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Media Briefing: Creativity Transcends Zip Code

Here are the orchestra stories and trends you might have missed, highlighting the spirit of innovation found at orchestras across the country.

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Anna Rakitina to Conduct Boston Symphony in April, 2022



Photo courtesy of CAMI Music

Russian conductor Anna Rakitina, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's new Assistant Conductor, made her BSO debut virtually earlier this year. Now it's time for her long-awaited in-person subscription debut, April 7-9, 2022, featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, and Ellen Reid. Or catch her at Tanglewood on August 14, 2021, when she conducts the Boston Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring works by Elena Langer, Ravel, and Elgar.

[See the BSO's 2021-22 schedule.](#)

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[View this summer's Tanglewood schedule.](#)

The Return to In-Hall Concerts: WolfBrown Audience Outlook Monitor Study Reveals Masking / Vaccination Conundrum

AUDIENCE OUTLOOK MONITOR

ICYMI: As orchestras across the country plan on performing in-person concerts in the upcoming season, a dilemma has emerged: "Suddenly, large swaths of demand hinge on mask requirements and vaccinated-only admittance policies," according to the most recent findings from [WolfBrown's Audience Outlook Monitor](#).

The mask dilemma: 40% won't go out WITHOUT a mask requirement; 14% won't go out WITH such a requirement.

The vaccinated-only admittance dilemma: 27% won't go out WITHOUT this policy; 17% won't go out WITH such a policy.

[The League of American Orchestras is an Audience Outlook Monitor partner; read orchestra-specific finding on the study website.](#)

Musical Origami: Elkhart County Symphony Mends Sculpture, Gardens, and Music



Painted Ponies sculpture by Kevin Box and Te Jui Fu. Photo courtesy of Wellfield Botanic Gardens.

Indiana's Elkhart County Symphony and Music Director Soo Han performed an outdoor concert at Elkhart's Wellfield Botanic Gardens recently, including small ensemble performances throughout the gardens. The gardens' corresponding Origami in the Garden² exhibit featured a number of eye-catching sculptures, a few pictured above.

[View the Elkhart County Symphony's website.](#)

Pittsburgh Symphony to Offer Free Performances of Beethoven String Quartets at Libraries Across the City



The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Allegheny County Library Association, and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh are partnering to present all 16 Beethoven string quartets in over 20 libraries, including all 16 original Carnegie libraries. The one-week series of events, free for the public, will take place in spring 2022. This project was developed to commemorate the shared 125th anniversary years of both the Pittsburgh Symphony and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

[Read more about the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's upcoming season.](#)

Salonen's "Bold and Grand" First Full Season with San Francisco Symphony Marked by World Premieres



Photo: Minna Hatinen

The San Francisco Symphony and Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen have an exciting line-up of new music and world premieres this season, including works by John Corigliano, Principal Trombone Timothy Higgins, and Fang Man, the latter commissioned through the League of American Orchestras' Women Composers Readings and Commissions program.

[Read Janos Gereben's article in the San Francisco Classical Voice.](#)

[Learn more about the Symphony's upcoming season.](#)

Undergrads Hone Leadership Skills Via Canton Symphony (OH) Program



Nine college undergraduate students will participate in Canton Symphony Orchestra's new Orchestrating Change Leadership Program, designed to promote diversity and equity in classical music while helping participants develop leadership and professional skills they can bring to the workforce.

Learn more at <https://www.cantonsymphony.org/leadershipprogram/>.

[Listen to the Orchestrating Change podcast.](#)

Hilary Hahn's Bring Your Own Baby (BYOB) Concerts Planned for Chicago



Photo of a 2017 "Bring Your Own Baby" event courtesy of Seattle Symphony.

New parents can share their love of live classical music with their infants via violinist Hilary Hahn's signature Bring Your Own Baby (BYOB) concerts. As the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's inaugural Artist-In-Residence for 2021-23, Hahn will host two BYOB events in Chicago this season.

[Learn more about Hilary Hahn's new CSO appointment and BYOB.](#)

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra's Virtual Stained Glass Concert Series



Dayton Philharmonic musicians and Music Director Neal Gittleman rehearse at Dayton's Carillon Historical Park. Photo courtesy of Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ohio's Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra moves its Stained Glass Concerts to the virtual world this summer, year 16 of these "joyful, spiritual concerts." The virtual concerts will feature "a streamlined presentation that recreates the traditional Stained Glass-in-church experience," according to DPO Artistic Director and Conductor Neal Gittleman.

[Read more about the series in the Dayton Daily News.](#)
