

A Guide to Music, Dance and Theater Subscriptions

As Windrows residents, we are fortunate to have bountiful choices of live and simulcast performances, many of which have an option of door-to-door transportation. Spring is the time to purchase or renew subscriptions or to buy individual tickets. Save this guide to help you plan and organize. For all the subscription series listed here, it is also possible to purchase individual performance tickets and to go in your own car. Windrows scheduled transportation, which requires 10 passengers to sign up, is free on weekdays, but charges a fee (usually \$17) after business hours and on weekends.



Princeton Windrows resident Grace Johnston (left) waits to greet a Princeton Symphony artist at intermission in the lobby of Richardson Auditorium.

Multiple sources of information about available subscription offerings and transportation options are available in Windrows Hall. Check the bulletin boards and counters in the Mail Room and in our main Lobby, as well as in the Daily Grid (distributed monthly) and the Princeton Windrows website (www.PrincetonWindrows.com). As soon as you receive your Grid and after you receive your tickets, it is advisable to transfer the dates and times you choose to your own desk and pocket calendars. If you want Windrows transportation (when available), sign up in advance at our Front Desk. If you use a walker, you may have to reserve an extra seat on the Windrows van for it. You must be able to climb and descend the van or bus steps safely. All of the McCarter packages that include transportation are called "Driven to Excellence."

Music Subscriptions and Individual Performances that have Transportation Options

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra www.PrincetonSymphony.org 609-497-0020

Concerts are held at Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University (PU) campus. There are six concerts, beginning in late September, on Saturday evenings and repeated at Sunday matinées. Prices range from \$282 to \$462 per subscription.



The Princeton Symphony Orchestra at Richardson Auditorium.

Purchase tickets directly from PSO. Sign up

at our front desk for Windrows transportation available (for a fee) for the Sunday matinée performances only. Parking on the University campus is difficult.

Princeton University Chamber Music Series 609-258-2800

Held at Richardson Auditorium on the PU campus. There are eight concerts on Thursday evenings in the Concert Classics Series. Subscriptions range from \$130 to \$300.

Purchase tickets from the Princeton University Chamber Music Series. Sign up at the Front Desk for Windrows transportation available (for a fee) for these concerts.

The McCarter Music Series (www.McCarter.org) Contact | Paula Fishman | 609-356-0677 | p.fishman@att.net

McCarter offers a variety of music genres each season: pop, jazz, world music, and classical. Windrows has arranged a Driven to Excellence discount package of evening and matinée classical performances that include McCarter transportation in the subscription price. You must purchase your own package from them.

The Philadelphia Orchestra www.PhilOrch.org Contact | Gail Kohn | 609-651-5811 | gekohn@gmail.com

At the beginning of each season, the concert schedule is posted in the Mail Room and available online from the Philadelphia Orchestra. Those residents who expect to buy series tickets are asked to choose their six preferred concerts; then the coordinator selects the six most popular choices and notifies subscribers. The list will be posted in the Mail Room. Subscribers are responsible for purchasing their own tickets for the series. There is a discount for those who subscribe before the deadline set by the Orchestra – usually by mid-April. Those who would like to go to fewer than the six concerts chosen must choose from those six concerts if they want to use Windrows transportation.

Windrows transportation (\$20 round trip) is provided for the six selected concerts as long as at least 10 residents sign up at the Front Desk. The Windrows bus arrives at the Kimmel Center in time for lunch. Most residents bring their own box lunch (since food is costly at that venue) and eat at tables that are set up in the lobby. After lunch, concert goers attend the pre-concert lecture at 1 P.M. or take a guided tour of the building before the concert begins at 2 P.M.

Metropolitan Opera Live Simulcasts in HD at the Regal Cinema Contact | Gail Kohn | 609-651-5811 | gekohn@gmail.com

At the beginning of each season a questionnaire is distributed to all residents. Those residents who are interested in attending the opera are asked to choose their preferred six operas. Gail purchases a number of assigned seat tickets for each of the selected operas. Gail will provide information on how to purchase tickets.

For bus transportation you must sign up at the Front Desk.

NOTE

Occasionally, Windrows transportation is made available for individual performances in other nearby venues. These are posted in the Mail Room, and require a minimum of 10 riders.

Music Performances for which You Must Provide Your Own Transportation and Purchase Tickets Yourself

Dryden Ensemble

www.DrydenEnsemble.org | 609-466-8541

Baroque-era music played on reproduction and period instruments. Performances are at the Miller Chapel on the Princeton Theological Seminary campus. Subscriptions and individual tickets are available by phone or at the door. Open seating. Staircase to balcony seating. There is an elevator from ground level up to the lobby and down to the basement (where the restrooms are).

Princeton Pro Musica

www.PrincetonProMusica.org | 609-683-5122

Choral music performed at a variety of venues in and around Princeton. Check our Mail Room to see if Windrows is providing transportation for a particular performance.

New Jersey Symphony

www.NewJerseySymphony.org | 1-800-255-3476

The New Jersey Symphony performs at the State Theater in New Brunswick and occasionally at Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton campus. Purchase subscriptions and individual tickets online or by phone.

Princeton Festival

www.PrincetonFestival.org Tickets through McCarter box office: 609-258-2787; for information: 609-759-0379 Contact | Gail Kohn | 609-651-5811 gekohn@gmail.com

During the month of June, the Princeton Festival presents a wide variety of musical programs, including opera, chamber music, jazz, orchestra, and theater performances at several venues throughout Princeton. They also offer free lectures and workshops. Windrows will provide a bus for one opera performance.



Concordia Chamber Players in the Miller Chapel at the Princeton Theological Seminary, during the 2018 season of the Princeton Festival.

Dance Performances with Transportation Option

Driven to Excellence Dance Package at the McCarter Theater www.McCarter.org | 609-258-6500

A package subscription of evening and matinée performances, with transportation, by renowned national and international dance companies, including ballet, modern, and other genres. Purchase a Driven to Excellence subscription at a range of prices, or individual tickets, by phone.

Dance Performances without Transportation Option

American Repertory Ballet www.ARBallet.org

Fully staged ballets performed by the Princeton Ballet School in several New Jersey locations.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at Princeton University www.Arts.Princeton.edu/Community

Faculty and student performances; most are free.

Theater Performances with Transportation Option

McCarter Theater Driven to **Excellence Theater Package** www.McCarter.org | 609-658-2500

A package of evening performances of live plays.

Their fully staged productions are highly acclaimed, and some have transferred to Broadway and Off Broadway. Assistive listening devices and close-up seats are available for those with auditory and/or visual challenges.

Purchase your own tickets online or by phone.



The Princeton Festival production of Madame Butterfly, presented at the Matthews Theater at McCarter during the 2018 season.

McCarter Theater Senior/Student Matinées Contact | Billie Emmerich | 609-452-0271 | b_emmerich@msn.com

Performances of the entire play series at a steep discount, with optional free Windrows transportation. Seating is at the rear of the orchestra only. Availability is limited. Write or call Billie Emmerich.

George Street Playhouse Contact | Gloria Seidman | 609-580-1534 | glored@optonline.com

The George Street Playhouse is a professional company offering fully staged plays and musicals. Subscriptions are five plays with Windrows transportation included. Subscription forms for the season become available when the schedule is announced in the early spring. Completed forms, with payment, should be returned to Gloria.

Dance And Theater on Film without Transportation

Princeton Garden Theater www.PrincetonGardenTheater.org

A nonprofit community movie house on Nassau St. in Princeton showing classic and contemporary movies and filmed theater and dance productions from London and NYC. Tickets online or at their box office. Finding nearby parking can be a challenge.

Fathom Events

www.FathomEvents.com

Filmed versions of current London and Broadway plays, ballets, and international dance performances shown in nearby large-screen multiplex movie theaters.

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