



# A Diverse Musical World

By  
THE DESERT SYMPHONY



**WHERE:**  
MCCALLUM THEATER  
7300 FRED WARING DRIVE  
PALM DESERT, CA 92260

**REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES: OCTOBER 3, 2019 @ 5:00PM**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER REGISTRATION CLOSURES (NO EXCEPTION)**

## PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

**2ND THROUGH 12TH; HOWEVER, OPEN TO ALL GRADES**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**(PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY)**

The Symphony's dynamic 2019 concert program – thoughtfully curated by Maestro Gary Berkson - brings attention to a diverse musical world with room for everyone.

The Program opens excitedly with Tchaikovsky's *Russian Dance* from *The Nutcracker Suite*, followed by *The American Scene Suite #5: A Mountain, A Memorial, A Song* by the African-American composer William Grant Still. *blue cathedral* by Pulitzer Prize and two-time Grammy-winner Jennifer Higdon is next. Higdon (b. 1962), who taught herself to play flute at the age of 15, began formal musical studies at 18, and started composing at 21, is a major figure in contemporary classical music with *blue cathedral* being one of the most performed contemporary orchestral works since its premiere in 2000.

For the last piece on the Program – the soaring and triumphant *Finale* from Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* – Maestro Berkson passes the baton to Shira Samuels-Shragg. Currently a senior at Swarthmore College, majoring in music with a focus in conducting, she was one of two inaugural conducting apprentices with Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra of the USA in 2015.



### SPECIAL GUIDELINES:

- Space is limited; first serve.
- No use of membership passes.
- Limit ONE adult registration per SCS family
- No infants or toddlers

◆ **NOTE:** Homeschool students must use their own Instructional Fund account to register for field trips. Any duplicate field trip registrations on one student's account will not be allowed and dropped from the report.

**WHEN: (RAIN OR SHINE)**



THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17, 2019

Check-in Time: 11:00 AM  
Program Start: 11:30 AM  
Program End: 12:30 PM

**COST:**



\$ 0.01 Student  
\$ FREE Child guest (5+)  
\$ FREE Adult (18+)  
Limit one adult per SCS family

**PARKING:**



FREE  
(subject to change)

**QUESTIONS? Contact Kathy Crudo, Field Trip Coordinator at [field.trips@springscs.org](mailto:field.trips@springscs.org)**