

Deepen Your Connection to the BPO

BPO Masterclasses

Guest artists will work one-on-one with talented local students in front of a live audience in our BPO Masterclass Series. Musically advanced high school students are invited to apply as a performer for any class. All applications require a private instructor's nomination and an audio recording. All events are free and open to the public with a required reservation. Visit bpo.org/masterclasses



Xavier Foley, double bass
Fri Nov 20, 2026 @ 7pm
Clement House
786 Delaware Ave.



Bella Hristova, violin
Fri Jan 15, 2027 @ 7pm
Clement House
786 Delaware Ave.



Avery Gagliano, piano
Fri Feb 19, 2027 @ 7pm
Mary Seaton Room
Kleinhans Music Hall



Paul Neubauer, viola
Wed May 19, 2027 @ 7pm
Clement House
786 Delaware Ave.

Volunteering

Fulfill volunteer hours by supporting the BPO! Typical volunteer activities include assisting with instrument demonstrations, helping children make crafts and other art activities, and assisting our partners with activities at BPO Kids Family concerts. Other opportunities include ushering at concerts and program distribution.

To participate in any volunteer activity, please reach out via email at education@bpo.org or (716) 242-7822

Student Rate Concerts

These concerts can be purchased at a discounted student rate. Contact the Box Office (716) 885-5000 or visit bpo.org to purchase.

BPO CLASSICS

Lang Lang
Season Opening Concert
Sat Sep 19, 7pm
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
Lang Lang, piano
DUKAS *Fanfare from La Péri*
DEBUSSY *La Mer*
BEETHOVEN *Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"*

BPO MOVIES



Coco in Concert Live to Film
Sat Oct 3, 2:30pm
Samuel Hollister, conductor
The magical celebration of the Day of the Dead transports Miguel on a mysterious journey to the colorful Land of the Dead where he meets a charming trickster who helps him unlock the ban on music his family has imposed. Oscar® and Grammy®-winning composer Michael Giacchino's score is performed live while the film is projected overhead.
Festival Encanto Hispano from 4:30pm - 7:30pm at Kleinhans in partnership with the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY.

BPO POPS



Chris Botti
Sat Nov 14, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Chris Botti, trumpet
Trumpet superstar Chris Botti returns to WNY with his unique fusion of rock, pop, jazz, and Latin music in one of the hottest and most anticipated concerts of the season.

BPO MOVIES

Home Alone Film in Concert
Sat Nov 28, 7:30pm
Sun Nov 29, 2:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Your BPO performs John Williams' captivating score in this madcap, family-friendly holiday favorite, as 8-year-old Kevin McAllister ingeniously defends his home against two bungling thieves when left home at Christmas. © 1990 Twentieth Century Fox

BPO SPECIAL

Cody Fry Christmas
Wed Dec 9, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Cody Fry, piano, guitar, vocals
The three-time Grammy-nominated artist blends his unique orchestral flair with nostalgic holiday classics, festive visuals, and emotional storytelling in his own signature hits like *I Hear A Symphony* and *Underground*.

BPO SPECIAL



Flow in Concert
Sat Mar 13, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Experience this visually stunning, dialogue-free tale in a powerful fusion of cinema and live orchestra. The animated film follows a solitary cat navigating a post-apocalyptic world submerged in water. As it encounters other animals and the remains of a lost civilization, the Academy Award-winning story explores themes of loneliness, resilience, and the necessity of community.

BPO MOVIES

How to Train Your Dragon in Concert
Fri Apr 30, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
A young Viking named Hiccup defies tradition when he befriends a ferocious dragon he calls Toothless, and together, these unlikely heroes must fight against all odds to save both their worlds. © 2010 DreamWorks Animation LLC. All Rights Reserved.

BPO SPECIAL



Ben Folds with the BPO
Sat May 1, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Ben Folds, vocals, piano
Emmy-nominated singer-songwriter-composer Ben Folds joins the BPO for a unique and unforgettable performance of genre-bending music from across his career.

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Featuring school and community groups at Kleinhans for over 25 years!

The BPO's Community Spotlight program features school and community groups in performances prior to BPO concerts throughout the year. Performances take place in the Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans 45 minutes before the start time of select BPO concerts.

Visit bpo.org/community-spotlight for a list of performances.

Join Music Director JoAnn Falletta, guest artists, and members of the BPO one hour before Classics performances for this free, informative, and entertaining series of discussions. They'll discuss the music in the upcoming performance and take questions from the audience. It's the perfect time to learn more about what's behind the music you are about to hear.

6:30pm at Saturday Classics
1:30pm at Sunday Classics

Community Spotlight

Free Parking and Shuttle

Select Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays

Lot E, 260 Connecticut Street 14213
D'Youville University

Shuttle service begins 90 minutes before and ends 30 minutes following the end of the concert.

Visit bpo.org for more information

Kleinhans Music Hall Parking

Paid parking is available in the Kleinhans lot on a first-come, first-served basis.

Can get tickets at the Box Office the day of the concert. To reserve tickets under your pass: Call the Box Office at (716) 885-5000 or email boxoffice@bpo.org and mention that you're a Symphony Hall Pass member

Pick up your tickets from Will Call at the Box Office the day of the concert

Any guests attending with a member receive discounted ticket prices. Adults are \$22 and students are \$9. You may pay for any guest tickets over the phone or when you arrive at the concert.

Know Before You Go

Ticket Reservations

We recommend you call in advance to reserve tickets in case the show sells out, but you can get tickets at the Box Office the day of the concert.

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Tour of Kleinhans

Join us on one or both dates for an exclusive, BPO musician-led backstage tour of Kleinhans Music Hall. Hear from musicians about how they prepare for a concert and see where they hang out between rehearsals.

Sat Nov 21, 12:30pm
Kleinhans Music Hall

OR

Sat Jan 23, 12:30pm
Kleinhans Music Hall

RSVP online to reserve your spot!

Musician Backstage

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Sat Nov 21, 7:30pm & Sun Nov 22, 2:30pm
Vaughan Williams & Double Bass

Sat Sep 26, 7:30pm
S Wonderful Gershwin

Sat Jan 23, 7:30pm & Sun Jan 24, 2:30pm
Mozart (+) Melissa White

Sat Jan 23, 7:30pm & Sun Jan 24, 2:30pm
Broadway Romance

Sat Apr 17, 7:30pm
*Limit of 2 friends to attend for free with member

Bring a friend for FREE

to these concerts!

We invite all members to bring a friend for FREE so they can hear our amazing orchestra, hopefully enroll as a Symphony Hall Pass member, and start sharing the experience with others!

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Our Gift to You

Pick up your reusable Kleinhans Music Hall cup at Concessions when you come to your first concert! You can bring this cup into the auditorium with you at each concert to enjoy a beverage while you listen to the music. Present the enclosed voucher at concessions to claim your cup.

Symphony Hall Pass

Member Perks

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BPO Symphony Hall Pass Members Receive:

- A free ticket to the majority of BPO concerts
- Discounted tickets for family and friends
- Special backstage events
- Dedicated online hub for accessing resources and special events
- Volunteer opportunities at BPO Kids Family concerts
- Opportunities to connect with other high school students that have an interest in the BPO like you

If you have questions at any time, email education@bpo.org or call (716) 242-7822.

Visit bpo.org/symphony-hall-pass-hub for more info

Facebook: [Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra](https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloPhilharmonicOrchestra)

Instagram: [buffalophilharmonicorchestra](https://www.instagram.com/buffalophilharmonicorchestra)

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2026/27 FREE Concert List



BPO SYMPHONY
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BPO POPS



S'Wonderful Gershwin

Fri Sep 25, 10:30am
Sat Sep 26, 7:30pm
Ron Spigelman, conductor
Alexandra McArthur, vocals
The BPO celebrates Gershwin's September 26, 1898 birthday with works from *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Strike Up The Band* to *Porgy and Bess* and *An American in Paris*.

BPO CLASSICS

Francis

A new oratorio by Richard Danielpour
Sister Margaret Carney, OSF, STD, librettist
WORLD PREMIERE
Sat Oct 10, 7:30pm
Sun Oct 11, 2:30pm
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
Claudia Christian, narrator
Anna Schubert, soprano
Edward Nelson, baritone
Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus
and Fredonia Chamber Choir
Vernon Huff, BPC music director

BPO SPECIAL



A Gospel Symphony Tribute to Richard Smallwood

Fri Oct 16, 7:30pm
Jonathan Taylor Rush, conductor
Buffalo United Community Choir
The BPO and BUCC honor the legendary Gospel Hall of Fame composer, arranger, pianist, and choir leader who bridged traditional church music, classical orchestral training, and contemporary R&B, exemplified by his modern-day hymn, *Total Praise*.

BPO POPS



Smooth Sailing: Yacht Rock of the '70s & '80s

Sat Oct 17, 7:30pm
Jason Seber, conductor
Morgan James, vocals
Doug Wamble, guitar, vocals
John Scarpulla, saxophone, vocals
A nostalgic musical voyage through the breezy, laid-back sounds of the '70s and '80s, featuring hits from Hall & Oates, Christopher Cross, Fleetwood Mac, George Michael, Kenny Loggins, and more.

BPO CLASSICS

Glidden Plays Bruch

Fri Oct 23, 10:30am
Sat Oct 24, 7:30pm
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
Amy Glidden, violin
JONATHAN LESHNOFF
Symphony No. 5
WORLD PREMIERE
BRUCH
BRAHMS
Violin Concerto No. 1
Symphony No. 2

BPO SPECIAL

BPO UpClose

Fri Oct 30, 7pm

An immersive, intimate, informal concert seated around the orchestra in Kleinhans' Mary Seaton Room featuring short works with insider stories, hosted by double bassist Jonathan Borden.

BPO POPS

Hauntingly Halloween

Sat Oct 31, 7:30pm

Ron Spigelman, conductor

The BPO conjures a bewitching Halloween program of spine-tingling favorites, from John Williams' *Jaws* and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, to Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* and Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*.

Stay post-concert for our Halloween Dance with DJ.

BPO CLASSICS



Bronfman Plays Mozart

Fri Nov 6, 10:30am

Sat Nov 7, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Yefim Bronfman, piano

JOHN ADAMS
MOZART
R. STRAUSS
The Chairman Dances
Piano Concerto No. 24
Also Sprach Zarathustra

BPO ROCK

Music of The Rolling Stones

Fri Nov 13, 7:30pm

Bradley Thachuk, conductor

Mick Adams, lead vocals

The hard-rock legacy of The Rolling Stones is recreated in this high-energy Windborne Production, from the vocals and swagger of Mick Jagger to the guitar riffs of Keith Richards, in legendary hits such as *Satisfaction*, *Sympathy for the Devil*, *Wild Horses*, and *Paint It Black*, enhanced by a full rock band, rock lighting, and your BPO.

BPO CLASSICS



Vaughan Williams & Double Bass

Sat Nov 21, 7:30pm

Sun Nov 22, 2:30pm

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Xavier Foley, double bass

CHADWICK
Symphonic Sketches No. 1,
"Jubilee"

XAVIER FOLEY
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
Soul Bass Concerto
Symphony No. 2,
"A London Symphony"

BPO CLASSICS



JoAnn's Classical Christmas

Fri Dec 11, 10:30am

Sat Dec 12, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

John Riesen, tenor

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Vernon Huff, BPC music director

Step into the warmth of the season as JoAnn Falletta leads a luminous holiday tradition.

BPO POPS



Holiday Pops

Thu Dec 17, 10:30am

Fri Dec 18, 10:30am

Sat Dec 19, 7:30pm

Sun Dec 20, 2:30pm

Ron Spigelman, conductor

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Vernon Huff, BPC music director

The sounds of the season ring out at Western New York's most cherished holiday tradition when Ron Spigelman and the BPO celebrate with family favorites and a flurry of surprises.

BPO CLASSICS



Dvořák Violin Concerto

Fri Jan 15, 10:30am

Sat Jan 16, 7:30pm

Valentina Peleggi, conductor

Bella Hristova, violin

DVOŘÁK
Violin Concerto
DVOŘÁK
Symphony No. 5

BPO CLASSICS



Mozart [+] Melissa White

Sat Jan 23, 7:30pm

Sun Jan 24, 2:30pm

Dane Lam, conductor

Melissa White, violin

J. STRAUSS
MOZART
MAHLER
MOZART
On the Beautiful Blue Danube
Violin Concerto No. 4
Symphony No. 10, Adagio
Symphony No. 25

BPO POPS



Warner Bros. Discovery presents

Bugs Bunny at the Symphony

Fri Jan 29, 10:30am

Sat Jan 30, 7:30pm

George Daugherty, conductor

Celebrate the legendary Bugs Bunny as 17 classic *Looney Tunes* are projected on the big screen while the BPO performs their original iconic scores LIVE! The beloved animated masterpieces include *Baton Bunny*, *The Rabbit of Seville*, and *What's Opera, Doc?*, plus brand new animated shorts making their debut in this concert.

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BPO CLASSICS

Falletta Conducts John Williams

Fri Feb 5, 10:30am

Sat Feb 6, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Paul Huang, violin

JOHN WILLIAMS
The Cowboys Overture
Violin Concerto No. 1
Harry Potter Suite
Star Wars Suite

BPO POPS



Let's Misbehave

Fri Feb 12, 10:30am

Sat Feb 13, 7:30pm

Ron Spigelman, conductor

Tony DeSare, piano, vocals

Aubrey Logan, trombone, vocals

John Manzari, tap dance, vocals

Tony DeSare and friends put a fresh spin on Cole Porter's sophisticated, sexy songs such as *Night and Day*, *I Get A Kick Out of You*, *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *Anything Goes*, *Too Damn Hot*, and *You're the Top*. Stay post-concert Saturday for the annual Sweetheart Dance!

BPO CLASSICS

Spanish Fire & Fantasy

Fri Feb 19, 10:30am

Sat Feb 20, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Avery Gagliano, piano

FALLA
FALLA
TURINA
GRANADOS
FALLA
Ritual Fire Dance
Nights in the Gardens of Spain
Danzas fantasticas
Intermezzo from Goyescas
The Three-Cornered Hat
Suites No. 1 & 2

BPO ROCK



Changes:

The Music of David Bowie

Fri Feb 26, 7:30pm

Bradley Thachuk, conductor

From Ziggy Stardust to the Thin White Duke, Bowie's evolution comes alive in lush arrangements, powerhouse vocals, and unforgettable energy when the BPO fuses with an electrifying rock band to honor one of music's most iconic shapeshifters.

BPO POPS

Music of the Knights

Sat Feb 27, 7:30pm

Grant O'Brien, conductor

Step into the legendary realms of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John, and Sir Paul McCartney, where knighthood meets musical mastery. Incredible Broadway vocalists will lead a journey through the greatest hits of three iconic songwriters whose legacies resonate across generations.

BPO CLASSICS

Bartók & Chopin

Sat Mar 6, 7:30pm

Sun Mar 7, 2:30pm

Alain Trudel, conductor

Natasha Paremiski, piano

CHOPIN
BARTÓK
Piano Concerto No. 2
Concerto for Orchestra

BPO SPECIAL

BPO UpClose

Fri Mar 12, 7pm

An immersive, intimate, informal concert seated around the orchestra in Kleinhans' Mary Seaton Room featuring short works with insider stories, led by musicians Nikki Chooi and Jonathan Borden.

BPO CLASSICS

Enigma Variations & Bach

Fri Mar 19, 10:30am

Sat Mar 20, 7:30pm

Robert Moody, conductor

Orion Weiss, piano

J.S. BACH
J.S. BACH
BACH/STOKOWSKI
ELGAR
Concerto No. 3
Concerto No. 1
Komm, süßer Tod
Enigma Variations

BPO SPECIAL

Picasso Symphony

Sat Apr 3, 7:30pm

Ron Spigelman, conductor

This immersive multimedia experience is an exploration of the revolutionary genius of Pablo Picasso, blending stunning visuals with a curated arrangement of live orchestral music paired to each stylistic period. It invites audiences into his revolutionary impact on the art world with archival images, sketches, and studio scenes revealing his artistic process, while the BPO provides a powerful soundtrack.

BPO SPECIAL

Doctors of the World with the BPO

Tue Apr 6, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

TCHAIKOVSKY
ROSSINI
Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique"
Overture to *Semiramide*

The BPO welcomes members of the World Doctors Orchestra and other international medical organizations in a unique side by side experience.

BPO CLASSICS



Liszt & Prokofiev

Fri Apr 9, 10:30am

Sat Apr 10, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

William Wolfram, piano

ROLAND MARTIN
ROLAND MARTIN
LISZT
PROKOFIEV
"On Air" **WORLD PREMIERE**
WNED 50th anniversary commission
Piano Concerto No. 1
Symphony No. 5

BPO ROCK

Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Stevie Wonder

Fri Apr 16, 7:30pm

Bradley Thachuk, conductor

Gavin Hope, lead vocals

In a career spanning seven decades, Stevie Wonder has influenced the popularity of R&B, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz, winning 25 Grammys® along the way. Join the BPO and lead vocalist Gavin Hope for hits from across the decades, including *Superstition*, *Sir Duke*, *Living in the City*, and of course, *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*.

BPO POPS



Broadway Romance

Sat Apr 17, 7:30pm

Rob Fisher, conductor

Mikaela Bennett, vocals

Ross Lekites, vocals

Broadway's best songs of the heart including *If I Loved You*, *Younger Than Springtime*, *Almost Like Being in Love*, and *'Til There Was You*, from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein, Lerner & Loewe, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, and more.

BPO CLASSICS

Sorcerer's Spell

Sat Apr 24, 7:30pm

Sun Apr 25, 2:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Nikki Chooi, violin

Hailey Clark, soprano

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Vernon Huff, BPC music director

DUKAS
IMAN HABIBI
RAVEL
POULENC
The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Violin Concerto **WORLD PREMIERE**
Mother Goose Suite
Gloria

BPO CLASSICS

Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 3

Fri May 7, 10:30am

Sat May 8, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Kara Dugan, soprano

William Burden, tenor

Tobias Greenhalgh, baritone

PAUL FRUCHT
RACHMANINOFF
Inextinguishable **WORLD PREMIERE**
Symphony No. 3

BPO CLASSICS

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

Fri May 21, 10:30am

Sat May 22, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Paul Neubauer, viola

TURINA
ELLEN TAAFFE ZWILICH
TCHAIKOVSKY
Sinfonia Sevillana
Viola Concerto **WORLD PREMIERE**
Symphony No. 4

BPO POPS

Patriotic Pops

Fri May 28, 10:30am

Sat May 29, 7:30pm

Ron Spigelman, conductor

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Vernon Huff, BPC music director

Join your BPO and the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus on Memorial Day weekend in our annual tribute to the American spirit and recognition of the men and women who have served our country.

BPO CLASSICS



Beethoven in Retrospect

The BPO embarks on two exceptional weekends with four exclusive performances culled from Beethoven's extraordinary oeuvre, as the orchestra commemorates the 200th anniversary of his death.

Beethoven in Retrospect I Piano Concerto No. 4

Fri Jun 4, 10:30am

Michael Stern, conductor

Clayton Stephenson, piano

BEETHOVEN
Incidental Music from *Egmont*
Piano Concerto No. 4

Beethoven in Retrospect II Symphony No. 3

Sat Jun 5, 7:30pm

Michael Stern, conductor

Clayton Stephenson, piano

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Vernon Huff, BPC music director

BEETHOVEN
Overture to *Fidelio*
Choral Fantasy
Symphony No. 3, "Eroica"

Beethoven in Retrospect III Symphony No. 2

Sat Jun 12, 7:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Michael Davidman, piano

BEETHOVEN
Overture to *The Creatures of Prometheus*
Piano Concerto No. 2
Symphony No. 2

Beethoven in Retrospect IV Symphony No. 7

Sun Jun 13, 2:30pm

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Nikki Chooi, violin