

The BPO Recommends:

An Orchestral Listening Guide for Symphony Scholars

There are so many great works for orchestra that it is impossible to list them all. So, this guide is by no means completely comprehensive. Instead, these selections are to help you dive head first into the orchestral repertoire. Hopefully you will love some, but maybe you won't, and that's ok! What we *can* guarantee though, is that this list views every corner of the repertoire. Please also refer to the attached exploration guide. Happy Listening!

Composer	Repertoire
Adams, John	The Dharma at Big Sur Harmonium Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Bach, Johann Sebastian	Brandenburg Concertos (Nos. 1-6) Mass in B minor
Barber, Samuel	Adagio for Strings Overture to School for Scandal Violin Concerto
Bartók, Béla	Concerto for Orchestra Cantata Profana Miraculous Mandarin
Bates, Mason	Anthology of Fantastic Zoology Mothership
Beach, Amy	Symphony in E minor
Beethoven, Ludwig van	Leonore Overture No. 3 Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor" Symphony No. 3, "Eroica" Symphony No. 5 Symphony No. 9, "Choral"
Berg, Alban	Violin Concerto Wozzeck
Berlioz, Hector	Roman Carnival Overture Symphonie Fantastique
Bernstein, Leonard	Chichester Psalms Three Dances from On The Town Symphonic Dances from West Side Story
Bizet, Georges	Carmen Suites
Borodin, Alexander	Polovtsian Dances from Prince Igor

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Brahms, Johannes	A German Requiem Hungarian Dances Symphony No. 1 Symphony No. 4
Britten, Benjamin	Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes War Requiem Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra
Bruch, Max	Violin Concerto No. 1
Bruckner, Anton	Symphony No. 8 Te Deum
Clyne, Anna	Night Ferry
Copland, Aaron	Appalachian Spring Billy the Kid Fanfare for the Common Man Rodeo Symphony No. 3
Corigliano, John	The Red Violin Concerto
Debussy, Claude	La Mer Nocturnes Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun
Dvořák, Antonin	Cello Concerto in B minor Symphony No. 7 Symphony No. 8 Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"
Elfman, Danny	Concerto for Violin, "Eleven Eleven"
Elgar, Edward	Cello Concerto in E minor Enigma Variations
Falla, Manuel de	Three Cornered Hat Suites
Fauré, Gabriel	Requiem in D minor
Frank, Gabriela Lena	Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout Three Latin American Dances Walkabout: Concerto for Orchestra
Gershwin, George	An American in Paris Porgy and Bess Rhapsody in Blue

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Glass, Philip	Symphony No. 4, "Heroes"
Grieg, Edward	Peer Gynt Suites Piano Concerto in A minor
Handel, George Friedrich	Messiah Royal Fireworks Music Water Music
Haydn, Franz Joseph	Symphony No. 100, "Military" Symphony No. 104, "London" The Creation
Higdon, Jennifer	Concerto 4-3 Concerto for Orchestra
Hindemith, Paul	Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber Symphonyie "Mathis der Maler"
Holst, Gustav	The Planets The Perfect Fool, Ballet Music
Ives, Charles	The Unanswered Question Symphony No. 2
Korngold, Erich Wolfgang	Adventures of Robin Hood Suite Violin Concerto in D Major
Lee III, James	Sukkot Through Orion's Nebula
Mahler, Gustav	Symphony No. 1, "The Titan" Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"
Mendelssohn, Felix	Elijah Midsummer Night's Dream Overture to Hebrides Symphony No. 3, "Scottish" Violin Concerto
Montgomery, Jessie	Starburst Strum
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus	Don Giovanni Magic Flute Marriage of Figaro Piano Concerto No. 21 Requiem Mass Symphony No. 40

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Mussorgsky, Modest	Night on Bald Mountain Pictures at an Exhibition (arr. Ravel)
Nielsen, Carl	Symphony No. 4, "The Inextinguishable"
Orff, Carl	Carmina Burana
Piston, Walter	The Incredible Flutist Suite
Price, Florence	Symphony No. 3 in C minor Violin Concerto No. 1
Prokofiev, Sergei	Peter and the Wolf Romeo and Juliet Suites Symphony No. 5
Rachmaninoff, Sergei	Piano Concerto No. 2 Piano Concerto No. 3
Ravel, Maurice	La Valse Le Tombeau de Couperin Ma Mère l'Oye, "Mother Goose" Suite
Respighi, Ottorino	The Fountains of Rome The Pines of Rome Roman Festivals
Rimsky-Korsakov, Nikolai	Capriccio Espagnol Sheherazade
Rossini, Gioachino	Overture to The Barber of Seville Overture to The Italian Girl in Algiers Overture to William Tell
Schubert, Franz	Symphony No. 8, "Unfinished" Symphony No. 9, "Great"
Schuman, William	Symphony No. 3 The Mighty Casey
Schumann, Robert	Symphony No. 3, "Rhenish" Concerto for Piano and Orchestra
Saint-Saëns, Camille	Carnival of the Animals Danse Macabre Symphony No. 3, "Organ"
Shostakovich, Dmitri	Piano Concerto No. 2 Symphony No. 1 Symphony No. 5

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Sibelius, Jean	Finlandia Symphony No. 2 in D major Violin Concerto in D minor
Smetana, Bedřich	Má Vlast
Still, William Grant	Poem Symphony No. 1, "Afro-American" Symphony No. 4, "Autochthonous"
Strauss, Richard	Ein Heldenleben Der Rosenkavalier Suite Til Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks
Stravinsky, Igor	The Firebird Suite The Rite of Spring Symphony of Psalms
Tchaikovsky, Pyotr Ilyich	The Nutcracker Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture Symphony No. 6, Pathétique"
Vaughan Williams, Ralph	Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis A Sea Symphony (Symphony No. 1) Symphony No. 8 Dona Nobis Pacem Tuba Concerto
Verdi, Giuseppe	Overture to La Forza del Destino Grand March from Aida Requiem Mass
Vivaldi, Antonio	The Four Seasons
Wagner, Richard	Overture to Tannhäuser Prelude from Tristan und Isolde Ride of the Valkyries from Die Walküre
Walker, George	Lyric for Strings
Walton, William	Façade Suites Symphony No. 1
Williams, John	Adventures on Earth Star Wars Suite The Five Sacred Trees Tuba Concerto