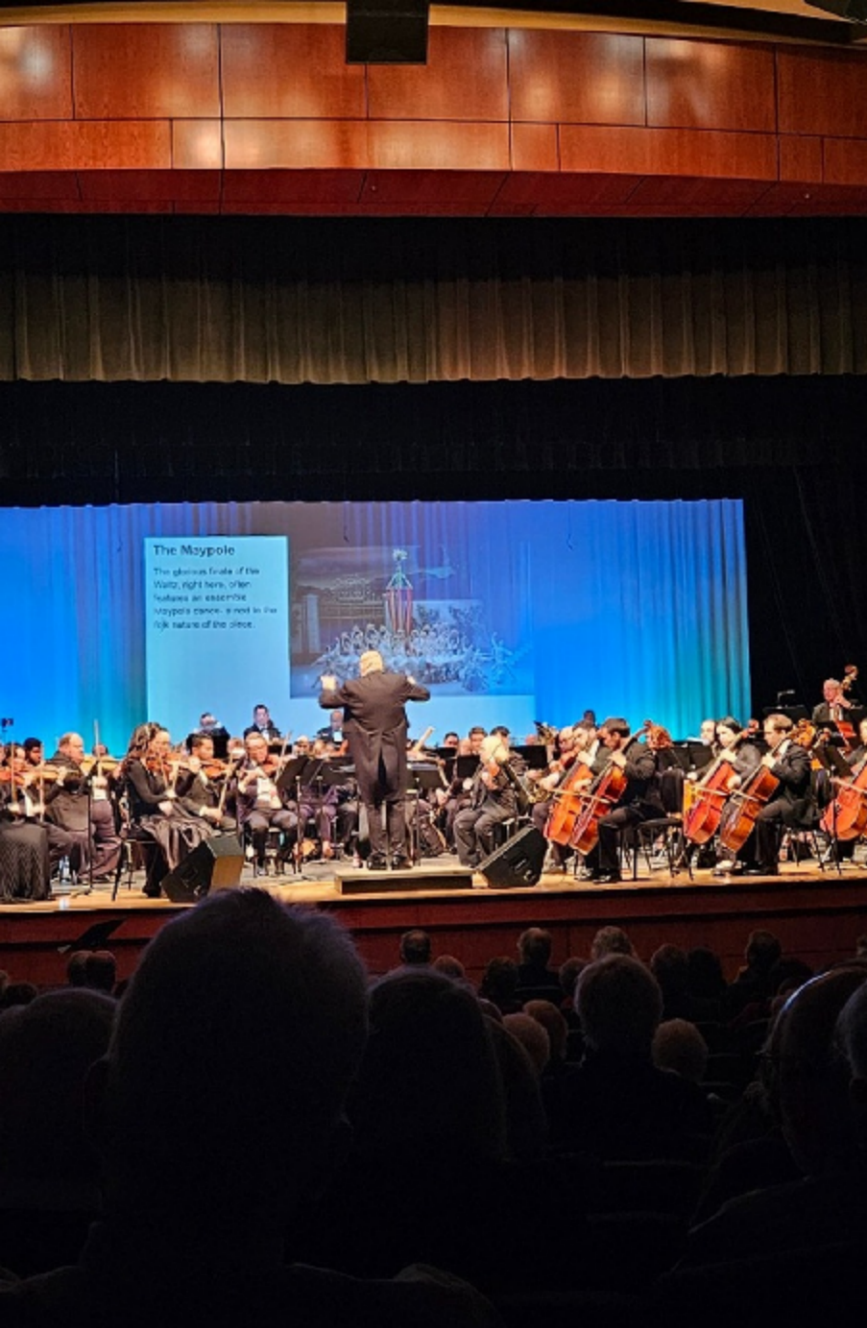
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 · 7:30 PM · MONROE AUDITORIUM

An unforgettable evening of Bach, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky — three composers audiences know and love. Internationally acclaimed violinist Timothy Chooi takes center stage in Tchaikovsky's monumental Violin Concerto, bringing breathtaking virtuosity and expressive depth to one of the most beloved works ever written for the instrument.

TIMOTHY CHOOI PLAYS TCHAIKOVSKY'S VIOLIN CONCERTO.

Featured Program

- Bach — Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major, BWV 1048
- Tchaikovsky — Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35 (Timothy Chooi, violin)
- Mozart — Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550



FREDERICKSBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

Christmas Bells Are Ringing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • MONROE AUDITORIUM • ONE SHOW ONLY
with Special Guests Stafford Handbell Society & The Spotsylvanians Chorus

HOLIDAY POPS • ONE SHOW ONLY

Christmas Bells Are Ringing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026 • MONROE AUDITORIUM

Fredericksburg's holiday tradition returns for one festive night. The FSO is joined by the Stafford Handbell Society and The Spotsylvanians Chorus for a program of orchestral favorites, bells, beloved carols, and music from the movies.

WITH STAFFORD HANDBELL SOCIETY & THE SPOTSYLVANIANS CHORUS

Featured Program

- Matt Riley — A Christmas Overture (World Premiere; with Stafford Handbell Society)
- Prokofiev — Troika from Lt. Kijé Suite
- Danny Elfman — The Nightmare Before Christmas Suite
- Zachary Smith — Soul JingleNova
- John Williams — Sound the Bells
- Finale: Christmas Medley — with The Spotsylvanians Chorus



RIISING STARS SERIES

George Li, Piano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2027 • 7:30 PM

Rachmaninoff · Gershwin · Monroe Auditorium

NEW! RISING STARS SERIES

George Li, Piano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2027 • 7:30 PM • MONROE AUDITORIUM

Hear one of today's most acclaimed young pianists in a work audiences return to again and again: Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. George Li brings a combination of virtuosity, lyricism, and emotional force to the centerpiece of this new FSO series spotlighting exceptional artists on the rise.

HEAR TOMORROW'S INTERNATIONAL STARS TODAY.

Featured Program

- Glinka — Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture
- Rachmaninoff — Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18 (George Li, piano)
- Wagner — Rienzi Overture, Op. 49
- Gershwin — Catfish Row: Symphonic Suite from Porgy and Bess



FSO FAMILY SERIES · SPECIAL EVENT

Lolli-Pops: Let's Go On Safari!

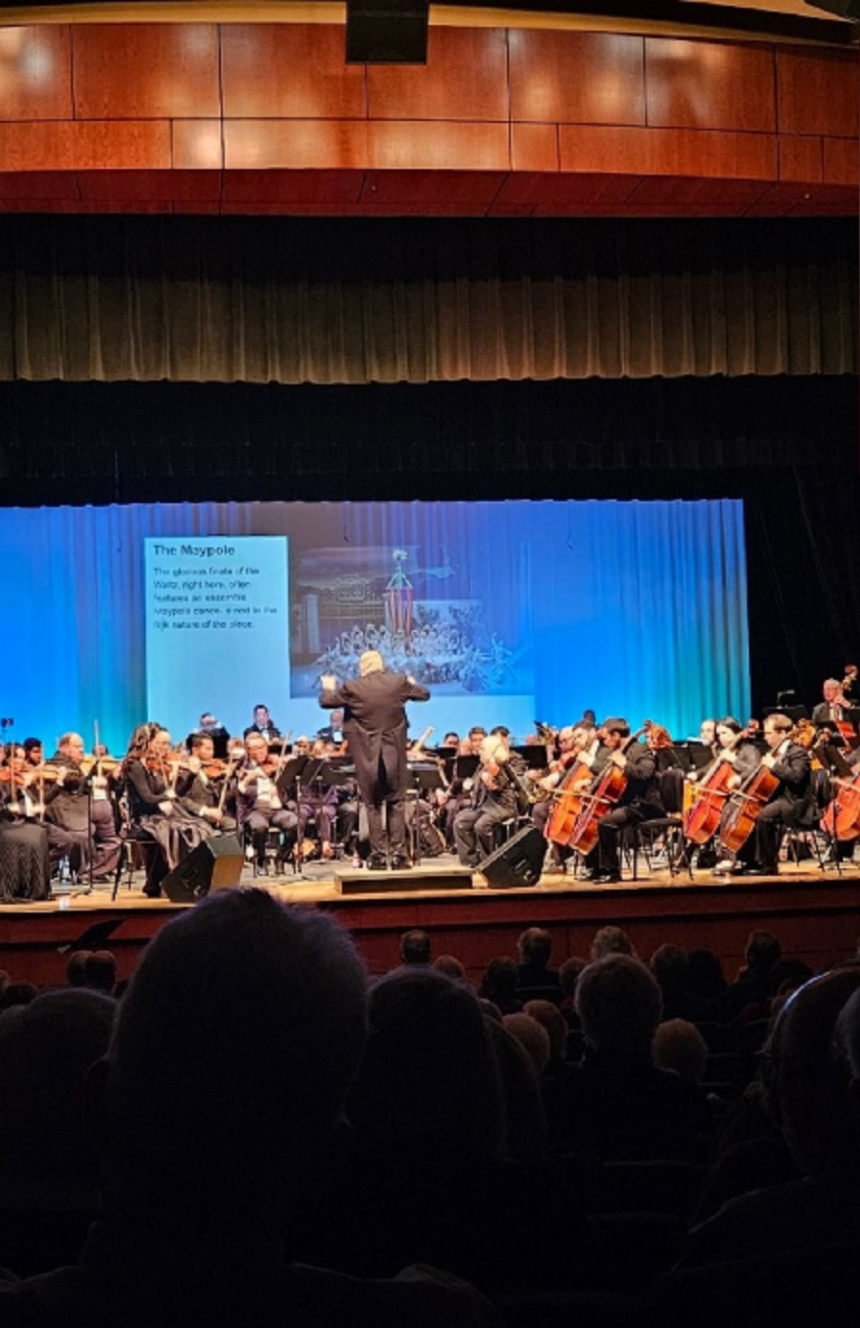
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2027 · 3:00 PM · MONROE AUDITORIUM

Emmy-winning television host Jeff Corwin is your safari guide for a musical adventure built for the whole family. The FSO's beloved Lolli-Pops series returns with animals, stories, color, and an interactive concert designed to make orchestral music irresistible for children and newcomers.

YOUR SAFARI GUIDE: JEFF CORWIN, EMMY-WINNING HOST OF ABC'S WILDLIFE NATION.

Featured Program

- Saint-Saëns — Carnival of the Animals
- Madagascar2 Suite
- Gregory Smith — Zoo Song
- Dan Brown — Wild Symphony
- Finale /Parade — The Lion King Orchestra Suite



SEASON GRAND FINALE

Honoring Beethoven's Legacy (1770-1827)

*The 200th Anniversary of his Death
featuring soloists from the Washington National Opera
and The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg*

Saturday, May 22, 2027

SEASON GRAND FINALE

Honoring Beethoven's Legacy

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2027 · 7:30 PM · MONROE AUDITORIUM

A powerful all-Beethoven finale celebrating music that changed the world. The FSO, the Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg, and guest artists from the Washington National Opera — Viviana Goodwin (soprano), Veronica Siebert (alto), Nicholas Huff (tenor), and Robert Frazier (bass-baritone) — culminate the season with Beethoven's Ninth and the triumphant "Ode to Joy."

FEATURING ARTISTS FROM THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA & THE CHAMBER CHORALE OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Featured Program

- Beethoven — Symphony No. 3, Op. 55 "Eroica"
- Beethoven — Fidelio Overture
- Beethoven — Sonata in C-sharp Minor, No. 14 "Moonlight" (James Pitts, piano)
- Beethoven — Symphony No. 9 in D minor "Choral" — including "Ode to Joy"

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