

Villages Philharmonic Orchestra Prepares For Upcoming Shows and Its Next Season

Everything you need to know, from buying season tickets to upcoming performances.

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The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra may have just finished its 2017-18 season, but the orchestra and its fan base are already gearing up for the next set of shows.

From information about season subscriptions to upcoming shows, here's everything you need to know:

Season Subscriptions

Season subscription renewals currently are underway. Subscribers who want to renew their subscriptions without changes to their current package or seating must do so by today.

Subscribers who would like to make changes to their package or seating must do so by June 13.

On June 14, the option to buy season subscriptions opens to the general public.

Subscribers can either get a package for eight concerts (from October to May) or six concerts (from December to May).

The package of eight concerts gives ticket-holders a 15-percent discount on shows, while the discount for the six-concert package is 7 percent.

The price for each subscription depends on which seats are selected. Prices for all subscriptions range between \$140 and \$442.

Other than the discount, another benefit of season subscriptions is that you can pick your seats ahead of time and keep them for the whole season, said Sharron Leonhirth, chairwoman of Friends of the VPO and VPO board member.

"People attend the shows once a month, and they like to have the same seats and know where they're going to sit," Leonhirth said. "A lot of times, they like their seats and want to keep sitting there, but if they want to change their seats with their next subscription, they can. Often, friends get together and like to sit near each other."

For those who don't want to commit to season subscriptions, tickets for individual VPO shows also will go on sale on June 14.

Individual tickets range in price from \$25 to \$65. All tickets and subscriptions can be purchased through the Villages Box Office or by calling 352-751-7799.

Annual VPO Pops Concert

The VPO's annual Pops Concert is not a part of the 2018-19 season and is not included in season subscriptions.

Tickets for the Pops Concert go on sale on June 14 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

The Pops Concert will be held 7 p.m. Sept. 2 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Upcoming Concerts at Temple Shalom

For those who can't wait



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The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra, seen playing at The Sharon on May 15, is already gearing up for its next season.

until September to see the VPO, the orchestra will perform a concert at 6 p.m. on June 9 at Temple Shalom, 13563 County Road 101 in Oxford.

The concert, "A Beautiful Night of Music," will feature guest performers soprano Julie Batman, tenor Mark Antonio de Villiers and pianist Sergei Kossenko.

Tickets are \$18 for Shalom members and \$20 for the general public.

For tickets, call

352-748-1800.

Remaining tickets will be sold at the door before the show, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

There will be additional concerts at Temple Shalom on July 14 and Aug. 26.

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