

UCHICAGO PRESENTS ANNOUNCES SPRING 2026 LINEUP

The distinguished concert series wraps its 82nd season with nine vibrant performances, highlighting artists from Chicago to London to Oslo.

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Spring 2026 Highlights

- Jazz pianist **Tigran Hamasyan** unites with Chicago ensemble **Third Coast Percussion** for two performances of Hamasyan's compositions and new music, blending kinetic precision with fiery jazz improvisation.
- Pianist **Simone Dinnerstein**, renowned for her groundbreaking interpretations of Bach's music, plays a program of Bach, Rameau, Jarrett, and more.
- Blues powerhouse and three-time GRAMMY winner **Fantastic Negrito** brings his electric, soulful energy to the Logan Center.
- The University's Don Michael Randel Ensemble-in-Residence, **Trio Mediæval**, sing a hypnotic program of medieval tunes, contemporary settings, and folk songs from their native Scandinavia.

- London's prestigious [Academy of St Martin in the Fields Wind Ensemble](#) brings the unmistakable brilliance of one of the world's most revered chamber orchestras to an intimate setting, performing works by Mozart, Nielsen, Ligeti, and Haydn.
- A quartet of musicians from the [Chicago Symphony Orchestra](#) explore the art of remix in an eclectic program highlighting women composers, featuring Annie Gosfield's *Daughters of the Industrial Revolution*, Caroline Shaw's *Boris Kerner*, and more.
- Contemporary quartet [ETHEL](#) is joined by GRAMMY-winning Native American flutist [Robert Mirabal](#) for a dynamic fusion of Indigenous storytelling.
- Chicago's own jazz saxophone phenom [Isaiah Collier](#) channels the spirit of **John Coltrane's** legendary quartets, backed by his band, The Chosen Few.
- [The Grossman Ensemble](#) closes the season with imaginative premieres by composers Katherine Balch, Shawn Okpebholo, Gity Razaz, and Matthew Ricketts under the baton of Luke Poepfel.

CHICAGO – University of Chicago Presents (UCP), the University of Chicago's premier performing arts series, concludes its 82nd season with nine concerts in the Spring 2026 quarter. A cultural cornerstone on campus and across the city, UChicago Presents unites world-class artists with the vibrant Chicago community.

At UChicago Presents, artistic inquiry and curiosity are nurtured through multidisciplinary music-making. Cross-genre collaborations take center stage this spring: Chicago's own **Third Coast Percussion** teams up with jazz pianist **Tigran Hamasyan** for a thrilling exploration of rhythm and improvisation, and the adventurous **ETHEL Quartet** joins forces with Native American flutist **Robert Mirabal**, fusing classical and Indigenous soundscapes. This season also features two world-class orchestras on an intimate scale: a quartet from the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** highlight female composers in a program of contemporary music, and a wind ensemble from London's distinguished **Academy of St Martin in the Fields** travels across the pond for a special performance of chamber music. Performances are held on the University of Chicago campus, featuring two historic venues: the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts and Mandel Hall, with genres spanning classical, jazz, new music, early music, and global music.

TICKETS

\$12-\$43

UChicago Presents offers the best prices in the city to hear the world's greatest artists, with discounts available for students and patrons under age 35, plus free tickets for youth ages 6-12 with a paying adult. 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 (ticket fees waived for purchases made at the box office).

CONCERT VENUES

This spring, 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

MARCH

Mar 13 5:00 PM	Early Show: Tigran Hamasyan & Third Coast Percussion	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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