

HOUSTON SYMPHONY CHORUS
2019–2020 Rehearsal and Concert Schedule
EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Note: ITS stands for Individual Testing Session. This takes place before the rehearsal that precedes the Conductor's Piano Rehearsal and consists of singing approximately six or seven singing passages for the Director. Singers who fail the ITS may not sing in the performances.

All rehearsals – unless otherwise listed – are at Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave, Houston, Texas.

Series 1
140 Singers
Mendelssohn *Die erste Walpurgisnacht*
Andrés Orozco-Estrada, *conductor*
One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown
August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 7-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall
Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Friday, October 4, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Sunday, October 6, 2019 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 2
24 Singers
Mercury Houston Mexican Baroque Program

Cullen Theater at Wortham Center

Antoine Plante, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Please Note: Singers who participate in this series must also sing
in either *Very Merry Pops* or *Messiah*.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2019

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Monday, December 2, 2019 – 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown (Tentative)

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Friday, December 6, 2019 – 7–10 p.m. at VENUE TBA

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Noon–3 p.m. at Cullen Theater

Concert MANDATORY:

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Cullen Theater

Series 3
60 Singers
Andrea Bocelli in Concert

Eugene Kohn, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Please note that the orchestra rehearsal is during normal business hours.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2019

Orchestra Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 4 p.m. at Toyota Center

Performance MANDATORY:

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 7:05 p.m. at Toyota Center

Series 4
80 Singers
Very Merry Pops

Michael Krajewski, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Please note: Singers may request to be released from one performance in this series.
Requests must be submitted to Anna Diemer by November 1.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown
November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2019

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 6-7 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 7:15-10:30 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Friday, December 13, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall
Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 6:45 p.m. at Jones Hall (Conoco Phillips – Private Performance)

Series 5
80 Singers
Handel's Messiah

Nicholas McGegan, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown
October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 17, 2019

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

Orchestra Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Thursday, December 19, 2019 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Friday, December 20, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Saturday, December 21, 2019 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall
Sunday, December 22, 2019 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 6
40 Singers for the Intimate Songs and 120 Singers for the Grand Choruses
Schumann Festival II: Intimate Songs & Grand Choruses

Andrés Orozco-Estrada, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Please note that this performance takes place during the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) Convention. If you know for certain that you will be going to TMEA, please do not list this series. If you want to sing in this series even though you think that, in the end, there is a possibility that you may need to withdraw (i.e. only if I have an all-stater or only if my colleague cannot cover for me, etc.) then list this series and add a note of explanation.

Schumann and *El Niño* In-Town Retreat at Trinity Downtown (Each segment of the retreat counts as one regular rehearsal):

Friday, January 31, 2020 – 7–9 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 10 a.m. - noon

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 1–3 p.m.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7 – 10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Monday, February 10, 2020 – 7-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performance MANDATORY:

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 7
100 Singers
Adams' *El Niño*

David Robertson, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Schumann and *El Niño* In-Town Retreat at Trinity Downtown (Each segment of the retreat counts as one regular rehearsal.):

Friday, January 31, 2020 – 7–9 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 10 a.m. - noon

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 1–3 p.m.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7 – 10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 7-10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Friday, March 13, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 8
48 Singers, SATB

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

TBD, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 6-7 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Saturday, May 9, 2020 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Saturday, May 9, 2020 – 6:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – 6:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 9
80 Singers
Beethoven *Choral Fantasy* and López *The Dreamers*
Fabien Gabel, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Beethoven/López In-Town Retreat at Trinity Downtown (This retreat counts as one regular rehearsal):

Friday, April 3, 2020 – 7–10 p.m.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesday from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – 7-10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 7:15-10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Friday, May 15, 2020 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall

Sunday, May 17, 2020 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 10
24 Singers
Video Games Live

TBD, *conductor*

One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Please note that the MANDATORY Conductor's Piano and Orchestra Rehearsals take place during normal work hours.

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesday from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 19, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 1-2 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsals MANDATORY:

Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 2:20-4:50 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performance MANDATORY:

Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 6:45 p.m. at Jones Hall

Series 11
120 Singers
The Best of John Williams
Steven Reineke, *conductor*
One regular-rehearsal absence allowed before ITS

Regular Rehearsals:

Tuesdays from 7–10 p.m. at Trinity Downtown

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 19, 2020

Conductor Piano Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 6–7 p.m. at Jones Hall

Orchestra Rehearsal MANDATORY:

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 7:15 – 10 p.m. at Jones Hall

Performances MANDATORY:

Friday, May 22, 2020 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall

Saturday, May 23, 2020 – 7:15 p.m. at Jones Hall

Sunday, May 24, 2020 – 1:45 p.m. at Jones Hall