

## A new, on-demand classical music service, *Living the Classical Life*, has Philly connections

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It's a new streaming, free, on-demand program called *Living the Classical Life*, and it features world-class artists talking about their craft. What makes it quite interesting to us here at Ticket is that there are so many connections to Philadelphia in the series, and serves as a testament that the City of Brotherly Love is a mecca for classical musical fans.

The 19-episode (and growing) series features interviews, performances, and insight from classical musicians, managers, recording producers, festival organizers, and emerging artists from around the world. Below we highlight several episodes from *Living the Classical Life* that feature Philadelphia-related (and, in some cases, Philadelphia-based) talent.

Robert Durso's episode was actually filmed in his Philadelphia home. The world-renowned pianist and teacher discusses his philosophy and his passion for music:

The remarkable Yuja Wang is featured in the series: The Curtis Institute graduate has performed across the globe, including engagements with The Philadelphia Orchestra and Carnegie Hall.

Mezzo-soprano opera star Isabel Leonard will be coming to Philly next season to star in the East Coast premiere of *Cold Mountain* with Opera Philadelphia:

Future episodes will feature even more Philly talent: Nathan Gunn is part of Opera Philadelphia's American Repertoire Council and will be highlighted, and Jerome Lowenthal, a Juilliard faculty member, was born and raised in Philadelphia. To watch any of Living the Classical Life's free on-demand programs, visit their website.

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