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CIVIC SYMPHONY OF GREEN BAY ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 SEASON OF CONCERTS

GREEN BAY, Wis. – The Civic Symphony of Green Bay announces programming for its upcoming 2025-2026 season which kicks off on Saturday, October 18, 2025 with a concert of popular movie music by John Williams. Discounted season tickets are now on sale through The Weidner box office. Single tickets will be available September 18 with affordable options for adults, seniors, and students. For more information, visit gbcivic.org/events.

Concert #1: Wizards, Whips, & Wookiees

October 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm

The Weidner 2420 Nicolet Dr, Green Bay, WI

Lightsabers, dinosaurs, and a dash of magic! Join the Civic Symphony of Green Bay for a musical journey through the iconic film scores of John Williams. From the galaxy-shaking grandeur of Star Wars and the thrilling pulse of Indiana Jones, to the wonder of E.T., Jurassic Park, and beyond—this concert is a cinematic celebration for all ages. The orchestra will be joined on stage by singers from the Dudley Birder Chorale, the Badger State Girl Choir, and the Badger State Festival Singers. Enter the raffle drawing at the concert for your chance to take home a Crimson Dawn Vagabond lightsaber package!

- □ Raiders March from Raiders of the Lost Ark
- □ Born on the Fourth of July
- □ Somewhere in My Memory from Home Alone
- □ Double Trouble from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- □ Flying Theme from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
- □ Dry Your Tears, Afrika from Amistad
- ☐ Battle of the Heroes from Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

Concert #2: Brushstrokes & Bowstrokes

February 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm

The Weidner 2420 Nicolet Dr, Green Bay, WI

Music meets the canvas in a colorful night of art-inspired sound. Celebrate masterpieces from Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition to haunting and heartfelt tributes like Vincent and Mona Lisa. Student winners of the Pansky Concerto Competition will showcase their talent in a dazzling display of student artistry and virtuosity. This concert will also feature a fundraising event called Canvas to Crescendo where community artists can submit their artwork for inclusion in an online auction where proceeds benefit the Civic Symphony of Green Bay. A reception will follow the concert. Learn more about Canvas to Crescendo at: gbcivic.org/canvas

- □ Danse Macabre

- □ Pansky winners to be announced
- □ Pictures at an Exhibition

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Concert #3: Handel 2 Hallelujah

March 29, 2026 at 1:30 & 4:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 2271 Oakwood Dr, Green Bay, WI

Experience the power of Handel's Messiah like never before. On Palm Sunday, the Civic Symphony of Green Bay and the Dudley Birder Chorale present Part Two of this sacred masterpiece—illuminating the story of Christ's Passion and Resurrection through majestic music and soaring voices. The concert will open with the Overture and conclude with the famous Hallelujah Chorus. Featuring soloists Yi-Lan Niu, Steven Paul Spears, and Kent Paulsen. Two afternoon performances are planned at 1:30 & 4:30 pm. Seating for this event is general admission, all seats \$25.

Concert #4: Harmonies for Hope

May 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm
The Weidner 2420 Nicolet Dr. Green Bay. WI

An uplifting program of resilience, remembrance, and inspiration. Featuring stirring works like Fanfare for the Common Man, selections from Shostakovich's mighty Fifth Symphony, and the moving Song of Hope. Trumpet soloists Dan Marbes, Adam Gaines, and Kevin Short, along with student brass ensembles, join the Civic Symphony of Green Bay to celebrate the power of music to unite and heal. Concertmaster Taylor Giorgio will be featured on Schindler's List.

- □ Song of Hope by Peter Meechan
- □ Schindler's List
- The Tender Land Suite (mvt 2 & 3)

Concert #5: Wings of Freedom: America 250 at the Airport

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Pilotsmith / Jet Air Group hangar, Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport 1911 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI

Take flight with a patriotic concert in celebration of America's 250th birthday! Join the Civic Symphony of Green Bay for "Wings of Freedom: America250" – our fourth annual CSGB @ GRB (Orchestra at the Airport). Held in a unique aviation setting, this free community event blends soaring symphonic music with the spirit of freedom. Whether you fly in or drive in, bring the whole family to enjoy a musical salute to the red, white, and blue! Mark your calendar. More information will be announced in early 2026.

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Founded in 1995, the Civic Symphony of Green Bay is a community of musicians committed to sustaining the wonder and beauty of symphonic music through live performances and artistic collaborations. Volunteer musicians of all ages play in the Civic Symphony of Green Bay. They are professional musicians and amateurs from all walks of life, drawn together by the love of great symphonic music and the desire to share it with others. This will be the orchestra's 31st season of performances and the 21st year under the direction of conductor and artistic director, Seong-Kyung Graham.