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Monterey Symphony Launches 26/27 Season with Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and Violinist Alexi Kenney



Carmel, CA – The Monterey Symphony begins its 26/27 season on **Saturday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.** A second performance takes place on **Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.** at Sunset Center in Carmel-by-the-Sea. These concerts bring together the music of several acclaimed composers and compelling violinist, **Alexi Kenney**.

“We begin our subscription season by featuring one of the most exciting young soloists I’ve encountered in my career, **violinist Alexi Kenney**,” says Music Director Jayce Ogren. “His virtuosity and soulfulness are sure to shine in **Prokofiev’s Violin Concerto No. 1**. We’re also proud to present **Aaron Copland’s** Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, ***Appalachian Spring***, and **Samuel Barber’s** dramatic ***Second Essay***, among other selections. It will be an evening of wonderful tunes, wide ranging colors, and all the delights you have come to expect from the Monterey Symphony,” concludes Ogren.

Additional events:

Pre-Concert Lectures – Learn more about the music during pre-concert lectures that offer insight into the composers and stories behind the programs. **Jayce Ogren** lectures on Saturday from **6:30–7:00 p.m.** and **Christopher Anderson-Bazzoli** lectures on Sunday from **2:00–2:30 p.m.** Lectures take place in the Sunset Center auditorium before each concert and are free and open to the public.

Saturday Post-Concert Talk Back – Immediately following Saturday evening’s performance, ticket holders are invited to join **Jayce Ogren** and **Alexi Kenney** in the lobby to hear their perspectives on the program. The artists will take questions from the audience.

Sunday Pre-concert Music – Sunday concertgoers are invited to arrive early for an intimate **Lobby Session**, featuring live music in the Sunset Center lobby from **1:30–1:50 p.m.** October’s Lobby Session features Principal pianist **Oliver Moore**. 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 26/27 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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