

Announcing new season (2020-21) subscription concert programs

Subscription concert programs for the 2020-21 season (September 2020 to June 2021) have been finalized. The NHK Symphony Orchestra will proudly present concerts with quintessential programs unique to us with world's finest conductors and soloists.

Paavo Järvi, who unfolds free and unrestrained performances more than ever in his 6th season as Chief Conductor, will appear on our podium in September, February and June. In the opening concert of the new season, he will conduct Mahler's monumental Symphony No. 3. While continuing to present works of Bruckner, Bartók and Shostakovich, he will conduct, for the first time since becoming Chief Conductor, a Schumann symphony, the interpretation of which, he has been highly regarded for. In October, Herbert Blomstedt, Honorary Conductor Laureate, will be conducting concerts in a variety of programs including a work of Brahms, one of his favorite composers, works by Northern European composers for which he has gained reputation as a conductor of Swedish origin, and a work of Dvořák.

The lineups of programs by guest conductors are also outstanding and will truly measure up to your expectations, including Mahler Symphony No. 6 *Tragische* conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, the great American conductor, in his first appearance with the NHK Symphony Orchestra in November, followed by Shostakovich Symphony No. 13 *Babi Yar*, by Michiyoshi Inoue, a leading authority on the composer, which he will present with a prestigious Swedish male chorus and then Tchaikovsky *The Sleeping Beauty* ballet suite by a leading Russian conductor Vladimir Fedoseyev by his own arrangement in December. In January of 2021 there will be Chausson Symphony, which Tugan Sokhiev has chosen from his favorite French repertoire, and an Austro-German program by Fabio Luisi in April, among others.

These are truly unmissable opportunities.

The Subscription Concerts Program 2020–21

2020 09	A	Concert No. 1945 September 12 (Sat) 6:00pm 13 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Mahler Symphony No. 3 D Minor Paavo Järvi, conductor Anna Larsson, mezzo soprano New National Theatre Chorus, female chorus NHK Tokyo Children Chorus, children's chorus
	B	Concert No. 1947 September 23 (Wed) 7:00pm 24 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Kodály/ Shimononó Míserere Schumann Symphony No. 4 D Minor Op. 120 Schumann Konzertstück for 4 Horns F Major Op. 86 Kodály Concerto for Orchestra Tatsuya Shimononó, conductor Horn Section of NHKSO (Nobuaki Fukukawa, Hitoshi Imai, Yasushi Katsumata, Naoki Ishiyama), horns
	C	Concert No. 1946 September 18 (Fri) 7:00pm 19 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Bartók "The Miraculous Mandarin," suite Bartók Piano Concerto No. 2 Bartók Concerto for Orchestra Paavo Järvi, conductor Olli Mustonen, piano
2020 10	A	Concert No. 1948 October 17 (Sat) 6:00pm 18 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Grieg "Peer Gynt," suite No. 1 Op. 46 Lidholm Poesis (1963) [Japan Première] Dvořák Symphony No. 8 G Major Op. 88 Herbert Blomstedt, conductor
	B	Concert No. 1950 October 28 (Wed) 7:00pm 29 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Honegger Symphony No. 3 "Symphonie Liturgique" Brahms Symphony No. 4 E Minor Op. 98 Herbert Blomstedt, conductor
	C	Concert No. 1949 October 22 (Thu) 7:00pm* 23 (Fri) 7:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Nielsen "Aladdin," suite Op. 34—"Oriental Festive March" "Hindu Dance" "The Market Place in Ispahan" "Negro Dance" Larsson Saxophone Concerto Op. 14 Sibelius Symphony No. 5 E-flat Major Op. 82 Herbert Blomstedt, conductor Nobuya Sugawa, saxophone *The concert (C-2) usually held on Saturday will be held on Thursday at 7:00 pm this month.
2020 11	A	Concert No. 1951 November 14 (Sat) 6:00pm 15 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 E Minor Op. 11 or No. 2 F Minor Op. 21 Rakhmaninov "The Isle of the Dead," sym. poem Op. 29 Debussy "La mer," trois esquisses symphoniques David Afkham, conductor The Winner of the 18th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition, piano
	B	Concert No. 1953 November 25 (Wed) 7:00pm 26 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Toru Takemitsu Ceremonial: An Autumn Ode (1992)* Tilson Thomas Poems of Emily Dickinson (2002)** Copland Symphony No. 3 Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor Mayumi Miyata, sho* Laura Aikin, soprano**
	C	Concert No. 1952 November 20 (Fri) 7:00pm 21 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Mahler Symphony No. 6 A Minor "Tragisch" Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor

		A NHK Hall Sat. 6:00pm (doors open at 5:00pm) Sun. 3:00pm (doors open at 2:00pm)	B Suntory Hall Wed. 7:00pm (doors open at 6:20pm) Thu. 7:00pm (doors open at 6:20pm)	C Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre Fri. 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) Sat. 2:00pm (doors open at 1:00pm)
2020 12	A	Concert No. 1954 December 5 (Sat) 6:00pm 6 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Johann Strauss II "Im Krapfenwald'l," polka Op. 336 Shostakovich Suite for Variety Orchestra No. 1 —"March" "Lyrical Waltz" "Little Polka" "Waltz II" Shostakovich Symphony No. 13 B-flat Minor Op. 113 "Babi Yar"* Michiyoshi Inoue, conductor Evgeny Stavinsky, bass* Orphei Drängar, male chorus*	
	B	Concert No. 1956 December 16 (Wed) 7:00pm 17 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Sviridov Small Triptych (1964) Prokofiev "War and Peace," opera Op. 91—"Waltz" in scene 2 A. Rubinstein "The Demon," opera—"Lesginka" Glinka "Ivan Sussanin," opera—"Krakowiak" Rimsky-Korsakov "Snow Maiden," suite Tchaikovsky/ Fedoseyev "The Sleeping Beauty," ballet suite Vladimir Fedoseyev, conductor	
	C	Concert No. 1955 December 11 (Fri) 7:00pm 12 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Saariaho Ciel d'hivier (2013) [Japan Première] Grieg Piano Concerto A Minor Op. 16 Stravinsky "Pétrouchka," burlesque (1947 edition) Hannu Lintu, conductor Yevgeny Sudbin, piano	
2021 01	A	Concert No. 1957 January 16 (Sat) 6:00pm 17 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Piërné "Ramuntcho," incidental music—Overture Falla "Noches en los jardines de España," impresiones sinfónicas* Ginastera "Panambí," ballet suite Op. 1a Ravel "Daphnis et Chloé," suite No. 1 & No. 2 Juanjo Mena, conductor Javier Perianes, piano*	
	B	Concert No. 1959 January 27 (Wed) 7:00pm 28 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Bach Brandenburgisches Konzert No. 1 F Major BWV1046 Beethoven "Coriolan," overture Op. 62 Brahms Symphony No. 1 C Minor Op. 68 Tugan Sokhiev, conductor Sun.31 January The Subscription Concert Series in Aichi Prefectural Art Theater	
	C	Concert No. 1958 January 22 (Fri) 7:00pm 23 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Ravel Rapsodie espagnole Chausson Poème Op. 25* Ravel Tzigane* Chausson Symphony B-flat Major Op. 20 Tugan Sokhiev, conductor Renaud Capuçon, violin*	
2021 02	A	Concert No. 1960 February 6 (Sat) 6:00pm 7 (Sun) 3:00pm NHK Hall	Prokofiev "The Love for Three Oranges," suite Op. 33bis Prokofiev Cello Concerto E Minor Op. 58 Prokofiev Symphony No. 4 C Major Op. 112 (1947 revised version) Paavo Järvi, conductor Steven Isserlis, cello	
	B	Concert No. 1962 February 17 (Wed) 7:00pm 18 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Schumann "Die Braut von Messina," overture Op. 100 Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 E-flat Major Op. 73 "Emperor" Schumann Symphony No. 3 E-flat Major Op. 97 "Rheinische" Paavo Järvi, conductor Rudolf Buchbinder, piano Sat.20 February The Subscription Concert Series in Ashikaga Civic Hall Sun.21 February The Subscription Concert Series in Iwaki Arts Center "Alios"	
	C	Concert No. 1961 February 12 (Fri) 7:00pm 13 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Smetana "The Bartered Bride," opera—Three Dances Szymanowski Violin Concerto No. 1 Op. 35 Dvořák Symphony No. 6 D Major Op. 60 Paavo Järvi, conductor Lisa Batiashvili, violin	

2021 04	A		From April to June 2021, 6 concerts in 3 programs will be held as special concerts at Suntory Hall. Details will be announced later.
	B	Concert No. 1964 April 21 (Wed) 7:00pm 22 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Medtner Piano Concerto No.3 E Minor Op. 60 “Ballade” Tchaikovsky Suite No. 3 G Major Op. 55 Alexander Vedernikov, conductor Nikolai Lugansky, piano
	C	Concert No. 1963 April 16 (Fri) 7:00pm 17 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Schubert Symphony No. 5 B-flat Major D. 485 Mozart Oboe Concerto C Major K. 314 Schumann Symphony No. 1 B-flat Major Op. 38 “Frühling” Fabio Luisi, conductor Eva Steinaa, oboe
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	B	Concert No. 1966 May 26 (Wed) 7:00pm 27 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	R. Strauss “Intermezzo,” opera Op. 72—“Träumerei am Kamin” Toshio Hosokawa Violin Concerto (2021) [NHK Symphony Orchestra, Hamburg Philharmonic State Orchestra, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra, Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra and Grafenegg Festival co-commissioned/ Japan Première] Wagner “Tannhäuser”—“Ouverture und Bacchanal” Wagner “Tristan und Isolde”—“Vorspiel und Liebestod” Wagner “Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg”—Vorspiel Marc Albrecht, conductor Veronika Eberle, violin
	C	Concert No. 1965 May 21 (Fri) 7:00pm 22 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Schönberg Begleitmusik zu einer Lichtspielszene Op. 34 Poulenc Piano Concerto Korngold Symphony in F-sharp Op. 40 Marc Albrecht, conductor Pascal Rogé, piano
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	B	Concert No. 1968 June 16 (Wed) 7:00pm 17 (Thu) 7:00pm Suntory Hall	Hindemith Ragtime (wohltemperiert) Hindemith Symphony “Mathis der Maler” Bruckner Symphony D Minor “Nullte” Paavo Järvi, conductor
	C	Concert No. 1967 June 11 (Fri) 7:00pm 12 (Sat) 2:00pm Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre	Shostakovich Festive Overture Op. 96 Arutiunian Trumpet Concerto A-flat Major Shostakovich Symphony No. 4 C Minor Op. 43 Paavo Järvi, conductor Vladislav Lavrik, trumpet

All programs subject to change.