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Mainly Mozart Festival 2018



**THE 30th ANNUAL MAINLY MOZART FESTIVAL CONTINUES A SIX-YEAR CHRONOLOGICAL JOURNEY THROUGH MOZART'S LIFE
June 1- 24, 2018**

SAN DIEGO - The 30th annual Mainly Mozart Festival, set for June 1-24, 2018 and led by Music Director Michael Francis, continues its six-year exploration of Mozart's life with Year Three - *Brave New World: From Rebel to Entrepreneur*. In his early 20s, and longer Europe's "golden child", financial need forced Mozart to become a musical entrepreneur, dedicating himself to the business of music. Some of Mozart's greatest works of this period will be featured in Festival programming, along with boundary-breaking works by other composers. Throughout the month of June, Orchestral and Chamber Music concerts, lectures, parties, and presentations throughout San Diego and Tijuana illustrate the story of one of the greatest geniuses of all time.

MAINLY MOZART FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA AT THE BALBOA THEATRE | June 9, 10, 14, 16, 21, 23 | The all-star Festival Orchestra, featuring the concertmaster and principal players from North America's leading orchestras, performs under the baton of Maestro Michael Francis. Concerts start at 7:30 PM, preceded at 6:30 PM with Overture mini-concerts. (Note: June 10 start time is 7:00, with 6:00 keynote presentation.)

MAINLY MOZART FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA AT THE RANCHO SANTA FE VILLAGE CHURCH | Fathers' Day, June 17, 4:00 PM | Michael Francis conducts the all-star Festival Orchestra in a program featuring cellist Johannes Moser, followed by a party with the Festival Orchestra for all concertgoers, celebrating Mainly Mozart's 30th Anniversary.

MAINLY MOZART YOUTH ORCHESTRA AT THE BALBOA THEATRE | June 3, 5:00 PM | Mainly Mozart's 200-member Youth Orchestra in their year-end performance, featuring violin soloists Alexander Kerr and Nathan Olson.

GENIUS WEEKEND | June 8-10 |. The fourth annual Genius Weekend is an intense three days of concerts, lectures, and parties celebrating genius in the spirit of Mozart. In 2018 this event honors Nobel Laureate and Salk Institute CEO Elizabeth Blackburn, and celebrates "genius in unexpected places" with a focus on autism spectrum in partnership with TERI, Inc. and Autism Society of San Diego.

- **Friday, June 8, 7PM-10PM GENIUS WEEKEND SHOWCASE**
Extraordinary artists on the autism spectrum perform at this fundraiser at a Rancho Sante Fe home.
- **Saturday, June 9, 10AM-1PM MAINLY MOZART FESTIVAL OPEN REHEARSAL at The BALBOA THEATRE.** FREE. Michael Francis leads the Festival Orchestra in the final rehearsal before the Opening night of the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra with pianist Anne-Marie McDermott

- **Saturday, June 9, 12PM-5PM – MUSIC & THE MIND IN THE GASLAMP QUARTER**
Experience cutting-edge science and medicine with world-class musical performance! Three Gaslamp restaurants host mini-lectures with paired performance, themed cocktails and neuro-technology displays.
- **Saturday, June 9, 7:30PM– MAINLY MOZART FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA AT THE BALBOA THEATRE**
Michael Francis conducts the All-Star Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra in a program featuring pianist Anne-Marie McDermott.
- **Saturday, June 9, 9:30PM– GENIUS NIGHT IN THE GASLAMP**
Members of the Festival Orchestra honor Elizabeth Blackburn and the weekend's distinguished speakers in this annual celebration.
- **Sunday, June 10, 1PM-2PM – AUTISM FRIENDLY CONCERT AT THE BALBOA THEATRE**
\$10 ADULTS/\$5 CHILDREN/FREE TO PEOPLE ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM
- **Sunday, June 10 – GENIUS WEEKEND HEADLINE CONCERT AT THE BALBOA THEATRE 7PM**
\$18-\$88. Featuring blind and autistic pianist Derek Paravicini, from London, performing with Michael Francis, the Festival Orchestra and the Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra and featuring Los Angeles Philharmonic Concertmaster Martin Chalifour performing A Lark Ascending in this celebration of genius.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF THE CALIFORNIAS TIJUANA Sunday, June 10 12PM-The Festival Orchestra and Mainly Mozart's Youth Orchestra of the Californias perform with members of Tijuana's Youth Orchestra and 1,000-voice children's choir at the Palenque, Tijuana

FESTIVAL SALON EXPERIENCES | New in 2018, Salon Experiences feature members of the Festival Orchestra in experiential concerts and dinners in private homes. Salon Experiences are limited to twenty guests.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES 2018 | June 1, 2, 3, 22, 24 | Chamber Music concerts in La Jolla, Rancho Santa Fe and Carlsbad open and close the 2018 Festival.

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