

# NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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## **New Jersey Symphony and Windborne Music Group present The Music of Led Zeppelin**

NEWARK, NJ—New Jersey Symphony and Windborne Music Group present The Music of Led Zeppelin with Brent Havens conducting and Justin Sargent performing as a vocalist on the program. The performances will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 8 pm, at bergenPAC in Englewood; and Sunday, May 4, at 3 pm, at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick.

This program celebrates the best of the legendary classic rock group. Performed by an orchestra and amplified with a full rock band and vocals, this show captures Led Zeppelin's distinct sound while presenting hits like "Kashmir," "Black Dog," "Stairway to Heaven," and more.

### **The Music of Led Zeppelin**

**Featuring hits like "Kashmir," "Black Dog," "Stairway to Heaven," and more!**

**Brent Havens** conductor & arranger

**Windborne Music Group**

**Justin Sargent** vocalist

**Englewood** → Saturday, May 3, 8 pm, bergenPAC

**New Brunswick** → Sunday, May 4, 3 pm, State Theatre New Jersey

More information on concerts and tickets: [njsymphony.org/events](https://njsymphony.org/events).

### **About Brent Havens**

Berklee-trained arranger/conductor Brent Havens has written music for orchestras, feature films and virtually every kind of television. His TV work includes movies for networks such as ABC, CBS, and ABC Family Channel Network, commercials, sports music for networks such as ESPN and even cartoons. Havens has also worked with the Doobie Brothers and the Milwaukee Symphony, arranging and conducting the combined group for Harley Davidson's 100th Anniversary Birthday Party Finale attended by over 150,000 fans. He has worked with some of the world's greatest orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic and the BBC Concert Orchestra in London, the CBSO in Birmingham, England, the Malaysian Philharmonic, the Cincinnati

Symphony Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, the Fort Worth Symphony, the Nashville Symphony, Orchestra of Opera North in Leeds, England, and countless others.

Havens recently completed the score for the film *Quo Vadis* a Premier Pictures remake of the 1956 gladiator film. In 2013, he worked with the Baltimore Symphony and the NFL's Baltimore Ravens to arrange and produce the music for the Thanksgiving Day halftime show between the Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers, adapting both classical music and rock songs into a single four-minute show. Havens is arranger/guest conductor for all of the symphonic rock programs for Windborne Music.

### **About Windborne Music Group**

Windborne Productions, Inc. has been in existence since 1990, beginning work in both television and movies. Music being a large part of what their media division does, the founder of Windborne, Brent Havens, has been writing music for television, theatrical movies, music libraries, and industrial productions since 1980. Their first live production of classic rock music with orchestra was in late 1995—The Music of Led Zeppelin. After the initial response from that show, they realized that this was something that had the potential to spread throughout the country. That is exactly what happened and many shows later, Windborne personnel have traveled the world touring The Music of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, The Doors, Queen, and The Rolling Stones with orchestras great and small. The group looks to the future to keep Windborne on the cutting edge of live and recorded music production.

### **About Justin Sargent**

Justin Matthew Sargent is a singer and actor who has starred on Broadway as “Peter Parker” in *Spiderman: Turn Off The Dark* (Music by Bono and The Edge), “Drew” in the mega hit rock musical in *Rock of Ages*, and was in the Original Broadway Cast of *Bonnie and Clyde*.

Born in Murphysboro Illinois, and raised in Florida, Sargent has been performing since high school. Since he graduated, he has been lucky enough to make a living doing what he loves. He has performed alongside music legends like John Legend, Alice Cooper, Sara Bareilles, Dee Snider, Kip Winger, Graham Russell, and has been a guest singer with the band Air Supply. Justin has toured the country singing everything from Queen to Andrew Lloyd Webber. His TV/film appearances include “Jesus Christ Superstar: Live” on NBC, “Law & Order: SVU,” “Mr. Robot,” “Delocated,” “Royal Pains,” and more!

### **About New Jersey Symphony**

New Jersey Symphony is a GRAMMY and Emmy Award-winning orchestra. Under the direction of the Music Director Xian Zhang, the Symphony performs more than 55 concerts at mainstage venues across the state, including Newark, Princeton, New Brunswick, Red Bank, and Morristown, as well as schools and public spaces statewide.

Programming at the Symphony reflects an unwavering commitment to diverse communities throughout the state, while providing students unparalleled opportunities to achieve musical excellence through its Youth Orchestra and other education programs. In 2024, the Symphony announced it would continue to deliver its statewide activities from a new, permanent office, rehearsal, and concert space in Jersey City, set to open in 2026. For more information about the New Jersey Symphony, visit our website at [njsymphony.org](https://njsymphony.org) or our newsroom for press releases and photos.

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