

43<sup>rd</sup> Season



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**SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCES  
2022-2023 SEASON**

**Highlights include debuts by:**

**J’Nai Bridges**, mezzo-soprano, and **Ulysses Owens Jr.**, percussion  
**Sean Shibe**, guitar, with **Van Kuijk Quartet**  
**Nicola Benedetti**, violin; **Leonard Elschenbroich**, cello; and **Alexei Grynyuk**, piano  
**JJI**, guitar  
**Víkingur Ólafsson**, piano  
**Junction Trio**  
**Benjamin Appl**, baritone

**Return performances by:**

**Sir Andrés Schiff**, piano  
**Midori**, violin  
**Dawn Upshaw**, soprano  
**Garrick Ohlsson**, piano  
**Emerson String Quartet**  
**Catalyst Quartet**

San Francisco, CA, March 15, 2022 – **San Francisco Performances (SFP)** has announced details of its 2022-2023 season, including debuts by **J’Nai Bridges** and **Ulysses Owens Jr.**, **Sean Shibe**, **Dreamers’ Circus**, **JJI**, **Danny Driver**, and others; plus the return of **Midori**, **Sir Andrés Schiff**, **Dawn Upshaw**, **Catalyst Quartet**, **Garrick Ohlsson**, **Trio Mediæval**, and more.

The 32-performance season runs **October 7, 2022, through May 10, 2023**, with performances at Herbst Theatre and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in San Francisco. **Subscriptions**, priced \$120 to \$330, including Guitar, Chamber, Great Artists and Ensembles, Piano, Art of Song, Saturday Morning, and PIVOT, plus a Make-Your-Own Series option, go **on sale March 22**,

**2022.** Single tickets, priced \$45 to \$105, go on sale August 9, 2022. For subscriptions, tickets, and more information about the season, visit [sfperformances.org](https://sfperformances.org).

“We’re very excited about our 2022-2023 season,” said Melanie Smith, SFP President. “It truly embodies our organization’s spirit of meaningful connection and discovery through live performance. Each artist in our season brings a uniquely personal and often profound point of view to their work, creating compelling shared experiences for longtime arts aficionados and newcomers alike. The season represents the past, present, and future of the ever-evolving art form of chamber music, bringing together artists from many traditions and backgrounds for shared music making. We look forward to many memorable performances.”

### **Season Debuts**

The season features San Francisco Performances debuts by 17 artists and ensembles, including: mezzo-soprano J’Nai Bridges with jazz percussionist Ulysses Owens Jr.; baritone Benjamin Appl; Chiaroscuro Quartet; Junction Trio; the Benedetti/Elschenbroich/Grynyuk Trio; Doric String Quartet; Modigliani Quartet; guitarists Andrea González Caballero and Grisha Goryachev; guitarist Sean Shibe with the Van Kuijk Quartet; Dreamers’ Circus; guitarist JJJ; and pianists Danny Driver, Adam Tendler, and Víkingur Ólafsson.

### **San Francisco Performances 2022-2023 Season by Series**

#### **Art of Song**

Dawn Upshaw with the Brentano Quartet, presenting *Dido Reimagined* January 12; the return of Trio Mediæval April 20; SFP debuts of J’Nai Bridges and Ulysses Owens Jr. April 28; and the debut of Benjamin Appl with pianist James Baillieu May 10.

#### **Saturday Mornings**

Music Historian-in-Residence Robert Greenberg with the Alexander String Quartet, October 8 and 22, January 28, February 18, and March 11. This season, the five look back to the tumultuous social and political era of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century – times not unlike our own – and explore enduring works of great music it produced.

#### **Chamber**

The Danish String Quartet October 26; the Chiaroscuro Quartet (debut) April 1; the Modigliani Quartet (debut) April 5; and the farewell tour of the Emerson String Quartet April 14.

#### **Great Artists and Ensembles**

The debut of the Junction Trio December 1; two recitals by Midori February 2 and 5; the debut of the Benedetti/Elschenbroich/Grynyuk Trio March 22; and pianist Benjamin Grosvenor with the debut of the Doric String Quartet April 26.

#### **Guitar**

The debuts of Andrea González Caballero and Grisha Goryachev December 3; the debut of

Sean Shibe with the Van Kuijk Quartet February 10; Dreamers' Circus (debut) March 3; JIJl (debut) March 11; and Jason Vieaux with Sasha Cooke April 8.

The Guitar Series is presented in association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts.

### **Piano**

Garrick Ohlsson and Apollon Musagète October 7; the debut of Danny Driver November 8; Adam Tandler (debut) and Jenny Lin November 19; Lise de la Salle April 19; and the debut of Víkingur Ólafsson May 9.

### **PIVOT Festival**

This is the eighth year of the PIVOT Festival, created for adventurous audiences seeking unique arts experiences. In 2023, the Catalyst Quartet returns for season two of its highly regarded *Uncovered* series, exploring the music of composers whose works have rarely been heard. February 21, 22, and 23, 2023, with guest artists Anne-Marie McDermott, piano (February 21), and Marcy Rosen, cello (February 22).

Each PIVOT Festival concert will be preceded by PIVOT Preludes, pre-concert programs in which pianist Sarah Cahill and other Bay Area artists will take a deeper dive into the works of a composer featured in that evening's performance.

### **Special Event**

Pianist Sir András Schiff in recital October 14. Gala benefit performance.

### **San Francisco Performances 2022-2023 Season by Date**

**All Performances at Herbst Theatre Unless Otherwise Noted**

**401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102**

#### **October 2022**

7 Garrick Ohlsson, piano, with Apollon Musagète Quartet

8 Robert Greenberg, music historian-in-residence, with Alexander String Quartet

14 Sir András Schiff, piano

22 Robert Greenberg, music historian-in-residence, with Alexander String Quartet

26 Danish String Quartet

#### **November 2022**

8 Danny Driver, piano

19 Adam Tandler and Jenny Lin, pianos

#### **December 2022**

1 Junction Trio

3 Andrea González Caballero, guitar, and Grisha Goryachev, guitar, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

### **January 2023**

12 Dawn Upshaw, soprano, with Brentano String Quartet

28 Robert Greenberg, music historian-in-residence, with Alexander String Quartet

### **February 2023**

2 Midori, violin

5 Midori, violin

10 Sean Shibe, guitar, with Van Kuijk Quartet

18 Robert Greenberg, music historian-in-residence, with Alexander String Quartet

21 PIVOT Festival: Catalyst Quartet

22 PIVOT Festival: Catalyst Quartet

23 PIVOT Festival: Catalyst Quartet

### **March 2023**

3 Dreamers' Circus

11 Robert Greenberg, music historian-in-residence, with Alexander String Quartet

11 JJI, guitar

22 Nicola Benedetti, violin; Leonard Elschenbroich, cello; Alexei Grynyuk, piano

### **April 2023**

1 Chiaroscuro Quartet

5 Modigliani Quartet

8 Jason Vieaux, guitar, and Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano

14 Emerson String Quartet

19 Lise de la Salle, piano

20 Trio Mediæval, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

26 Benjamin Grosvenor with Doric String Quartet

28 J'Nai Bridges, mezzo-soprano, and Ulysses Owens Jr, percussion

### **May 2023**

9 Víkingur Ólafsson, piano

10 Benjamin Appl, baritone, with James Baillieu, piano

### **Ticket Information**

#### **Subscriptions on sale March 22, 2022**

Subscribers receive benefits, including savings on single ticket prices, priority seating, free ticket exchange privileges, and invitations to a gift concert. Call the San Francisco Performances ticket office at **(415) 392-2545** or visit [sfperformances.org](https://sfperformances.org).

#### **Single-event tickets on sale August 9, 2022**

Single tickets may be purchased by calling the ticket office at **(415) 392-2545** or by visiting our website: [sfperformances.org](https://sfperformances.org). (Subscribers have priority seating.)

### **ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES**

San Francisco Performances has been a leader in the Bay Area cultural scene since our founding in 1979. With a strong curatorial vision and adventurous programming, we are the city's premier presenter of intimate concerts and solo performances.

We have introduced hundreds of established and emerging classical music, jazz, and dance artists to audiences, including Yo-Yo Ma, the Juilliard String Quartet, Philip Glass, Wendy Whelan, and the Paul Taylor Dance Company. We also champion a new generation, committed to building a contemporary and equitable repertoire. Performers like the Catalyst Quartet, violinist Jennifer Koh, tenor Lawrence Brownlee, and pianist/composer Vijay Iyer are moving their art into the present and future, making it accessible to younger audiences while converting many traditionalists to new possibilities. They represent the path forward.

Quality, intimacy, and connection are the hallmarks of San Francisco Performances. We nurture unique relationships with today's best artists to create an accessible, warm, and engaging arts experience.

**For selected high-resolution images of the 2022-23 season, please visit:**

**[sfperformances.org/media/2223/selectphotos.html](https://sfperformances.org/media/2223/selectphotos.html)**

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