



SWORDS, LORDS AND CHORDS

Symphonic Epics

Saturday September 20th, 2025 – 7:00pm
Cain Park | Evans Amphitheater

Domenico Boyagian, Conductor



K. BADEL

Medley from *Pirates of the Caribbean*

arr. by T. Ricketts

H. SHORE

Kaley Smith, Soprano

Symphonic Suite from *The Lord of the Rings*

arr. by J. Whitney

D. ELFMAN

Music from *Spider-Man*

arr. by J. Wasson

A. SILVESTRI

Music from *Back to the Future*

arr. by J. Vinson

J. WILLIAMS

Suite from *Star Wars*, arr. by J. Williams

- ◆ Main Title
- ◆ Across the Stars
- ◆ The Imperial March

~ Intermission ~

H. ZIMMER

Music from *The Gladiator*

arr. by J. Wasson

G. HOLST

***The Planets*, op. 32**

I. Mars, the Bringer of War

IV. Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity

J. HORNER

Music from *Apollo 13*

arr. by J. Moss

~ Special Encore ~



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Season 2025-2026

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Bella Brandelis

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Jessica Fish

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Livia Karetka

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Rei Sakurai

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SSO MUSIC AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Domenico Boyagian



Celebrated for his expressive artistry, clarity of vision, and dynamic leadership, Maestro Domenico Boyagian has been hailed by The Cleveland Plain Dealer as “a born conductor” and “a conductor for whom the music is the sole point of standing before musicians.” Milwaukee’s Shepherd Express praised his “insightful grasp of style” and his ability to lead “with sensitivity in tempo and phrase.”

Now in his eighth season as Music Director of the Suburban Symphony Orchestra, Boyagian has guided the ensemble through a vibrant period of growth, highlighted by a complete Beethoven Cycle that culminated in a sold-out Ninth Symphony at Severance Hall to celebrate the orchestra’s 70th anniversary. The 2025–26 season features works by Holst, Grieg, Prokofiev, Saint-Saens, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, as well as the annual Young Soloist Concerto Competition. A dedicated advocate for education, Boyagian collaborated with pianist Lang Lang on the “101 Pianists” program to inspire young performers.



As Music Director of Cleveland Opera Theater, Boyagian has elevated the company to a leading regional force, conducting productions across the U.S. with companies such as Florentine Opera, Opera Southwest, Florida Grand Opera, Opera North, Opera Delaware, Opera Baltimore, and the Manhattan School of Music. Guest engagements have included the Milwaukee Symphony, Delaware Symphony, Palm Beach Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica, and the Bulgarian Festival Orchestra.

Born in Bologna, Italy, Boyagian studied at the Bologna Conservatory, Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, and the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has recorded Grieg works with Antonio Pompa-Baldi and the Ohio Philharmonic for Centaur Records, as well as Margaret Brouwer’s Voice of the Lake with Blue Streak Ensemble. His honors include a “Most Distinguished Artist” grant from Cleveland’s Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and recognition as one of the “Top 10 Most Successful Italians Under 40 in the U.S.” by the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce of New York.

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