

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

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New Jersey Symphony October Events

The October event lineup offers something for every music lover!

Oct 5: TwoSet Violin with New Jersey Symphony

World-famous YouTube classical music comedy duo TwoSet Violin take the stage with New Jersey Symphony for a wide-ranging afternoon of musical fun!

Oct 10–12: Opening Weekend: Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1

Pianist Joyce Yang, described by *The Washington Post* as an “astonishing artist,” performs the audience favorite in a program that celebrates **Music Director Xian Zhang’s 10th season with New Jersey Symphony.**

Oct 23–26: Disney’s *Fantasia* in Concert

Experience Disney’s groundbreaking marriage of symphonic music and animation.

Oct 24: Steve Hackman’s Beethoven X Beyoncé

Northeast premiere! The newest fusion production by Steve Hackman combines pop’s Queen with classical music’s King.

NEWARK, NJ—This October, experience New Jersey Symphony in new ways! With a wide variety of events from which to select, there is a program for everyone. The world-famous **TwoSet Violin**—a YouTube classical music comedy duo—will make a stop at NJPAC in Newark (October 5) on their world tour, bringing their unique brand of earnest and silly musical comedy to a new level in this performance, with the backing of a full symphony orchestra.

The following weekend, the 2025–26 season classical series officially opens with pianist Joyce Yang performing one of Tchaikovsky’s most treasured works, his Piano

Concerto No. 1. **Opening Weekend** (October 10–12) also **celebrates the Symphony's Music Director Xian Zhang's 10th season**—a remarkable milestone of a decade filled with musical innovation and spectacular performances.

The whole family will love **Disney's *Fantasia in Concert*** (October 23–26), with repertoire from the original 1940 version and *Fantasia 2000* being performed by New Jersey Symphony while Disney's stunning footage is shown on the big screen at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, Count Basie Performing Arts Center in Red Bank, and State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick. That same weekend at NJPAC in Newark, experience the one-night-only northeast premiere of Steve Hackman's **Beethoven X Beyoncé** (October 24). Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, the symphonic repertoire's most joyful and exuberant celebration of dance, is the canvas onto which fifteen of Beyoncé's most popular songs across her entire catalog are interwoven, including "Girls," "Crazy in Love," "Sorry," "Cuff It," "Single Ladies," and "Texas Hold 'Em." The production's emotional peak is when two of the most recognizable melodies from each composer are intertwined: "Halo" and the hauntingly beautiful second movement of the Beethoven. Three powerhouse female soloists, as well as a guest drummer, guitarist/keyboardist, and bassist, join the orchestra for a night of musical magic.

Tickets are available at njsymphony.org.

Part of the TwoSet Violin World Tour

TwoSet Violin with New Jersey Symphony

Newark → Sunday, October 5, 2 pm, NJPAC

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TwoSet Violin

Maurice Cohn conductor

New Jersey Symphony

Opening Weekend

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1

Newark → Friday, October 10, 7:30 pm, NJPAC

Red Bank → Saturday, October 11, 7:30 pm, Count Basie Center for the Arts

Newark → Sunday, October 12, 2 pm, NJPAC

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Xian Zhang conductor

Joyce Yang piano

New Jersey Symphony

Jessie Montgomery *Hymn for Everyone*
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1
Antonín Dvořák Symphony No. 8

New Jersey Symphony at the Movies

Disney's *Fantasia* in Concert

Morristown → Friday, October 23, 7 pm, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

Red Bank → Saturday, October 25, 2 pm, Count Basie Center for the Arts

New Brunswick → Sunday, October 26, 2 pm, State Theatre New Jersey

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Constantine Kitsopoulos conductor
New Jersey Symphony

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Northeast Premiere of Steve Hackman's

Beethoven X Beyoncé

Newark → Friday, October 24, 7:30 pm, NJPAC

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Steve Hackman conductor & creator
New Jersey Symphony

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 New Jersey Symphony, visit our website at njsymphony.org or our newsroom for press releases and photos.

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