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NORTH AMERICA FESTIVALS

Bard SummerScape NY

July 1 - August 14

This year the Hudson Valley festival presents a seven-week intensive exploration of 'Puccini and his world'. The Richard B Fisher Center is the venue for many of the performances, led by the festival's co-artistic director Leon Botstein and the American Symphony Orchestra. The festival centrepiece is the two weekends of the Bard Music Festival, over which several operas are performed, both complete and as major excerpts, including Massenet's *La navarraise*, and Berio's completion of the last act of *Turandot*, paired with Busoni's setting of the same tale. Other Bard SummerScape highlights include a production of Mascagni's *Iris*, directed by Los Angeles-based director James Darrah, and the world premiere of *Fantasque*, a collaboration between choreographer John Heginbotham and puppeteer Amy Trompeter set to the Respighi/Rossini ballet score *La boutique fantasque*.
fishercenter.bard.edu/summerscape

Blossom Music Festival OH

July 2 - September 4

The Cleveland Orchestra's annual summer festival takes place at Ohio's Blossom Music Center. Highlights include Music Director Franz Welser-Möst conducting Beethoven's *Eroica*, the Blossom Festival Orchestra performing the symphonic rendition of The Who's rock opera *Quadrophenia*, and Michael Feinstein conducting Blossom's Fourth of July star-gangled celebration. The Silk Road

Ensemble and cellist Yo-Yo Ma are also performing, and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra makes its Blossom Music Festival debut.
clevelandorchestra.com

Bravo! Vail CO

June 23 - August 6

This season is a landmark for Bravo! Vail in that it features the festival's first-ever residency of an international chamber orchestra, London's Academy of St Martin in the Fields, led by its music director Joshua Bell. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic all return for residencies, with concerts featuring pianists Jeremy Denk and Jean-Yves Thibaudet, violinists Leila Josefowicz and Augustin Hadelich, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Ellis Hall, and the Dover Quartet.
bravovail.org

Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music CA

July 31 - August 13

This festival champions works that are rarely more than a year or two old with members of the public who attend open rehearsals of the music prior to the concerts. This year it's the festival's music director Marin Alsop's 25th anniversary and also her final season, so this is very much a celebration of her artistic imprint on the event. Amongst three world premieres is a new symphonic ballet by Anna Clyne, created with choreographer Kitty MacNamee. John Adams is just one of the many composers-in-residence this year.
cabrillomusic.org

Caramoor Summer Music Festival NY

June 18 - August 7

Caramoor is a country-house estate in Katonah, Westchester, an hour's drive from Manhattan, consisting of 90 acres of Italianate architecture and gardens. On offer are American-roots concerts and jazz alongside orchestral, chamber and operatic performances. Equally, young artists share the programme with established soloists. The resident Orchestra of St. Luke's is led this summer by Pablo Heras-Casado, Joshua Weilerstein and Rob Fisher. Besides collaborating with soloists, including this season's artist-in-residence, pianist Jonathan Biss, they anchor semi-staged productions of Beethoven's *Fidelio* and the US premiere of Rossini's long-lost opera, *Aureliano in Palmira*.
caramoor.org

Carmel Bach Festival CA

July 16-30

Under the artistic direction of Paul Goodwin, events for this Californian festival take place in Carmel and the surrounding areas, with main concerts in Carmel's Sunset Center and the weekly principal choral event in Carmel's Mission Basilika. The festival has its own resident chamber orchestra made up of modern and period instruments (the only one of its kind in the States), a chamber choir led by Andrew Megill, and five international soloists including Mhairi Lawson. 'Bach Inspires!' is the theme this year, and the opening night features the Festival Orchestra under Paul Goodwin in a rare performance of CPE Bach's *Magnificat*. The 100th anniversary of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is also being celebrated at this year's event.
bachfestival.org

Festival del Sole CA

July 15-24

The Festival del Sole offers more than 60 events encompassing music, dance, theatre and gastronomy in California's Napa Valley. Around 100 wineries are participating, with performances from major musicians taking place at vintners' luncheons, winery dinners, wine tastings, community concerts and wellness activities. Highlights include violinist Sarah Chang with Festival Orchestra NAPA performing Astor Piazzolla's *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*, a Dance Gala with the San Francisco Ballet under the direction of Helgi Tomasson, baritone Lester Lynch in a programme of American Spirituals at Mont LaSalle Chapel, and an Opera Gala featuring tenor Michael Fabiano

and mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard, with Festival Orchestra NAPA under the baton of Carlo Ponti.
festivaldelsole.org

Glimmerglass Festival CA

July 8 - August 27

The Glimmerglass Festival presents four mainstage productions of opera and musical theatre every summer. The core offerings are new productions of Puccini's *La bohème*, Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, Rossini's *The Thieving Magpie (La gazza ladra)* and Robert Ward's *The Crucible*. The company rounds out the season with a schedule including concerts, public masterclasses, and a world-premiere youth opera.
glimmerglass.org

Grand Teton Music Festival WY

July 4 - August 20

For 55 years, this festival has united musicians from the nation's top ensembles for seven weeks of orchestral and chamber concerts in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Under the leadership of music director Donald Runnicles, the festival welcomes Joshua Bell, Nicola Benedetti and Jonathan Biss this season.
gtmf.org

International Piano Festival, Princeton University NJ

July 10-16

This piano festival runs in tandem with the Golandsky Institute's Summer Symposium, providing the evening's entertainment after the symposium's lectures, masterclasses, private lessons and technique clinics. Pianists this year include: Josu de Solaun, first prize-winner of the XIII George Enescu International Piano Competition; Fabrizio Chiovetta, who specialises in Viennese repertoire on original instruments; and Wei Luo, Ilya Itin, Bill Charlap and David Shimoni.
golandskyinstitute.org

June in Buffalo NY

June 6-13

Presented and hosted by the University at Buffalo's music department, June in Buffalo is a festival and conference dedicated to composers. It offers an intensive schedule of seminars, lectures, workshops, professional presentations, participant forums and open rehearsals as well as afternoon and evening concerts open to the general public and critics. The Arditti Quartet is a resident ensemble, along with Ensemble Dal Niente and the Uusinta Ensemble. Senior/faculty composers involved for the first time include Hans Abrahamsen,

CELEBRATING SHAKESPEARE'S 400th ANNIVERSARY

Aspen Music Festival and School

June 30 - August 21

'Invitation to Dance' is the 2016 theme for this Colorado mountain festival, exploring the uses of dance form in music. Opera-wise, the Aspen Opera Center presents Puccini's *La bohème*, William Bolcom's *A Wedding*, and, in a nod to Shakespeare's anniversary, Berlioz's *Béatrice et Bénédict*. 'An American Musical Century' is another major focus, featuring 20th-century American works from composers including Charles Ives, Roger Sessions and George Antheil, performed by artists such as violinist Gil Shaham and conductor Leon Botstein. Twenty-first-century music also features, most particularly in the form of John Luther Adams's *Inuksuit*, while music director Robert Spano conducts Kaija Saariaho's *L'amour de loin*. Amongst the many artists appearing this year are conductors Ludovic Morlot and Vasily Petrenko, violinist Midori and pianist Yefim Bronfman.
aspenmusicfestival.com



Berlioz's *Béatrice et Bénédict* comes to Aspen