

OJAI MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 7-10, 2018

Thomas W. Morris, Artistic Director
Patricia Kopatchinskaja, 2018 Music Director

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

1:00- 5:00pm

OJAI TALKS

Ojai Presbyterian Church

Led by Ojai Talks Director Ara Guzelimian, the afternoon will include three sessions featuring Patricia Kopatchinskaja and guests discussing the music they love, the artistic philosophy of the Ojai Music Festival as it approaches its 75th anniversary, and the evolving new world of musical ensembles.

6:30-6:45pm

SEQUENZA (Free Community Event)

Libbey Park Gazebo

LUCIANO BERIO *Sequenzas* for solo instruments with members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

7:30-8:30pm

SEARCHING FOR MUSIC (Free Community Event)

Libbey Park

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

Jorge Sanchez-Chiong, electronics

LUIGI NONO *La lontanaza nostalgica utopica future*

A dynamic duet between solo violin and spatial amplified sound, this piece will fill the park with an absorbing soundscape for audiences to explore.

9:00-10:30pm

BYE BYE BEETHOVEN (American Premiere)

Semi-staged concert conceptualized by Patricia Kopatchinskaja

Libbey Bowl

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

Mahler Chamber Orchestra

Includes music by CHARLES IVES, JOSEPH HAYDN, JOHN CAGE, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, GYÖRGY KURTÁG, and the BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto in D.

Kopatchinskaja boldly questions conventions in classical music through this provocative staged concert where musical routines are challenged, clichés are demolished, and active listening is rewarded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

8:00- 9:00am

MUSIC DAWNS (Ojai Member Concert)

Zalk Theater

Michael Hersch, piano
JACK Quartet

MICHAEL HERSCH Piano Music
HORATIO RADULESCU *Before the Universe was Born*

10:00-10:45am

MUSICAL MINIATURES (Free Children's Concert)

Ojai Art Center

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
Anthony Romaniuk, harpsichord
Members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

HEINRICH IGNAZ FRANZ BIBER *Sonata Representativa for Violin and Harpsichord*
ARTHUR HONEGGER *Danse de la Chevre*
LUCIANO BERIO *Opus Number Zoo*
HOLLIGER *Duöli for 2 Violins*
JOHN CAGE *Variation for Violin and Harpsichord*
ALAN RIDOUT *Ferdinand the Bull*

A special concert to give our youngest listeners an opportunity to get close up to the music. Experience a sequence of musical miniatures by a wide range of composers, presided over by Kopatchinskaja.

Presented under the Festival's BRAVO education program, local Ojai elementary students will be given front row seating. Series subscribers will receive special area seating.

11:30-11:45am

SEQUENZA (Free Community Event)

Libbey Park Gazebo

LUCIANO BERIO *Sequenzas* for solo instruments with members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

1:00-3:30pm

Libbey Bowl

Part I 1:00-2:00pm

Markus Hinterhäuser, piano

GALINA USTVOLSKAYA *Six Sonatas for Piano Solo*

Part II 2:30- 3:30pm

Markus Hinterhäuser, piano
Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

GALINA USTVOLSKAYA *Sonata for Violin and Piano*
GALINA USTVOLSKAYA *Duet Violin and Piano*

With fearsome commitment and energy, this two-part concert offers transcendent works from Russian composer Galina Ustvolskaya, described by Alex Ross as “one of the century’s grand originals.” Ustvolskaya’s sound world brings intensity and texture with moments of simplicity and quiet beauty.

6:30- 6:45pm
SEQUENZA (Free Community Event)
Libbey Park Gazebo

LUCIANO BERIO *Sequenzas* for solo instruments with members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

7:30-10:15pm
Libbey Bowl

Part I 7:30-8:30pm
Anthony Romaniuk, harpsichord and piano
Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
JACK Quartet
Jorge Sanchez-Chiong, turntables

CARL PHILIP EMMANUEL BACH *Fantasy in F#*
JORGE SANCHEZ-CHIONG *Chromartic Aberration No. 3*
Piano music by Bull, Byrd, Purcell, and improvisations

Part II 9:00-10:15pm
Ah Young Hong, Kierra Duffy, sopranos
Members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

MICHAEL HERSCH Commissioned Piece (**World Premiere**)
Commissioned by the Ojai Music Festival, Cal Performances Berkeley, Aldeburgh Festival, and PN Review

The world premiere of featured composer Michael Hersch’s dramatic song cycle of life and death, written for the soaring soprano voices of Ah Young Hong and Kiera Duffy.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

8:00- 9:15am
MUSIC DAWNS (Ojai Member Event)
Ojai Art Center

JACK Quartet
Anthony Romaniuk, piano

MORTON FELDMAN Piano and String Quartet

11:30-11:45am
SEQUENZA (Free Community Event)
Libbey Park Gazebo

LUCIANO BERIO *Sequenzas* for solo instruments with members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

1:00-3:45pm
Libbey Bowl

PART I 1:00-2:00pm

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
Jay Campbell, cello
Members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

GYÖRGY LIGETI Six Bagatelles for Winds
MAURICE RAVEL Sonata for Violin and Cello
DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH Jazz Suite No. 1 (arranged for octet)

Kopatchinskaja teams up with cello partner Jay Campbell in Ravel's magical *Sonata*, in a performance the *New York Times* called "All spitfire energy....remarkable virtuosity that still left room for arching lyricism."

Part II 2:30-3:45pm

Ah Young Hong, soprano
Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

GYÖRGY KURTAG *Kafka Fragments*

Kurtág's *Kafka Fragments* present a significant exploration into the world of Franz Kafka. Playing with emotion and gusto, Ah Young Hong with Kopatchinskaja will share this penetrating and sometimes humorous journey for voice and violin.

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Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
JACK Quartet
Mahler Chamber Orchestra

JOHN DOWLAND *Lachrimae Antiquae*
TIGRAN MANSURIAN *Four Serious Songs for Violin and Strings*
JOHN DOWLAND *Lachrimae Amantis*

Kopatchinskaja and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra perform a major piece by Armenian composer Tigran Mansurian, whose work runs deep in the primeval layers of Armenia's folk music and ecclesiastic chant. The performance is framed by the ethereal music of John Dowland.

9:00-10:30pm

DIES IRAE (West Coast Premiere)

Semi-staged concert conceptualized by Patricia Kopatchinskaja
Libbey Bowl

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
Mahler Chamber Orchestra
JACK Quartet
Anthony Romaniuk, piano and harpsichord

Includes music by HEINRICH IGNAZ BIBER, GEORGE CRUMB, MICHAEL HERSCH, ANTONIO LOTTI, JORGE SÁNCHEZ-CHIONG, GIACINTO SCELISI, AND GALINA USTVOLSKAJA

Global warming, wars over resources, refugee crises: the world seems out of balance. This staged performance is a provocative musical commentary on the state of our planet. Musical selections include Gregorian chant, early Baroque depictions of battle music by the Bohemian virtuoso Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber, the “extraterrestrial” music of the Italian Giacinto Scelsi, and the disturbing *Dies irae* by the Russian composer Galina Ustvolskaya. This West Coast premiere is an aesthetic commentary on our time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00- 9:00am

MUSIC DAWNS (Ojai Member Event)

Zalk Theater

JACK Quartet

GEORGE FREDERICK HAAS *String Quartet No. 9 (West Coast Premiere)*

10:00 –11:00am

MUSICAL MINIATURES (Free Children’s Concert) – *Encore Performance*

Ojai Art Center

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Anthony Romaniuk, harpsichord
Members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra

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Members of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra
Amy Yang, Anthony Romaniuk, pianos

HANS ABRAHAMSEN *Schnee*

The first of a three-part finale, Hans Abrahamsen’s spellbinding 2008 masterpiece, *Schnee* (snow), is a nod to Bach canons. The piece has been embraced for its persuasive chill, fierce details, and sheer hypnotic sounds.

Part II: 2:30-3:30pm

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin

Viktor Kopatchinski, cimbalom
Emilia Kopatchinski, violin
Anthony Romaniuk, harpsichord
Amy Yang, piano

CALUSARILI Moldavian Folk Music
HORATIO RADULESCU *Doina for piano solo*
DOINA AND HORA Moldavian Folk Music
GYÖRGY LIGETI *Hungarian Rock*
GYÖRGY KURTAG *8 Duos for violin and cimbalom, Op. 4*
GEORGE ENESCU *Sonata No. 3*
CIOCALIA Moldavian Folk Music

Kopatchinskaja welcomes her parents for this effusive concert showing the energy of her roots and traditions in full force.

4:30-6:30pm

Patricia Kopatchinskaja, violin
Mahler Chamber Orchestra
Philipp von Steinaecker, conductor
JACK Quartet

BÉLA BARTÓK *Divertimento for Strings*
IGOR STRAVINSKY *L'Histoire du Soldat*
MACHAUT *Kyrie*
GYÖRGY LIGETI *Violin Concerto*

The Festival closes with spectacular panache – the strings of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra in Bartók, the 100th birthday of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, and Kopatchinskaja performing a specialty: Ligeti's extraordinary Violin Concerto.

Programs and artists are subject to change. For updated information visit OjaiFestival.org.