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Mariinsky Opera War and Peace



Yo-Yo Ma



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2009-2010 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

THEATER

Terrence McNally's *Nights at the Opera*:

Master Class, The Lisbon Traviata, and Golden Age (new work)

A Streetcar Named Desire directed by Liv Ullmann and starring Cate Blanchett Thurgood with Laurence Fishburne ■ *August: Osage County* with Estelle Parsons

Barbara Cook's *Spotlight* with Christine Ebersole, Cheyenne Jackson, Karen Akers, Daniel Evans & Jenna Russell, Jessica Molaskey & John Pizzarelli

Disney's *Mary Poppins* ■ 4D Art's *Norman* ■ *Young Frankenstein*

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Iván Fischer, Principal Conductor ■ Christoph Eschenbach, Music Director Designate
Marvin Hamlisch, Principal Pops Conductor

NSO Season Opening Concert with Iván Fischer and Evgeny Kissin

Conductors Christoph Eschenbach, Lorin Maazel, Andrew Litton, Leonard Slatkin, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, John Adams

Appearances by Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Joshua Bell, Nikolaj Znaider, Emanuel Ax, Mischa Maisky, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Leila Josefowicz, Lang Lang, Yuja Wang, Nelson Freire, Yo-Yo Ma

NSO Pops: Chris Botti ■ *The Music Man* in concert ■ Bill Conti
Stephen Sondheim's 80th Birthday Concert

2010 VSA arts INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

VSA arts brings artists with disabilities from around the world in a city-wide multicultural celebration of the arts and arts education with Patti LaBelle, Josh Blue, Claire Danes, Diane Schuur, Evelyn Glennie, Marlee Matlin, Raul Midón, AXIS Dance

Emerging Visual Artists Exhibition ■ Playwright Discovery Evening

BALLET

Pennsylvania Ballet presents *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*
New York City Ballet ■ American Ballet Theatre ■ Mariinsky Ballet
Bolshoi Ballet ■ The Suzanne Farrell Ballet

Ballet Across America II

Morphoses, Houston Ballet, The Suzanne Farrell Ballet, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Arizona Ballet, North Carolina Dance Theatre, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Tulsa Ballet

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Pilobolus Dance Theatre ■ Keigwin + Company

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan ■ Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Shen Wei Dance Arts ■ Compañía Nacional de Danza

FOCUS ON RUSSIA

National Symphony Orchestra featuring Russian repertoire and guests Evgeny Kissin, Vadim Repin, Denis Matsuev, and Alexander Vedernikov

Bolshoi Ballet ■ Mariinsky Ballet

The Mariinsky Opera and Orchestra

Valery Gergiev, General and Artistic Director

War and Peace (fully staged)

Eugene Onegin and *Boris Godunov* in Concert,
Rimsky-Korsakov Evening, Tchaikovsky Evening

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A week-long festival of gospel groups and headliners from across the nation featuring Richard Smallwood, Shirley Caesar, Take 6, Kirk Franklin, Mavis Staples, Marietta Simpson, Fisk University Jubilee Singers, The Campbell Brothers Sacred Steel Guitars, Sweet Heaven Kings Brass Shout Band, The Clark Sisters

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