

# 2020-2021 Newman Center Presents Performance Season Announced



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The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver announces its 2020-2021 season of Newman Center Presents, the venue's multidisciplinary professional artist series. The season includes more than 20 captivating, internationally diverse, and inventive performances to engage audiences throughout the Denver community. In addition, several 2019-2020 performances have been rescheduled into the 2020-2021 season, offering one of Newman Center's most diverse, dynamic, and full lineups ever.

## Dance Series

Opening with renowned flamenco artists **Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca**, the Dance Series celebrates a diversity of movement forms with both Newman Center regulars and an NCPA debut. **Dance Theatre of Harlem** makes their first appearance at Newman Center while **Aspen Santa Fe Ballet** and **Paul Taylor Dance Company** return with new works. Subscriptions start at \$99 for all four performances.

## Jazz Series

The Newman Center Presents Jazz Series returns in 2020-2021 with a thrilling lineup, opening with legendary saxophonist **David Sanborn**. In February 2021, the Newman Center debut of **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** is a not-to-be-missed experience. Jazz vocalist **Veronica Swift** and piano prodigy **Joey Alexander** round out the season. Subscriptions start at \$114 for all four performances.

## Director's Choice 9+5 Series

The Director's Choice 9 and 5 series offer Newman Center audiences immersive performances and high-caliber artists—from dance and comedy to world music. The Director's Choice 5 Series includes **Dance Theatre of Harlem**, **Mark O'Connor's An Appalachian Christmas**, **David Sanborn**, **Kodo: Legacy One Earth Tour**, and **Philip Glass Ensemble**. Director's Choice 9 adds **The Capitol Steps**, **Paul Taylor Dance Company**, **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**, and **Joey Alexander**. Series subscriptions start at \$127 for Director's Choice 5 or \$230 for Director's Choice 9.

## National Geographic Live

Now one of Newman Center's most popular series, *National Geographic Live* returns for a third year of family-friendly speakers perfect for all ages. Paleontologist **Nizar Ibrahim** opens the series with **Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous**, the story of how Spinosaurus was found, lost to science, and found again. Egyptologist **Kara Cooney's When Women Ruled the World** explores Egypt's female leaders. **Ocean Soul**, with underwater photographer **Brian Skerry**, showcases his stunning images and gives a mesmerizing glimpse of the "soul of the sea." Subscriptions are \$87 for all three performances.

In addition, two *Nat Geo Live* speakers from the 2019-2020 season have been rescheduled into the 2020-2021 season. Primatologist **Mireya Mayor's Pink Boots and a Machete** will be presented on July 21, 2020 and Diver **Kenny Broad's Extreme Cave Diving: Exploring the Bahamas' Blue Holes** has moved to September 14, 2020.

## Family-Friendly Performances

Family-friendly shows are a great opportunity to make meaningful memories at the theatre with your family. This season Japanese Taiko drumming troupe **Kodo** offers a powerful performance of their *One Earth: Legacy Tour* and **Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience** returns, a parody that condenses all seven Harry Potter books into seventy hilarious minutes. Also, the *National Geographic Live* series ignites curiosity in the whole family with interactive talks from world-class scientists and explorers.

## Holiday Concerts and Special Events

Newman Center has two popular holiday performances this year, starting with Grammy-winning fiddler **Mark O'Connor** and friends, performing elegant interpretations of holiday classics with *An Appalachian Christmas*. Then **The King's Singers**, a sextet from Cambridge, UK, will perform holiday classics showcasing their intricate vocal work and British charm.

**The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour** combines four of the comic writers behind the Emmy Award-winning late-night news satire program. **The Capitol Steps** also returns to poke fun at both sides of the issues with a blend of sharp political satire and popular music adaptations. This year Newman Center adds **Mrs Krishnan's Party**, an intimate evening where the audience joins the actors on stage and sample Mrs Krishnan's famous dahl. **Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Potter Experience** takes the stage again in January for a hilarious musical parody of all seven acclaimed books. **The Office! A Musical Parody**, rescheduled from March, 2020, will appear for one performance only on January 25, 2021.

## Classical Performances

This year, two classical ensembles are on the calendar. A Newman Center premiere brings the **Philip Glass Ensemble**, a group developed as a performance practice to meet the challenging technical and artistic demands of Glass's compositions. Originally scheduled for the 2019-2020 seasons, the iconic **Kronos Quartet** has also been rescheduled to the 2020-2021 season and will perform works from their innovative commissioning project, *Fifty for the Future*, including *Peace Be Till*, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech.

**Newman Center Presents subscription package options** include Director's Choice 5 and 9, Jazz, Dance, and *National Geographic Live* series. Subscribers save up to 20% on tickets. Subscriptions and add-on tickets are available immediately and most single tickets go on sale July 6, 2020. Subscriptions start at only \$87.

## Newman Center Sponsors and Partners

The Newman Center is supported in part by the Antonia and Vladimer Kulaev Cultural Heritage Fund, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, The Dance Archive, Holland & Hart LLP, Hyatt Place, the National Endowment for the Arts, Western States Arts Federation, Alpine Bank, and CBS4.

Additional information, including individual show descriptions, can be found at [newmancenter.du.edu](http://newmancenter.du.edu).  
**Subscription series and single tickets will go on sale on a date to be announced.**

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## 2020-2021 Newman Center Presents Season

**Nat Geo Live: Pink Boots and a Machete** Jul 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm\*

**Nat Geo Live: Extreme Cave Diving** Sep 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm\*

**The Capitol Steps** Oct 1, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour** Oct 4, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**David Sanborn** Oct 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**Veronica Swift** Nov 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**Philip Glass Ensemble** Nov 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**Soledad Barrio & Noche Flamenca: Puro** Nov 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm

**Christmas with The King's Singers: Finding Harmony** Dec 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**Mark O'Connor's An Appalachian Christmas** Dec 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm

**Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience** Jan 5-10, 2021 (various times)

**Kronos Quartet** Jan 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm\*

**The Office! A Musical Parody** Jan 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm\*

**Paul Taylor Dance Company** Jan 28, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Nat Geo Live: Spinosaurus, Lost Giant of the Cretaceous** Feb 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** Feb 16-17, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Kodo One Earth Tour: Legacy** Feb 20-21, 2021 at 7:30 and 2:00 pm

**Nat Geo Live: When Women Ruled the World** Mar 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm

**Aspen Santa Fe Ballet** Mar 20-21, 2021 at 7:30 and 2:00 pm

**Mrs Krishnan's Party** Mar 23-24, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Joey Alexander** Mar 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Nat Geo Live: Ocean Soul** Apr 6, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Dance Theatre of Harlem** May 8-9 at 7:30 and 2:00 pm

\*Rescheduled from the 2019-2020 Newman Center Presents Season.

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### **About the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts**

Opened in 2002, the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver is a multi-disciplinary arts venue that provides innovative, diverse, and thought-provoking performance and education opportunities, enabling the Denver and Colorado community to be engaged, inspired, and connected through the performing arts. Newman Center is home to the Lamont School of Music, DU Theatre Department, the Newman Center Presents series, over 150 hosted events, and approximately 500 performances each year. More information can be found [online](#) and on [Facebook](#).

### **About the University of Denver**

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