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Monterey Symphony Presents a World Premiere and Two Acclaimed Pianists in November



Carmel, CA – The Monterey Symphony continues its season with concerts on Saturday, **November 21**, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **November 22**, at 3:00 p.m. at Sunset Center in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The program features a world premiere by acclaimed composer Chen Yi, two distinguished piano soloists, and beloved works from the classical repertoire.

"Our November program features something quite extraordinary: two piano soloists joining the Monterey Symphony on stage to create a brilliant and distinctive musical experience," says Music Director Jayce Ogren. "**Ran Dank and Soyeon Kate Lee** are renowned pianists in their own right, and together they bring a remarkable musical partnership to **Chen Yi's *Toward the Future***, receiving its world premiere. The program also features **Dvořák's *Slavonic Dances*** and opens with **Schubert's** charming and expressive **Symphony No. 5**, a work reminiscent of Mozart yet imbued with Schubert's own lyrical voice."

Additional Events:

Saturday Fill-a-Bag Record Event
From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, the Monterey Symphony will host a fill-a-bag record event on the lower terrace of Sunset Center. Taking place alongside the annual Home Crafter's Faire in the North Lot and the craft show at the Carmel Woman's Club, the event offers music lovers an opportunity to build their record collections while supporting the Symphony. With a minimum suggested donation of $30, attendees receive a limited-edition Symphony tote bag and can fill it with as many classical music records as will fill their bag.

Saturday Post-Concert Talk Back
Immediately following Saturday evening's performance, **patrons are invited to stay in the concert hall for a Talk Back** with Jayce Ogren, composer Chen Yi, and soloists Ran Dank and Soyeon Kate Lee. Hear the artists share their perspectives on the evening's program and gain additional insight into the music. Audience members will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Sunday Pre-Concert Lecture
Deepen your appreciation of the music with a pre-concert lecture exploring the composers, works, and stories behind the program. Jayce Ogren will lead the lecture on Sunday from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Sunset Center auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public. **No lecture will be held on Saturday.**

Sunday Lobby Session
Arrive early for an intimate musical experience at the Lobby Session, featuring live music in the Sunset Center lobby from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m. on Sunday. November's session features Principal Percussionist **Zunhao Eric He**. Enjoy a musical appetizer before

the concert while taking advantage of refreshments from the Sunset Center Café. Lobby Sessions are free and open to the public. The 2026–27 Lobby Sessions are sponsored by Creative Planning.

Tickets are $50 for Tier 3, $70 for Tier 2, and $90 for Tier 1 seats. Students, teachers, first responders, and military (active duty, retired, and veterans) tickets are $12. Tickets at **montereysymphony.org**

About the Monterey Symphony: The Monterey Symphony, founded in 1946, presents double performances at the Sunset Center in Carmel-by-the-Sea. For each program, the orchestra is comprised of 80 professional musicians from all over the country. Monterey Symphony is committed to bringing people together through the healing power of music. The Symphony actively engages patrons of all ages through a variety of partnerships and initiatives, including performances for thousands of local students.

Sunset Center, Carmel-by-the-Sea, San Carlos and 9th Ave.

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