

FEATURE

Festival Napa Valleys

*Celebratory Return
to Wine Country*

EXPERIENCE

The 10 Best Days of Summer

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Festival Napa Valley comes back strong in 2021! The outdoor events, held July 16 to 25 throughout wine country, always deliver a complete lineup of world-class artists, including Michael Fabiano, Roberto Bolle, Lisette Oropesa, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Nia Imani Franklin, and more.

“While the decision to present all performances outdoors was made primarily for the health and safety of our artists, audience members, and community, it is in harmony with what people have come to love about Festival Napa Valley: one-of-a-kind performances and events surrounded by the incomparable beauty and enchantment of Napa Valley,” said Festival Napa Valley President & CEO Richard Walker.

Marking the Festival’s 15th anniversary and celebrating the return to live events, all tickets are \$15 for evening concerts on Festival stages at Charles Krug and the Culinary Institute of America at Copia. All daytime concerts are admission-free (reservations required). “This is our gift to the Napa community, made possible by the generosity of our Board and donors,” said Charles Letourneau, Vice President & Director of Artistic Planning.

In addition to presenting the wide range of performing arts for which Festival Napa Valley has become renowned – from symphonic concerts, opera, and dance to chamber music and jazz – the 2021 Season will see the launch of three major new initiatives:

The Manetti Shrem Opera Program: a comprehensive celebration of the vocal arts including fully staged and semi-staged opera performances, a tuition-free summer conservatory providing advanced study and performance opportunities to college-aged students and recent graduates, and scholarship prizes for extraordinary young opera singers with emerging careers.

Frost School at Festival Napa Valley, a multi-year partnership with University of Miami’s Frost School of Music, with Frost faculty and students playing a lead role in the Festival’s Academy, Symphonic, and Chamber Music programs.

The Joel Revzen Conducting Fellowship, a career development grant and performance opportunity for a rising conductor, awarded in memory of the beloved faculty member of the Festival’s Blackburn Music Academy who succumbed to complications from COVID-19 last year.

“More than \$10 million has been raised to date for Festival Napa Valley’s arts education and community programs. This summer will be an especially joyful celebration, as we reopen the arts with the first live events many of us will attend in a very long time,” said Timothy Blackburn, Ph.D., Festival Napa Valley Chairman.

For more information on this year’s festival visit www.festivalnapavalley.org



Outdoor Concert



Rich ensemble of both live and virtual programs



Castello di Amorosa



Festival NAPA VALLEY 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

A glamorous Opening Night at Charles Krug with internationally acclaimed soprano Lisette Oropesa, winner of the 2019 Richard Tucker and Beverly Sills Awards, in recital

Arts for All Gala held at Nickel and Nickel winery benefiting Napa County public school arts education and the Festival’s community programming

The Four Seasons of Napa Valley, encompassing three world premieres as part of celebrated cellist Matt Haimovitz’s Primavera Project, and violinist Chad Hoopes performing Vivaldi’s Four Seasons

Exquisite Patron Dinners and Vintner’s Luncheons at HALL Napa Valley, Opus One, Charles Krug, Frank Family Vineyards, Bardessono, Cliff Lede Vineyards, Auberge du Soleil and more...

Festival Napa Valley’s inaugural Manetti Shrem Opera, Puccini’s Gianni Schicchi, starring baritone Lucas Meachem, directed by Jean-Romain Vesperini and conducted by Kent Nagano in his Festival debut

The annual Dede Wilsey Dance Gala featuring Italian superstar and former ABT principal dancer Roberto Bolle and Friends

A very special Tribute to Tony Bennett, featuring his most beloved songs performed by a star lineup of artists

Two free symphonic concerts with Festival Orchestra Napa featuring principal musicians from the Frost School and the Blackburn Academy

Composer-in-residence Nia Imani Franklin, with several world premieres and a featured performance in a Novack Concert for Kids

Closing night Opera Under the Stars with American tenor Michael Fabiano and winners of the Manetti Shrem Prize, conducted by James Conlon

Season Finale at Alpha Omega features a private concert and bodacious barbecue with owners Robin and Michelle Baggett