

Pacific Music Festival founded by Leonard Bernstein

An international music festival
that Leonard Bernstein,
giant of classical music of the 20th century,
founded and passed on in Sapporo,
fostering the young musicians of the world



~2018~
the Centennial of
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Pacific Music Festival 2018 SAPPORO

A classical music festival, where young musicians of the world come together

The 29th Pacific Music Festival | Opening Concert
July 7 (Sat)

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About Leonard Bernstein

Leonard Bernstein was the leading artist of the 20th Century, who in 1990 founded PMF, an international classical music festival in Sapporo.

About the Bernstein Snow Sculpture

This Bernstein profile is based on a photo by Akira Kinoshita, an eminent photographer who specialized in taking portraits of celebrated classical musicians.

280 5-ton trucks' worth of snow were required for its construction.

MUSIC CHANGES THE WORLD

A stage event, performed four times each evening during the Snow Festival



Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)

As a conductor, composer, pianist, and educator, Bernstein's enormous range of output reached far beyond the classical music realm, including such unforgettable work as the musical "West Side Story."

Experience PMF, a summer music festival, at the Sapporo Snow Festival!

This program makes use of music and video footage, including projection mapping, showcasing Bernstein's vision for world peace reflected in his founding of PMF and the festival's path from that time to the present. Enjoy a taste of the annual summertime Picnic Concert and sing along with the PMF Orchestra in the PMF Song ~Jupiter~, all at the Bernstein snow sculpture!

Schedule:

Every day from February 5 (Mon) to February 12 (Mon)
17:15~ / 18:00~ / 19:00~ / 20:00~

Artists:

Saya Kawashima, *soprano*
Ayane Imai, *soprano*
Takahiro Shimotsuka, *baritone* PMF 2010 Alumnus
Tepei Yasuda, *tenor*
Hiroyuki Konno, *baritone*
Sapporo Otani University Choir
Hokkaido University Male Chorus

Program to include:

PMF Song ~Jupiter~
Gustav Holst (arr. Karen Tanaka)
Shoichi Inoue, *lyrics*

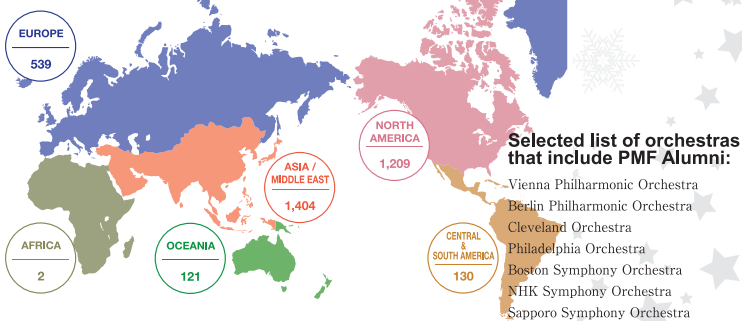
More than 100 young musicians from around the globe gather in Sapporo, giving spectacular concerts during the festival.



PMF Orchestra: a once-in-a-lifetime orchestra

The PMF Orchestra is made up of about 100 young musicians selected through auditions, aged 18 to 29, and of many different nationalities. Their fresh and energetic performances touch the hearts of large audiences every year. Auditions to select the members of the 2018 PMF Orchestra are currently underway. This season, the festival received 1,165 applications from 65 countries and regions. Don't miss this orchestra!

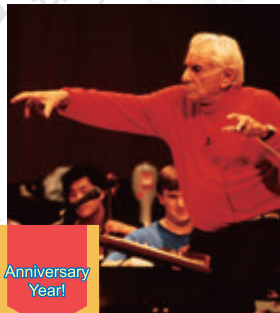
PMF Orchestra member countries and regions 1990-2017



Best music in the best hall!

Since its opening in 1997, the fine acoustics of Sapporo Concert Hall *Kiitara* have been garnering favorable reviews from distinguished artists from around the world.

Kitara's Main Hall is at its best when filled with the powerful sounds of the orchestra, and the Small Hall shines with more intimate chamber music concerts and recitals.



Anniversary
Year!

Refreshing Outdoor Concert

Certainly some of the biggest attractions of PMF are the outdoor concerts held at the Bernstein Memorial Stage, in the Sapporo Art Park.

Enjoy a relaxing escape from daily life with a day of music, food, and drink, all while surrounded by chirping birds and rustling trees under a blue summer sky.



Immersive
and
Moving!

PMF 2018 Lineup of Bernstein's Works Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's Birth

Overture to "Candide" - July 7 (Sat)
Symphony No. 1 "Jeremiah" - July 15 (Sun)
Symphony No. 2 "The Age of Anxiety" - July 21 (Sat) and July 22 (Sun)
Serenade, after Plato's "Symposium" - July 21 (Sat) and July 22 (Sun)
Fancy Free - July 21 (Sat) and July 22 (Sun)
Halil - July 29 (Sun), 31 (Tue) and August 1 (Wed)
This year's program also features the music of Tchaikovsky, a staple of Bernstein's repertoire, and that of Mahler, about which Bernstein said, "I feel so deeply identified with it."



Celebrating LB 100, presenting 40 concerts

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Artists:



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Artistic Director
Valery Gergiev

Artistic and General Director of the Mariinsky Theatre. The 6th Artistic Director of PMF, this year marks his 4th season. Said to be the world's busiest conductor, active across Russia, Europe and the USA.



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Principal Conductor
John Axelrod

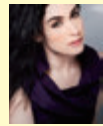
One of today's leading conductors, a student of legendary maestros Leonard Bernstein and Ilya Musin. This is his second appearance at PMF since 2016.



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Guest Conductor
Edwin Outwater

A champion of cross-cultural collaboration, Outwater is equally adept with the classical repertoire and new music, hailed by Michael Tilson Thomas as "one of the most innovative conductors on the scene today." This is his first appearance at PMF.



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Mezzo Soprano
Rinat Shaham

A leading mezzo-soprano of her generation. Born in Israel, her interpretation of Bernstein's "Jeremiah" is critically acclaimed. This is her first appearance at PMF.

PMF Orchestra
Sapporo Symphony Orchestra <Host City Orchestra>

PMF 2018 Orchestra Concerts:

Date	Concert
July 7 (Sat)	PMF 2018 Opening Concert, Sapporo Art Park Outdoor Stage
July 15 (Sun)	PMF Orchestra (Program A) - for the 125th Anniversary of the death of Tchaikovsky, Sapporo Concert Hall <i>Kiitara</i>
July 21 (Sat) and 22 (Sun)	PMF Orchestra (Program B) - All Bernstein Program, Sapporo Concert Hall <i>Kiitara</i>
July 23 (Mon)	Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, Sapporo Concert Hall <i>Kiitara</i>
July 28 (Sat)	Picnic Concert - Leonard Bernstein Memorial Concert, Sapporo Art Park Outdoor Stage
July 29 (Sun)	PMF GALA Concert, Sapporo Concert Hall <i>Kiitara</i>
July 31 (Tue)	PMF Orchestra Concert in Hiroshima (Program C) - Gergiev conducts Mahler, Phoenix Hall
August 1 (Wed)	PMF Orchestra Concert in Tokyo (Program C) - Gergiev conducts Mahler, Suntory Hall

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