



Understanding through Dialogue

ABOUT THE SUMMER SEASON OF THE ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Big dreamers. Big stars. Big music.

Set in the awe-inspiring majesty of the Colorado Rockies, the Aspen Music Festival and School has carried on the vision of creativity and education that started with the 1949 Goethe Bicentennial Convocation.

Elizabeth and Walter Paepcke of Chicago launched the two-week celebration in Aspen that brought figures such as Albert Schweitzer, Arthur Rubinstein, and many other noted individuals for lectures, symposia, and concerts. Uniting the intersecting worlds of ideas, art, and natural beauty, this event started something special: fostering the growth of the human spirit through the melding of art and nature.

Today, nearly sixty years later, the AMFS continues pursuing that ideal. Music Director David Zinman presides over the nine-week summer festival of more than 350 events - including orchestral concerts, chamber music, opera, contemporary music, master classes, lectures, and kids' programs. Each day brings concerts to the 2,050-seat Benedict Music Tent (an acoustically superior and award-winning permanent structure that opened in 2000), the beautifully restored Victorian Wheeler Opera House, the exceptional Harris Concert Hall, as well as in churches and other halls around Aspen. Many events are free, and other tickets range up to \$80. Lawn seating is always free.

The Festival and School continues to develop both in its scope and reputation. The 2007 season saw the inauguration of a free big-screen opera simulcast in Wagner Park. And in the near future major construction will begin on the redevelopment of the Castle Creek Campus, as designed by renowned architect Harry Teague.

Aspen continues to bring the brightest young musicians together with the classical music world's foremost instructors. More than 750 students and 200 artist-faculty come each year, as the Festival and School gathers musical influences from far and wide to create a unique hub of innovation and exploration through rich instrumental and vocal programs and so much more. Join us.

***** The Toxicology Forum has compiled a list of Aspen Music Festival events during the days of your stay and hope that this will be a helpful tool in planning your stay. For more information go to www.aspenmusicfestival.com**



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ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 12

- 9:30 am **Aspen Festival Orchestra Dress Rehearsal** (\$15) *Benedict Music Tent*
- 3:00 pm **Prelude: Preconcert Talk** (Free) *Harris Concert Hall*
Asadour Santourian *speaker*
- 4:00 pm **Aspen Festival Orchestra** (\$72) *Benedict Music Tent*

Monday, July 13

- 6:00 pm **Chamber Music** (\$46) *Benedict Music Tent*
- 8:30 pm **Composition Master Class Recital** (Free) *Harris Concert Hall*

Tuesday, July 14

- 12:00 pm **Spotlight Recital** (Free) *Aspen Community Church*
- 1:00 pm **Harris Concert Hall Master Class** (\$25) *Harris Concert Hall*
Joseph Kalichstein *piano*
- 4:00 pm **American Academy of Conduction Orchestra** (Free) *Benedict Music Tent*
- 6:00 pm **Student Composers' Recital** (Free) *Aspen Art Museum*
- 8:00 pm **Special Event: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos I** (\$75) *Harris Concert Hall*

Wednesday, July 15

- 12:00 pm **High Notes** (Free) *Paepcke Auditorium*
- 6:00 pm **Aspen Concert Orchestra** (\$20) *Benedict Music Tent*
- 8:30 pm **Special Event: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos II** (\$75) *Harris Concert Hall*

Thursday, July 16

- 10:00 am **Piano Master Class** (\$25) *Harris Concert Hall*
- 10:30 am **Tunes and Tales** (Free) *Pitkin County Library*
- 12:00 pm **Spotlight Recital** (Free) *Aspen Community Church*
- 4:15 pm **Chapel Chamber Music** (Free) *Aspen Chapel*
- 8:00 pm **2009 Season Benefit: La boheme in Aspen** (\$1,000, \$150) *Wheeler Opera House*