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*60th Season 2024-2025*

## *OUR 60<sup>th</sup> YEAR*



# *Prometheus Symphony Orchestra*

*2024-2025  
Concert Season*

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**114 Montecito Ave. Oakland**

*Celebrating 60 Years of  
Community Music Making*

# Welcome to the 2024-2025 Season

## Come Celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Season with us

We are excited that this will be our 60<sup>th</sup> season of providing high quality music to the community. We are planning various events to celebrate such as a commemorative party after the first concert in September (other celebratory events to follow). Concerts continue to be performed in the beautiful St. Paul's Episcopal Church adjacent to Lake Merritt in Oakland. Free concert tickets are required for admission (donations are welcome). Music lovers of all ages are welcome; families are encouraged to attend and introduce their children to live orchestral music in this beautiful setting.

## Focus on Inspiring Young Artists

Our **Concerto Competition** winner will perform during our **January** (and possibly May) concerts. Prospective applicants can apply online. See the website below for more information and to apply:

[www.PrometheusSymphony.org](http://www.PrometheusSymphony.org).

## Season Highlights

We begin our season with **Suites** from both **Sibelius's Pelléas et Mélisande** and **Berlioz's Les Troyens** (his opera). We continue our Woman Composer Series with the **Andromède, Poème Symphonique**, by **Agusta Holmes**. In November, **Ava Pakiam**, former Concerto Competition winner, returns to perform the **Brahms Violin Concerto**. The winner of this season's Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition will perform in January. Plus **Kodály's Hány János Suite** and **Debussy's Le plus que lente** with our own **Jay Stebley** accompanying on **Cimbalom**. No season would be complete without the gorgeous voice of **Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghami** who will sing in **de Falla's Siete canciones populares españolas**. The concert also included **Prokofiev's** massive and exciting **Fifth Symphony**. We finish off this season of international composers with **The Sea** by **Frank Bridge**.

See our website (above) to join our mailing list to receive email announcements of upcoming concerts. Bring the whole family.

**Concerts are always FREE!**

## Prometheus Symphony Orchestra 2024-2025 Concert Schedule

### Sunday, September 29, 2024 - 3 PM

Giuseppe Verdi • Giovanna d'Arco Sinfonia"  
Jean Sibelius • Pelléas et Mélisande Suite  
Hector Berlioz • Les Troyens Suite

### Sunday, November 17, 2024 - 3 PM

Johannes Brahms • Violin Concerto in D Major  
*Ava Pakiam, Violin soloist*  
Augusta Holmès • Andromède Poème symphonique  
*Woman Composer Series*

### Sunday, January 26, 2025 - 3 PM

Zoltán Kodály • Hány János Suite  
Claude Debussy • La plus que lente  
*Jay Stebley, Cimbalom*  
Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner • TBD

### Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 3 PM

Sergei Prokofiev • Symphony No. 5 in Bb Major  
Manuel de Falla • Siete canciones populares españolas  
*Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghami, Soprano soloist*

### Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 3 PM

Frank Bridge • The Sea – Suite for Orchestra  
Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner • TBD

*Pre-Concert music talk before each concert at 2:40 PM*



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## Prometheus Symphony Orchestra Music Director, Eric Hansen



The 2024-2025 Season is the twenty-seventh season for our conductor, Eric Hansen. Mr. Hansen brings a special spirit and energy to Prometheus concerts with his engaging pre-performance talks. His repertoire choices both challenge and inspire the orchestra, while stimulating audiences with their intellectual rigor and emotional impact.

In addition to conducting the Prometheus Symphony, Mr. Hansen has also conducted numerous ensembles including the Berkeley Symphony, the California Symphony, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Composers, Inc., and the Michigan Opera Theatre. During the COVID shutdown he held 9 illuminating and entertaining lectures on music from the Baroque to the 20th Century. You can still hear them at our website.

He has received many accolades including the coveted "City of Vienna Prize."