

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESENTS ANNOUNCES AUTUMN 2025 CONCERTS

The acclaimed concert series kicks off its 82nd season with nine performances in Hyde Park, featuring bold new sounds, refined classics, and world-class artists.

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Autumn 2025 Highlights

- GRAMMY-winning jazz pianist [Sullivan Fortner](#) opens the season by blending his New Orleans jazz roots with the cosmic chaos and kinetic rhythms of **Sun Ra**.
- A wind octet of musicians from the fan favorite [Chicago Symphony Orchestra](#) explores themes of musical adaptation in a dramatic program featuring selections from *Don Giovanni* and *The Magic Flute*, Prokofiev's Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*, and Mozart's stormy Serenade for Winds.
- The passionate and precise [Belcea Quartet](#) play Beethoven's bittersweet, final string quartet, Mozart's unusual "Dissonance Quartet," and two short pieces by Mendelssohn.

- Ukrainian musical project [Kurbasy](#) channels Ukrainian folklore through tight vocal harmonies, spectral instrumentation, and striking visual storytelling in a performance of their latest work, *Songs of the Ukrainian Forest*.
- Contemporary chamber orchestra [Alarm Will Sound](#) returns to UChicago's Logan Center to record and perform two works by UChicago Professor of Composition **Hans Thomalla**.
- The Gramophone Award-winning ensemble [Cappella Pratensis](#), one of the world's only ensembles to sing directly from historical notation, brings Guillaume Dufay's sumptuous *Missa Ecce ancilla Domini* to life.
- In a co-presentation with The Renaissance Society, UChicago Presents hosts the **Chicago premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winner [Raven Chacon's American Ledger No. 3](#)**—a free public performance for women's choir honoring the legacy of Chicago activist **Ida B. Wells**.
- The legendary [Brentano String Quartet](#) delivers a tour-de-force evening of string quartet mastery, with their UChicago program featuring Haydn at his most playful, Bartók at his most bracing, and Dvořák in full lyric flight.
- [The Grossman Ensemble](#) adds four new works to its already impressive roster of 75 world premieres, debuting compositions by composers Kay Rhie, Ryan Chase, Mikel Kuehn, and Inés Thiebaut.

CHICAGO – University of Chicago Presents (UCP), the University of Chicago's premier performing arts series, debuts its 82nd season with nine concerts in the Autumn 2025 quarter. A cultural cornerstone on campus and across the city, UChicago Presents continues to unite world-class artists with the vibrant Chicago community.

UChicago Presents embraces the spirit of inquiry that defines the University and the multidisciplinary arts scene in the city of Chicago. This autumn's concerts bring musicians from around the world—such as the sonically colorful and visually stunning Ukrainian group **Kurbasy** and the Netherlands-based Renaissance vocal masters **Cappella Pratensis**—and celebrates local legends, including **Sullivan Fortner's** tribute to **Sun Ra** and **Raven Chacon's** work for choir honoring the legacy of **Ida B. Wells**. Performances are held on the University of Chicago campus, featuring two iconic venues: the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts and Mandel Hall, with genres spanning classical, jazz, new music, early music, and world music.

The programs presented on UCP's stages this autumn invite concertgoers to explore new musical territories and engage in shared discovery.

TICKETS

\$12-\$43

UChicago Presents offers the best prices in the city to hear the world's greatest artists, with discounts available for children, students, and patrons under age 35. For more information, please visit <https://chicagopresents.uchicago.edu/tickets/ticket-info-and-policies>.

Tickets can be purchased online at chicagopresents.uchicago.edu. Patrons may call **773.702.2787** or visit the Court Theatre/UChicago Arts Box Office located in the lobby of Court Theatre at 5535 S Ellis Ave, Chicago, IL.

CONCERT VENUES

This autumn, the University of Chicago Presents holds concerts at the following locations:

- Mandel Hall: 1131 East 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637
- Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts: 915 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESENTS

Established in 1943, The University of Chicago Presents series brings extraordinary artists from around the world to Chicago. Artists engage with audiences, scholars, and students in dynamic live performances, educational and enrichment experiences, and community engagement activities through an eclectic mix of chamber music and recitals, early, contemporary, jazz, blues, and global music, including artist residencies, commissions, and premieres.

The University of Chicago Presents concert series endeavors to present music on an intimate scale at the highest level, creating for audiences of all ages and walks of life experiences that transform, entertain, educate, and enlighten, inspiring a powerful sense of shared humanity. Advancing the values of its home at the University, UCP engages all—the student, the Nobel Laureate, the uninitiated, the dedicated musician, and everyone in-between—to nurture curiosity through great music-making.

FULL CONCERT SCHEDULE – *organized by date*

For more about each artist and their programs, visit chicagopresents.uchicago.edu

OCTOBER

Oct 10 7:30 PM	Sullivan Fortner & His Galactic Friends	Logan Center
Oct 12 3:00 PM	CSO Chamber Music at the University of Chicago	Mandel Hall
Oct 17 7:30 PM	Belcea Quartet	Mandel Hall
Oct 19 3:00 PM	Kurbasy	Logan Center
Oct 24 7:30 PM	Alarm Will Sound	Logan Center
Oct 26 3:00 PM	Cappella Pratensis	Logan Center

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 3:00 PM	Raven Chacon: <i>American Ledger No. 3</i>	Logan Center Courtyard
Nov 9 3:00 PM	Brentano String Quartet	Logan Center

DECEMBER

Dec 5 7:30 PM	Grossman Ensemble	Logan Center
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JANUARY

Jan 18 3:00 PM	Julia Bullock with Seth Parker Woods and Conor Hanick	Logan Center
Jan 23 7:30 PM	Trio Mediæval	Rockefeller Chapel
Jan 30 7:30 PM	Julia Keefe Indigenous Jazz Ensemble	Logan Center

FEBRUARY

Feb 6 7:30 PM	CSO Chamber Music at the University of Chicago	Mandel Hall
Feb 7 7:30 PM	3 Shades of Blues: Diunna Greenleaf, Nora Jean Wallace, and Precious Taylor	Logan Center
Feb 15 3:00 PM	Lynne Davis, concert organizer	Bond Chapel

MARCH

Mar 6 7:30 PM	Grossman Ensemble	Logan Center
Mar 13 7:30 PM	Tigran Hamasyan & Third Coast Percussion	Logan Center
Mar 27 7:30 PM	Simone Dinnerstein, piano	Logan Center

APRIL

Apr 11 7:30 PM	Fantastic Negrito	Logan Center
Apr 12 3:00 PM	Trio Mediæval	Logan Center
Apr 17 7:30 PM	Academy of St Martin in the Fields Wind Ensemble	Mandel Hall
Apr 19 3:00 PM	CSO Chamber Music at the University of Chicago	Logan Center
Apr 24 7:30 PM	ETHEL + Robert Mirabal: The Red Willow	Logan Center

MAY

May 1 7:30 PM	Isaiah Collier: In Tribute to the Classics of John Coltrane	Logan Center
May 22 7:30 PM	Grossman Ensemble	Logan Center

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