



Minnesota Sinfonia Programs

THE WINTER CONCERT SERIES

The Winter Concert Series, now in its 21st season, offers classical programs in venues throughout the Twin Cities. Showcasing accomplished guest soloists from around the world, concerts feature well-known orchestral repertoire as well as new works by American composers. All winter concerts are free, and families are encouraged to bring their children. More information is available at www.mnsinfonia.org or 612-871-1701.

THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Summer Concert Series, now in its eighth season, features award-winning guest soloists performing classical repertoire in popular outdoor venues throughout the Twin Cities. All concerts are free, and families are encouraged to bring their children. More information is available at www.mnsinfonia.org or 612-871-1701.

The Minnesota Sinfonia reserves one week of each Summer Concert Series for the annual **Youth Outreach Concert**. The program gives 25 of the area's most talented young musicians the opportunity to experience a "week in the life" of a professional classical musician. Students participate in a series of intensive orchestra rehearsals, culminating in a joint concert with Minnesota Sinfonia. For information about participating, or for details about the Youth Outreach Concert, call 612-871-1701 or visit www.mnsinfonia.org.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

Music in the Schools (MIS) is a curriculum-based outreach program that uses classical music to engage elementary students in learning core subjects. Designed specifically for the inner-city schools of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MIS begins with three months of classroom learning, and culminates with an in-school performance by the Minnesota Sinfonia. Since 1990, more than 150,000 students have participated in the program, at no cost to the districts or students. The program is supported by contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals. For more information, visit www.mnsinfonia.org or call 612-871-1701.

THE YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The Young Artist Competition is an annual contest for string musicians up to the age of 21. Held every spring, the competition attracts students from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Students compete for the Claire Givens Violins \$500 cash prize and solo appearance with the Sinfonia. For information about registration and past winners, call 612-871-1701 or visit www.mnsinfonia.org.



COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The Minnesota Sinfonia's Community Concerts are opportunities to enjoy light classical and "pops" music in an casual atmosphere. Concerts are offered during the summer months and around the holidays. (See below for descriptions of each program):

Summer Family Pops Concerts are offered in outdoor venues throughout the Metro area, and feature Broadway and movie tunes, as well as, marches, polkas, rags and more. Typical concert sites include Como Park, the Minnesota Zoo, Lake Harriet Bandshell and Caponi Art Park. For a schedule of upcoming concerts, visit www.mnsinfonia.org or call 612-871-1701.

The Sinfonia's free-admission **Children's Concerts** are family-friendly performances featuring classical music especially for children and lively stories narrated by singer and actress Kathleen Hardy. For more information, visit www.mnsinfonia.org or call 612-871-1701.

Holiday Pops Concerts are free-admission performances featuring popular holiday music and seasonal favorites. Concerts are held at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, and other local venues. For a schedule of upcoming concerts, visit www.mnsinfonia.org or call 612-871-1701.