

NSO Returns to Wolf Trap for Summer 2019 Concerts

(WASHINGTON)—The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) continues its traditional summer concerts at the Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts this year with nine performances across July, August, and September, including the Wolf Trap debut of NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda in music by Beethoven and Tchaikovsky, three films, and appearances by special guest artists Nas, “Weird Al” Yankovic, Sarah McLachlan, and Jennifer Hudson.

The NSO continues the *Harry Potter* series of films with live score **July 5 and 6** with the fourth installment, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. The feature film is shown on the big screen while the NSO, under the baton of Steven Reineke, performs the full soundtrack live.

Legendary Hip Hop emcee Nas once again shares the stage with the NSO on **July 14**, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the 1994 classic *Illmatic*. Nas first joined the NSO for the 20th anniversary of *Illmatic* in 2014, marking a new era of collaboration and experimentation for the NSO. Steven Reineke conducts.

The NSO is joined by “Weird Al” Yankovic on **July 16** for a night of fun and parody, part of his *Strings Attached* tour. The best-selling comedy recording artist in history, “Weird Al” has been creating original comedic tunes and humorous renditions of popular songs since the ‘70s. Arnie Roth conducts.

NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda makes his Wolf Trap debut **July 26**, leading two standout favorites of the classical repertoire, Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto and Beethoven’s

Fifth Symphony. Acclaimed violinist Ning Feng makes his NSO debut as soloist in Tchaikovsky's Concerto.

See *Disney Pixar's Coco in Concert Live* to film on **July 27**, as the NSO performs frequent collaborator Michael Giacchino's moving score to this two-time Academy Award®-winning film.

On **August 2**, *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial* comes to Wolf Trap as the NSO performs John Williams Academy Award®-winning score live alongside Steven Spielberg's masterpiece on the big screen. The Orchestra is led on both of these programs by Principal Conductor for the NSO at Wolf Trap Emil de Cou.

Grammy Award®-winning singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan joins the NSO on **August 3** for a night of balladry and symphonic accompaniment. In addition to her work as a recording artist, McLachlan is the founder of the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

The NSO closes out its summer season at Wolf Trap with Jennifer Hudson. An Academy Award®-winning actress and a Grammy Award®-winning singer, Hudson has a prolific career in the arts. She brings her talents to the Orchestra on **September 5**. Thomas Wilkins leads the NSO.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire in Concert

National Symphony Orchestra

Steven Reineke, *conductor*

Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6, 2019

8:30 pm

Nas

National Symphony Orchestra

Illmatic – 25th Anniversary

Steven Reineke, *conductor*

Sunday, July 14, 2019

8:00 pm

“Weird Al” Yankovic

National Symphony Orchestra

The Strings Attached Tour

Arnie Roth, conductor

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

8:00 pm

Noseda Conducts Tchaikovsky & Beethoven

National Symphony Orchestra
Gianandrea Noseda, *conductor*
Ning Feng, *violin*
Friday, July 26, 2019
8:00 pm

Disney Pixar's Coco in Concert

National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, *conductor*
Saturday, July 27, 2019
8:30 pm

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial in Concert

National Symphony Orchestra
Emil de Cou, *conductor*
Friday, August 2, 2019
8:30 pm

Sarah McLachlan

National Symphony Orchestra
Sean O'Loughlin, *conductor*
Saturday, August 3, 2019
8:00 pm

Jennifer Hudson

National Symphony Orchestra
Thomas Wilkins, *conductor*
Thursday, September 5, 2019
8:00 pm

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The 2018–2019 season marks the National Symphony Orchestra's 88th, and Gianandrea Noseda's second as its music director. The Italian conductor serves as the Orchestra's seventh music director, joining the NSO's legacy of such distinguished leaders. Its artistic leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke and Artistic Advisor Ben Folds.

Founded in 1931, the Orchestra has always been committed to artistic excellence and music education. In 1986, the National Symphony became an artistic affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where it performs year-round. The NSO's community engagement projects are nationally recognized, including NSO In Your Neighborhood, an annual week of approximately 50 performances in schools, churches, community centers, and other unexpected venues; Notes of Honor, which offers free performances for active, veteran, prior service, and retired members of the military and their families; and Sound Health, a collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its affiliated organizations. Career development opportunities for young musicians include the NSO Youth Fellowship Program and its tuition-free Summer Music Institute. For more information, visit nationalsymphony.org.

ABOUT WOLF TRAP**FUNDING CREDITS**

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