ANNOUNCING THE 23-24 SEASON AND DELTA DAVID GIER TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

SDSO’S 2023-24 season – Delta David Gier’s 20th as Music Director - will feature masterworks including Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Brahms’ “A German Requiem,” Rimsky-Korsakov’s Scheherazade, Copland’s Appalachian Spring, Bernstein’s Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, and Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto.

Pops programs to include an evening of patriotic favorites, annual holiday celebration ‘Tis the Season, and a symphonic tribute to the Beatles.

Season concludes with Delta David Gier leading the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Gustav Mahler’s monumental Third Symphony.

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Sioux Falls, SD – Today the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra announced details of the 2023-24 season, also the 20th anniversary of music director Delta David Gier. The new season will feature masterworks of Beethoven, Haydn, and Schubert, as well as Rimsky-Korsakov’s Scheherazade, Bernstein’s Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, and Copland’s Appalachian Spring. The South Dakota Symphony Chorus will be featured in Handel’s Messiah, Brahms “A German Requiem”, featuring guest conductor John Nelson, and Maestro Gier takes on Mahler’s Third Symphony for the season finale.

Symphonic pops concerts include an evening of patriotic favorites, the annual celebration of the holidays – ‘Tis the Season – and a symphonic tribute to the Beatles.

The season features many living American composers including Jessie Montgomery, Adolphus Hailstork, Caroline Shaw, Thomas Parente, Daniel Dorff, and South Dakotan Stephen Yarbrough. Soloists are the internationally renowned Joyce Yang and Emanuele Arciuli, plus, SDSO oboist Jeffrey Paul and clarinetist Christopher Hill.

“In his two decades as Music Director, Delta David Gier has had a profound impact on this orchestra and our community,” said South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Jennifer Teisinger. “Through innovative programming and nationally recognized community engagement programs, he has brought the SDSO to the world. Through commissioning new works from composers of the day, and engaging renowned guest artists, he has brought the world to South Dakota.”

Subscription packages for the new season are on sale Friday at 10a through the Washington Pavilion Box Office at (605) 367-6000 open (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 11:30 a.m – 5:00 p.m Sunday). A variety of options are available, including the Imperial package which features a discount equivalent to three free concerts.
2023-2024 Season

**BEETHOVEN’S FIFTH**
Saturday, October 7
Delta David Gier, conductor

- MONTGOMERY Banner
- HAILSTORK Symphony No. 3
- BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5

**SCHEHERAZADE**
Saturday, October 28
Delta David Gier, conductor
Emanuele Arciuli, piano

- BORODIN Prince Igor: Polovtsian Dances
- HARRISON Piano Concerto
- RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Scheherazade

**CELEBRATE AMERICA!**
Saturday, November 18
Delta David Gier, conductor
Thomas Fortner, conductor

Join the SDSO for a star-spangled salute featuring rousing Sousa marches, music of John Williams, and songs from the branches of the armed forces.

**HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”**
Friday, December 1
Saturday, December 2
Delta David Gier, conductor
South Dakota Symphony Chorus

The greatest story ever told. The most majestic music ever composed. Experience Handel’s “Messiah” – featuring the inspiring Hallelujah Chorus – in the glory of First Lutheran Church.
‘TIS THE SEASON
Saturday, December 9
Sunday, December 10
Thomas Fortner, conductor
South Dakota Symphony Chorus

A holiday tradition for your family and friends filled with heartwarming and jovial timeless classics plus a sing-a-long!

MOZART AND MORE
Saturday, January 20
Delta David Gier, conductor
Jeffrey Paul, oboe

MOZART Symphony No. 29
VIVALDI Oboe Concerto in C Major
SHAW Entr’acte
PARENTE World Premiere
HAYDN Symphony No. 59, “Fire Symphony”

REVOLUTION: MUSIC OF THE BEATLES. A SYMPHONIC EXPERIENCE
Saturday, February 10
Thomas Fortner, conductor

25 of the Beatles’ greatest hits including “Ticket to Ride,” “Penny Lane,” “Get Back,” and “Hey Jude” as you’ve never experienced them before! Featuring dynamic orchestrations restored from the original Abbey Road recording sessions with stunning imagery from the Beatles’ official fan magazine.

JOYCE YANG PLAYS RACHMANINOFF
Saturday, February 24
Delta David Gier, conductor
Joyce Yang, piano

RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 2
SCHUBERT Symphony No. 9 “The Great C Major”
BRAHMS A GERMAN REQUIEM  
Saturday, March 23  
John Nelson, conductor  
South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Chorus  

MOZART  
  *Exsultate, jubilate*  

BRAHMS  
  A German Requiem  

AMERICAN MASTERS  
Saturday, April 13  
Delta David Gier, conductor  
Chris Hill, clarinet  

YARBOUGH  
  Orchestra Fanfare  

DORFF  
  Clarinet Concerto World Premiere  

COPLAND  
  Appalachian Spring Suite  

BERNSTEIN  
  Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*  

DELTA DAVID GIER CONDUCTS MAHLER 3  
Saturday, April 27  
Delta David Gier, conductor  
South Dakota Symphony Chorus  

MAHLER  
  Symphony No. 3  

About the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra  
The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra is based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a vibrant and growing community serving a 125-mile region that touches five states. A 100-year old institution, the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra is the state’s premier performing arts organization with the Washington Pavilion as its home. Artistically, the SDSO is led by Maestro Delta David Gier, who has guided the orchestra to new heights and national recognition.

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