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**ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WELCOMES COMMUNITY TO
OPEN HOUSE AT THE NEWLY OPENED JACK C. TAYLOR MUSIC CENTER, NOVEMBER 8**

Free community event offers opportunity to explore SLSO's new home for music and experience a variety of performances throughout the building by more than 15 local music and arts ensembles

(October 8, 2025, St. Louis, MO) – The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (SLSO) will welcome the community to experience its newly inaugurated concert home, the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, at an open house on Saturday, November 8. This free event invites the community to experience one of the most acclaimed concert halls in the country, in a casual, come-and-go celebration of the St. Louis arts and culture landscape. The open house begins at 10:00am and concludes at 6:00pm.

Serving as a nexus for community connections, social life, and education, the open house offers more than a dozen free performances throughout the day from a variety of St. Louis arts and culture institutions and SLSO partners, underscoring the institution's commitment to community collaborations that uplift St. Louis and enrich the local cultural scene. Performances represent a range of disciplines, including symphonic and choral music, jazz, opera, theater, dance, and spoken word and take place on Powell Hall's concert stage, in the new Steward Family Education and Learning Center, and in ancillary spaces throughout the venue. Presenting institutions and ensembles include musicians of the SLSO, the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, the St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus, the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Jazz St. Louis, Chamber Music Society of St. Louis Chamber Academy, the Community Music School of Webster University, St. Louis Dance Theater, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, The Black Rep, The St. Louis Children's Choirs, Vocal Point of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, Saint Louis Story Stitchers, Grand Center Arts Academy, The Legend Singers, No-Name Chorale, and the Gospel Symphonic Choir. The full St. Louis Symphony Orchestra does not perform at this event. Food trucks will be on site from 11:00am to 6:00pm.

The Symphony Volunteer Association will lead tours of the expanded and renovated venue, showcasing the stunning transformation to the existing 1925 building—listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2001—and the Snøhetta-designed, 64,000-square-foot addition. The building opened in September 2025 to sold-out concerts and international recognition.

The event is free, and RSVPs are requested by visiting slso.org. The Jack C. Taylor Music Center is located at 718 N. Grand Blvd. Paid parking is available at the SLSO's lot accessible from Samuel Shepard Dr., parking facilities throughout Grand Center, and on the surrounding streets.



Schedule of events

10:00am-6:00pm: Tours of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, led by the Symphony Volunteer Association
10:00am-noon: Open rehearsal of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra
11:00am-noon: Music Quest, a music discovery performance adventure for families with young children
11:00am-6:00pm: Food trucks on site
Noon-1:00pm: Family Fun Zone
Noon-12:30pm: Performance by the Grand Center Arts Academy Jazz Band
1:00-1:30pm: Performance by The Black Rep
1:00-1:30pm: Performance by Chamber Music Society of St. Louis Chamber Academy
1:30-2:00pm: Performance by Cortango, Latin fusion ensemble of SLSO musicians
2:00-2:30pm: Performance by Saint Louis Story Stitchers
2:00-2:30pm: Performance by Community Music School of Webster University Suzuki violin students and Suzuki String Ensemble
2:30-3:00pm: Performance by Opera Theatre of Saint Louis
3:00-3:30pm: Performance by Vocal Point, a cappella ensemble of the University of Missouri–St. Louis
3:00-3:30pm: Performance by St. Louis Classical Guitar
3:30-4:00pm: Performance by The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis
4:00-4:30pm: Performance by Jazz St. Louis
4:00-4:30pm: Performance by The St. Louis Children’s Choirs
4:30-5:00pm: Performance by The 442s, acoustic instrumental ensemble that includes SLSO musicians
5:00-5:30pm: Performance by St. Louis Dance Theatre
5:30pm-6:00pm: Combined multi-chorus sing-in, with St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus, members of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, The Legend Singers, No-Name Chorale, Gospel Symphonic Choir

The SLSO’s 146th season began in September and continues through June 2026. A year-long celebration of the power of music and the return to the renovated Powell Hall, the season celebrates the people, places, and experiences that make the institution a leading orchestra in the country. The season showcases the signature artistry of the orchestra’s musicians while elevating vital creative voices of the day, with concerts spanning time and genre, including classical concerts, chamber music, films, special collaborations, holiday specials, happy hour concerts, and concerts for kids.

About the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Celebrated as one of today’s most exciting and enduring orchestras, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the second-oldest orchestra in the country, marking its 146th year with the 2025/26 season and its seventh with Stéphane Denève, The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director. Widely considered one of the leading American orchestras, the Grammy® Award-winning SLSO maintains its commitment to artistic excellence, educational impact, and community collaborations—all in service to its mission of enriching lives through the power of music. The transformational project that expands and renovates the orchestra’s historic home, Powell Hall—designed by Snøhetta and creating the Jack C. Taylor Music Center—opened in September 2025. This milestone builds on the institution’s momentum as a civic



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