

# OJAI MUSIC FESTIVAL

## “What’s on Your Bookshelf”

### BOOK & MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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BARBARA HANNIGAN

#### Books

Nuria Schoenberg-Nono – *Arnold Schoenberg: Playing Cards*

Arnold Schoenberg – *Theory of Harmony*

Carl Schorske – *Fin-de-Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture*

#### Music

Alban Berg – *Lulu*

George Gershwin – *Girl Crazy Suite*

GEORGE LEWIS

#### Books

Naomi André – *Black Opera: History, Power, Engagement*

W.E.B. Du Bois – *The Comet*

Luc Boltanski & Eve Chiapello – *The New Spirit of Capitalism*

Uwe Johnson – *Anniversaries*

Kim Stanley Robinson – *The Ministry for the Future*

#### Music

Wagner – *Lohengrin*

Wagner – *Parsifal*

Composers: Andile Khumalo, Hannah Kendall, Courtney Bryan, Leila Adu-Gilmore, Jessie Cox, Jason Yarde, Daniel Kidane, Tania León, Alvin Singleton

TOM MORRIS

#### Books etc

Joshua Wolf Shenk – *Powers of Two: How Relationships Drive Creativity*

Heidi Waleson – *Mad Scenes and Death Arias*

Stave Jigsaw Puzzles, Vermont – <https://www.stavepuzzles.com/>

#### Music

J.S. Bach – *Cantatas*

Fritz Reiner – *Chicago Symphony Play Works by Ravel and Debussy. RCA Red Seal, 1986, CD*

Fritz Reiner – *Chicago Symphony Orchestra 8 Legendary Recordings on 4 CDs*

MIRANDA CUCKSON

#### Books

Dominique Fourcade – *Henri Matisse Ecrits Et Propos Sur L’art*

Charles Mackay – *Extraordinary Popular Delusions: And Madness of Crowds*

Joseph Szigeti – *Szigeti on the Violin*

Tobias Wolff – *This Boys Life: A Memoir*

## Music

Alban Berg – *Lulu*  
Blue Heron (Renaissance Choir)  
Christelle Bofale (Singer/songwriter)  
Jon Hassell (Experimental trumpeter/composer)  
Paco de Lucia (Flamenco guitarist)  
Johannes Ockeghem (Renaissance composer)

ARA GUZELIMIAN

## Books

Andre Aeiman – *Out of Egypt*  
Eric Ambler – *A Coffin for Dimitrios*  
Ishmael Beah – *Radiance of Tomorrow*  
Tove Jansson – *Travelling Light*  
Penelope Lively – *Moon Tiger*  
Tayeb Salih – *Season of Migration to the North*  
Zadie Smith – *Swing Time*  
Lizabeth Strout – *My Name is Lucy Barton*  
Miral Tahawi – *Brooklyn Heights*

## Music

John Adams – *The Wound Dresser*  
Smithsonian Anthology of Blues  
Blind Willie Johnson – *Dark Was the Night-Cold Was the Ground*  
Vikingur Ólafsson playing Bach – *Concerto in D minor, BWV 974*

SASHA ANAWALT

## Books

Octavia E. Butler – *Parable of Sower*  
Buckminster Fuller – *Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth*  
Bell Hooks – *Art on My Mind*  
Bell Hooks – *Teaching to Transgress*  
Ibram X Kendi – *How to be an Antiracist*  
Daniel Miller – *The Comfort of Things*  
Susan Sontag – *Illness as Metaphor*  
Jose Antonio Vargas – *Dear America: Notes on an Undocumented Citizen*

## Music

Lou Harrison  
Guillaum de Machaut – *Messe de Nostre Dame*  
Erik Satie  
Julian Slade – *Salad Days (musical)*

MARIANNE AFIFI

Hermann Hesse – *Siddhartha* (Join Marianne in reading it in the original language!)

CAROLYN & JAMIE BENNETT

Lindsay-Jean Hard – *Cooking with Scraps*  
Paulette Jiles – *News of the World*  
Tayari Jones – *An American Marriage*  
Aldo Leopold – *A Sand County Almanac*  
Richard Powers – *The Overstory*  
Margaret Renkl – *Late Migrations*  
J.D. Vance – *Hillbilly Elegy*  
Robin Wall – *Kimmerer Braiding Sweetgrass*

STEVE BLOCK

Gabriele D'Annunzio – *The Triumph of Death*  
Eolfram Eilenberger – *Time of the Magicians*  
Elena Ferrante – *The Lying Life of Adults*  
David Grossman – *Falling Out of Time*  
Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis – *The Posthumous Memoirs of Bras Cubas*  
Ian McGuire – *The Abstainer*  
Maasai Mengiste – *The Shadow King: A Novel*  
Marieke Lucas Rijneveld – *The Discomfort of Evening*  
Alex Ross – *Wagnerism*  
Isabel Wilkerson – *Caste*  
Peter H. Wilson – *Heart of Europe: A History of the Holy Roman Empire*

RUTH ELIEL

Ta-Nehisi Coates – *The Water Dancer*  
Ingrid Rojas Contreras – *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*  
Colum McCann – *Apeirogon*

FARIBA GHAFARI

Lynell George – *A Handful of Earth, A Handful of Sky: the world of Octavia Butler*  
Lucas Hnath – *A Doll House Part 2*  
Alex Ross – *Wagnerism*  
Peter Sedeick – *Decartes to Derrida*

GLENN MERCER

F. Scott Fitzgerald – *The Great Gatsby*  
Fyodor Dostoevsky – *Crime and Punishment*  
Homer – *The Odyssey*  
James Joyce – *Ulysses*  
Gabriel García Márquez – *One Hundred Years of Solitude*  
Herman Melville – *Moby Dick*  
Marcel Proust – *In Search of Lost Time*  
Don Quixote – *A Dance to the Music of Time*  
Alex Ross – *Wagnerism*  
Alex Ross – *The Rest is Noise*  
Leo Tolstoy – *War and Peace*  
Milo Arlington Wold – *An Outline History of Western Music*

William Faulkner – *The Sound and the Fury*  
For escapism, anything by Michael Connolly or William Gibson.

FRED PETERS

A great time to read giant Victorian novels  
Anything by Erik Larsen  
At least one book about black lives and white privilege

HOPE SCHNEIDER

Robert Burton – *North American Birdfeeder Handbook*  
Irene Claremont de Castillejo – *Knowing Woman: A Feminine Psychology*  
Stephen Greenblatt – *The Swerve*  
James Hollis – *Living Between Worlds: Finding Personal Resilience in Changing Times*  
Penelope Lively – *Dancing Fish and Ammonites: A Memoir*  
Mark Nepo – *The Book of Awakening*  
Richard Preston – *The Wild Trees*  
Leo Tolstoy – *War and Peace*