



Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:30 p.m.



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MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Ryan Tani, associate conductor

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Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Fanny Hensel	<i>Longing</i>	11'
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Franz Schubert	<i>Symphony No 8 in B minor,</i> D. 759 ("Unfinished") Allegro moderato Andante con moto	25'
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• INTERMISSION •

William Grant Still	<i>Mother and Child</i>	7'
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Ludwig van Beethoven	<i>Symphony No. 8 in F Major, op. 93</i> Allegro vivace con brio Allegretto scherzando Tempo di menuetto Allegro vivace	26'
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The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra can be heard on Naxos, Telarc, Koss Classics, Pro Arte, AVIE, and Vox/Turnabout recordings. MSO Classics recordings (digital only) available on iTunes and at www.mso.org. MSO Binaural recordings (digital only) available at www.mso.org.

Steinway is the official piano of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

We collectively acknowledge that Lawrence University is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk people.

RYAN TANI, ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

Now in his fourth season with the MSO and his second as its associate conductor, **Ryan Tani** has built a reputation for inventive programming, as well as an energetic connection with audiences in Milwaukee and beyond. At the MSO, he conducts a wide range of concerts — including education, family, popular, and classical — and has stepped in for Edo de Waart and led sold-out performances in his 2025 Classics series debut. He has served as cover conductor for the Minnesota Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Symphony, and Bozeman Symphony.

A committed advocate for new music, Tani was music director of Baltimore's Occasional Symphony, commissioning over 20 works and supporting dozens of composers in just three years. At Yale, he served as conducting fellow of the Philharmonia and resident conductor of New Music New Haven, earning the Dean's Prize for artistic excellence.

Tani's community-focused work includes leading multiple ensembles across Montana, including the Bozeman, Missoula, Great Falls, and Montana State University symphonies. Committed to connecting with audiences off the podium, he also developed outreach programs, taught university courses, and fostered collaborations between artists and the public — efforts that continue to shape his approach today.

He holds degrees from Yale University, the Peabody Institute, and the University of Southern California, and has studied with Marin Alsop, Peter Oundjian, Markand Thakar, Larry Rachleff, and Donald Schleicher. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife Bronte and his corgi Darby and enjoys cooking, reading, and playing violin.



BYRON STRIPLING

Principal Pops Conductor
Stein Family Foundation
Principal Pops Conductor Chair

RYAN TANI

Associate Conductor

CHERYL FRAZES HILL

Chorus Director
Margaret Hawkins Chorus Director Chair

TIMOTHY J. BENSON

Assistant Chorus Director

FIRST VIOLINS

Jinwoo Lee, *Concertmaster; Charles and Marie Caestecker Concertmaster Chair*
Ilana Setapen, *First Associate Concertmaster; Thora M. Vervoren First Associate Concertmaster Chair*
Jeanyi Kim, *Associate Concertmaster*
Alexander Ayers
Autumn Chodorowski
Yuka Kadota
Chihiro Kakishima
Elliot Lee
Dylana Leung
Kyung Ah Oh
Lijia Phang
Yuanhui Fiona Zheng

SECOND VIOLINS

Jennifer Startt, *Principal, Andrea and Woodrow Leung Principal Second Violin Chair*
Ji-Yeon Lee, *Assistant Principal (2nd chair)*
Shannon Fitzhenry, *Assistant Principal (3rd chair)*
Heejeon Ahn
Lisa Johnson Fuller
Clay Hancock
Paul Hauer
Hyewon Kim
Vinicius Sant'Ana**
Yiran Yao

VIOLAS

Principal, Richard O. and Judith A. Wagner Family Principal Viola Chair
Kunjing Dai, *Acting Principal, Friends of Janet F. Ruggeri Assistant Principal Viola Chair*
Samantha Rodriguez, *Acting Assistant Principal (2nd chair)*
Alejandro Duque, *Acting Assistant Principal (3rd chair)*
Elizabeth Breslin
Georgi Dimitrov
Nathan Hackett
Michael Lieberman**
Erin H. Pipal

CELLOS

Susan Babini, *Principal, Dorothea C. Mayer Principal Cello Chair*
Shinae Ra, *Assistant Principal (2nd chair)*
Scott Tisdell, *Associate Principal Emeritus*
Esther Chae
Madeleine Kabat
Peter Szczepanek
Peter J. Thomas*
Adrien Zitoun

BASSES

Principal, Donald B. Abert Principal Bass Chair
Andrew Raciti, *Acting Principal*
Nash Tomey*, *Assistant Principal (3rd chair)*
Brittany Conrad
Nicholas DeLaurentis**
Broner McCoy
Paris Myers

HARP

Julia Coronelli, *Principal, Walter Schroeder Principal Harp Chair*

FLUTES

Sonora Slocum, *Principal, Margaret and Roy Butter Principal Flute Chair*
Heather Zinninger, *Assistant Principal*
Jennifer Bouton Schaub

PICCOLO

Jennifer Bouton Schaub

OBOES

Katherine Young Steele, *Principal*,
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra League
Principal Oboe Chair

Kevin Pearl, *Assistant Principal*

Margaret Butler

ENGLISH HORN

Margaret Butler, *Philip and Beatrice Blank*
English Horn Chair in memoriam to
John Martin

CLARINETS

Principal, Franklyn Esenberg Principal
Clarinet Chair

Jay Shankar, *Acting Principal*,
Donald and Ruth P. Taylor Assistant
Principal Clarinet Chair

Besnik Abrashi**,
Acting Assistant Principal
Max Reese

E-FLAT CLARINET

Max Reese**

BASS CLARINET

Besnik Abrashi

BASSOONS

Catherine Van Handel*, *Principal*,
Muriel C. and John D. Silbar Family
Principal Bassoon Chair

Rudi Heinrich, *Acting Principal*
Matthew Melillo, *Acting Assistant Principal*
Laressa Winters**

CONTRABASSOON

Matthew Melillo

HORNS

Matthew Annin, *Principal, Krause Family*
Principal French Horn Chair

Krystof Pipal, *Associate Principal*

Dietrich Hemann,
Andy Nunemaker French Horn Chair

Darcy Hamlin

Dawson Hartman

TRUMPETS

Matthew Ernst, *Principal, Walter L. Robb*
Family Principal Trumpet Chair

David Cohen, *Associate Principal*,
Martin J. Krebs Associate Principal
Trumpet Chair

Tim McCarthy, *Fred Fuller Trumpet Chair*

TROMBONES

Megumi Kanda, *Principal, Marjorie*
Tiefenthaler Principal Trombone Chair
Kirk Ferguson, *Assistant Principal*

BASS TROMBONE

John Thevenet, *Richard M. Kimball*
Bass Trombone Chair

TUBA

Robyn Black, *Principal*,
John and Judith Simonitsch Tuba Chair

TIMPANI

Dean Borghesani, *Principal*
Chris Riggs, *Assistant Principal*

PERCUSSION

Robert Klieger, *Principal*
Chris Riggs

PIANO

Melitta S. Pick *Endowed Piano Chair*

PERSONNEL

Antonio Padilla Denis,
Director of Orchestra Personnel
Paris Myers, *Assistant Manager of*
Orchestra Personnel

LIBRARIANS

Paul Beck, *Principal Librarian, James E.*
Van Ess Principal Librarian Chair
Matthew Geise, *Assistant Librarian &*
Media Archivist

PRODUCTION

Tristan Wallace,
Production Manager/Live Audio
Lisa Sottile, *Production Stage Manager*

* Leave of absence during the 2026.27 season

** Acting member of the MSO for the 2026.27 season

2026-27 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Fred Sturm Jazz Celebration Weekend

- Christie Dashiell Quartet
Fri., Nov. 6, 2026 | 7:30 p.m. | Memorial Chapel
- Billy Childs Jazz Chamber Ensemble
Sat., Nov. 7, 2026 | 7:30 p.m. | Memorial Chapel

FEBRUARY

- Kings Return
Sat., Feb. 6, 2027 | 7:30 p.m. | Memorial Chapel

APRIL

- Dreamers' Circus
Mon., April 5, 2027 | 8 p.m. | Harper Hall
- The Westerlies
Fri., April 30, 2027 | 7:30 p.m. | Memorial Chapel



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