

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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New Jersey Symphony announces 2025 summer season concerts

Outdoor concerts in six cities around New Jersey

June 18 in Red Bank

June 21 in Madison

June 24 in Toms River

June 25 in South Amboy

June 27 in Newark

June 29 in Jersey City

Classical Favorites: Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and More!

July 9 in Newark

***How to Train Your Dragon* in Concert**

July 11 in Morristown

July 12 in New Brunswick

July 13 in Newark

New Scores: The Cone Composition Institute Concert

July 19 in Princeton

NEWARK, NJ— New Jersey Symphony kicks off its summer season with its annual summer outdoor concert series which brings a fun-filled orchestral program to locations around the state. This summer's program features selections from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Overture to the *The Magic Flute*, Gioachino Rossini's Overture to *William Tell*, a celebration of Duke Ellington's music, highlights from the Broadway show *Wicked*, and patriotic favorites. New Jersey Symphony Colton Conducting Fellow Gregory D. McDaniel conducts.

The concerts in Red Bank, Toms River, South Amboy, Newark and Jersey City are free to attend, thanks to generous support from local and county governments, as well as cultural arts organizations. The concert in Madison is part of Morris Arts' annual fundraiser, the Giralda Music & Arts Festival, with tickets going on sale in early May.

More information and ticket/registration links can be found on New Jersey Symphony's website: njsymphony.org/summer

New Jersey Symphony summer outdoor concerts 2025

Wednesday, June 18 at 7 pm

Marine Park in Red Bank, part of the North2Shore Festival

Saturday, June 21 at 6 pm

Giralda Farms in Madison

Tuesday, June 24 at 8 pm

Ocean County College in Toms River

Wednesday, June 25 at 7:30 pm

Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy

Friday, June 27 at 7:30 pm

Branch Brook Park in Newark, part of the North2Shore Festival

Sunday, June 29 at 7:30 pm

Liberty State Park in Jersey City

Program includes:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Overture to *The Magic Flute*

Florence Price "Silk Hat and a Walking Cane" from *Dances in the Canebrakes*

Béla Bartók *Romanian Folk Dances*

Gioachino Rossini Overture to *William Tell*

Richard Rodgers *Carousel Waltz*

Duke Ellington / arr. Custer *Duke Ellington!*

Various Composers / arr. Ricketts *Satchmo!*

Stephen Schwartz / arr. Ricketts Highlights from *Wicked*

Various Composers / arr. Lowden *Armed Forces Salute*

Classical Favorites: Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and More!

Wednesday, July 9 at 7 pm, NJPAC in Newark, Victoria Theater

Free admission with registration

Experience highlights of the Symphony's upcoming season featuring works by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Ludwig van Beethoven. Conducted by the Symphony's Colton Conducting Fellow, Gregory D. McDaniel, the program will feature pieces from the upcoming season, including Fauré's *Pavane*, Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances*, and Sibelius' *Finlandia*. This concert is free with registration, available on the Symphony's website at njsymphony.org.

How to Train Your Dragon in Concert

Friday, July 11, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

Saturday, July 12, State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick

Sunday, July 13, NJPAC in Newark

A winner with audiences and critics alike, DreamWorks' *How to Train Your Dragon* is a captivating and original story that combines humor, fire-breathing action and epic adventure! Hiccup is a young Viking who defies tradition when he befriends one of his deadliest foes—a ferocious dragon he calls Toothless. Together, these unlikely heroes must fight against all odds to save both their worlds.

How to Train Your Dragon in Concert features this acclaimed film presented in HD, with composer John Powell's Academy Award-nominated score performed live to picture by the New Jersey Symphony in a thrilling experience for all ages.

Tickets are available at njsymphony.org.

New Scores: The Cone Composition Institute Concert

Saturday, July 19 at 8 pm, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton

The Symphony, in partnership with the Edward T. Cone Composition Institute, will present its annual performance New Scores: The Cone Composition Institute Concert, with Christopher Rountree conducting the New Jersey Symphony, performing the works of four emerging composers:

Claire Cope *Agita*

Max Eidinoff *Kairosclerosis*

Hannah Ishizaki *Fractured Transformations*

Nicole Knorr *as the garden bows*

Institute Director Steven Mackey will also present his work *Tonic* on the program.

Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at njsymphony.org.

About New Jersey Symphony

New Jersey Symphony is a GRAMMY and Emmy Award-winning orchestra. Under the direction of Music Director Xian Zhang, the Symphony performs more than 55 mainstage concerts across the state at venues in Newark, Princeton, New Brunswick, Red Bank, and Morristown, as well as at 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 or our newsroom for press releases and photos.

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June 18: This concert is presented by Red Bank RiverCenter and is presented in collaboration with the North2Shore Festival.

June 21: This concert is presented by Morris Arts.

June 24: This concert is sponsored by the Ocean County College Foundation and supported by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission and Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

June 25: This concert is sponsored by Middlesex County and is presented in collaboration with the Arts Institute of Middlesex County.

June 27: The Branch Brook Park concert is sponsored by the County of Essex with additional support from Citizens Bank and is presented in collaboration with the North2Shore Festival.

June 29: This concert is supported by Mayor Steven M. Fulop, the Jersey City Municipal Council, and the Office of Cultural Affairs. Supported with public funds from the Arts and Culture Trust Fund and the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation. Paid for with State of NJ UEZ funds.

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July 19: The Symphony presents the Edward T. Cone Composition Institute in collaboration with the Princeton University Department of Music. Major underwriting support for the New Jersey Symphony Edward T. Cone Institute is generously provided by the Edward T. Cone Foundation and Princeton University.