Altan (Irish music) Sat., Feb. 20, 8pm, Somerville Theatre. $26/orchestra (reg. $30). No composer ever expressed such aching sorrow or ever captured the agony of the crucifixion as did Johann Sebastian Bach. With emotional intimacy and dramatic power, Bach’s St. John Passion is a musical monument that never fails to move the listener. With Nicholas Mulroy, tenor; Matthew Brook, bass-baritone; Sonja DuStoit TanglDal, soprano; and Emily Marvosh, contralto. Purchase by Feb. 12.

Boston Flower and Garden Show: Nurtured by Nature, March 16-20, Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. $17 (reg. $20). Leave the gray winter weather behind with Boston's biggest horticultural happening ~ "a spa for the winter-weary soul!" This year’s theme, Nurtured by Nature, will strive to inspire with the benefits of mind and body in creating and maintaining glorious landscapes, caring for houseplants, arranging flowers, and the planting and harvesting of edible plants. Show features food gardening/editable gardening (including demonstrations and programs on beekeeping and backyard chicken-raising); the Amateur Floral Design Division with dozens of vibrant floral arrangements celebrating how Nature has inspired literature, music and art through the centuries; and lectures and book signings by garden writers Towah Martin ("The Indestructible Houseplant") and Charlie Nardozzi ("Foodscaping"). Purchase by March 18.

BSO Family Concert: “Growing Up Whole” ~ Hearing the Orchestra Grow, Sat., March 5, 12:00pm, Symphony Hall. $22/adults; free for children 18 & younger. The BSO’s Family Concert Series provides engaging, age-appropriate, educational orchestral concert experiences especially for children ages 3-8 and their families. Program includes Stravinsky’s Fanfare from Thus Spake Zarathustra; Williams’ Main Theme from Star Wars; Bach’s Finale (Allegro) from Brandenburg Concerto No. 3; Mozart’s Overture to The Marriage of Figaro; Beethoven’s 1st movement (Allegro con brio) from Symphony No. 5; Beethoven’s Finale (Allegro) from Symphony No. 5 (EXCERPT); Brahms’ 3rd movement (Un poco allegretto) from Symphony No. 1; McTee’s Circuits; Violin Concerto Mvt. Christine Hong, 2015 BSO Concerto Competition Winner; and Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto Mvt. Christine Hong, 2015 BSO Concerto Competition Winner. Purchase by March 12.

Knife Skills Class, Thurs., Feb. 18, Clover, Cambridge, MA. 5pm-6:30pm. $71 (reg. $85). Purchase by Feb. 5.

Ravel & Falla (BSO), Sat., March 5, 8pm, Symphony Hall. $50/1st Balcony Center. For Charles Dutoit’s second week of concerts this season, the Swiss conductor leads three Spain-centered works. Maurice Ravel’s delightful one-act comic opera L’Heure espagnole, presented here in a concert performance, details the amorous intrigues of a clockmaker’s wife (mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack as Concepción) and her gentleman friends. Rapsodie espagnole balances impressionistic atmosphere with Spanish dances. In between the Ravel pieces is the Spanish composer Manuel de Falla’s magical Nights in the Gardens of Spain, a sparkling work for piano and orchestra here featuring Spanish soloist Javier Perianes in his BSO debut. Purchase by Feb. 4.

Rosario La Tremendita & Mohammad Motamedi Qasida (Flamenco meets Persian Classical Music), Sun., March 20, 7:30pm, Berklee Performance Center. $32/orchestra (reg. $37). The Qasida project is an extraordinary musical encounter between the young Spanish singer Rosario “La Tremendita” and her Iranian peer Mohammad Motamedi. Renowned for accompanying flamenco dancer Belen Maya, Rocio Molina, Rafaela Carrasco, and many others, “La Tremendita” explores the roots of flamenco in the richly varied poetic songs and improvisations of Motamedi, the young rising star of Persian classical music. They will be accompanied by six musicians on guitar, Iranian kemancheh (a bowed string instruments), percussion, and palmas (hand clapping). Presented by World Music. Purchase by Feb. 19.

Swan Lake (Boston Ballet). 2 performances: •Sat., April 30, 7:30pm, Boston Opera House. $107/orchestra (reg. $110 + ticketing fees). Purchase by March 31. •Sat., May 7, 1:00pm, Boston Opera House. $95 (reg. $110 + ticketing fees). Purchase by April 7. From the very first note of Tchaikovsky’s romantic and ageless score, audiences are transported into a world where enchanted swans rise from a misty lake and a love-struck prince is deceived by a cruel and dangerous beauty. Virtuoso dancing abounds, from the mesmerizing corps of elegant swans, the colorful national dances, and incredible athleticism and grace of Odile’s fouettés (whip turns), to the heartbreaking finale when Siegfried’s unintentional betrayal and Odette’s broken heart dooms the swans to their tragic fate. Hailed as “luminous” by The Wall Street Journal. See it again or for the first time—but do not miss this limited engagement as Boston Swan Lake won’t return to the stage for several years.
The Wizard of Oz, Sat., April 16, 5pm, Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre. $66/orchestra. Click your heels together and join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto, as they journey through the magical land of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their hearts' desires. Watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her winged monkeys as you rediscover the real story of Oz in this fantastic musical treat for the whole family. "Brilliant... A ten-star production if ever there was one!" (The Sunday Telegraph). "Enchanting, exciting and electrifying!! The Wizard of Oz is 5-star family fun!" (ETalk CTV). Purchase by March 1.

EVENTS STILL AVAILABLE

All Beethoven (Handel & Haydn Society), Sun., Feb. 28, 3pm, Symphony Hall. $24/2nd balcony (reg. $27). This is Beethoven at peace, inspired by the music of nature. Richard Egarr conducts Beethoven's lyrical Pastoral Symphony. Plus, renowned fortepianist Robert Levin returns to perform (and improvise on) Beethoven's poetic Fourth Piano Concerto. Program includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 6. Purchase by Jan. 28.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Sat., March 19, 8pm, Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre. $72/orchestra (reg. $75). The Celebrity Series of Boston began its relationship with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater with a single night engagement in 1968. Since that time the annual Celebrity Series appearance by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has become a citywide event celebrating the best of modern dance and the relationship between Boston and this remarkable cultural treasure. "You know the dancers can do anything, but the visible evidence can leave you reeling" (The New Yorker). Purchase by Feb. 19.

August Wilson's How I Learned What I Learned, Sun., March 20, 7pm, Huntington Theatre. $44 (reg. $75) ~ save $31/ticket! In this solo show, the late Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson shares stories about his first few jobs, a stint in jail, his lifelong friends, and his encounters with racism, music, and love as a young poet in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Directed by Todd Kreidler and featuring Eugene Lee, both longtime Wilson collaborators, this theatrical memoir charts one man's journey of self-discovery through adversity, and what it means to be a black artist in America. "Complex and surprisingly funny, a memoir of the playwright’s life, laced with the voice of the poet he always was." – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Purchase by Feb. 19.

Boston Bruins 2015-16 Season, TD Garden, Boston.
4 games available for the 2015-16 Season.

• Vancouver Canucks, Thurs., Jan. 21, 7pm
  Promenade @ $110/ea

• Tampa Bay Lightning, Sun., Feb. 28, 6:30pm
  (Stanley Cup playoff contenders 2015)
  Balcony 326 @ $99/ea

• Chicago Blackhawks, Thurs., March 3, 7pm
  (Stanley Cup Champions)
  Balcony 326 @ $135/ea

• Ottawa Senators, Sat. April 9, 12:30pm
  (last game of the season)
  Balcony 326 @ $104/ea

Boston Celtics 2015-16 Season!
12 games available for the 2015-16 Season.
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Hammerstein II

Ev'ry Mountain, "Edelweiss" and the title song. Featuring music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar

Sound of Music

Parent/guardian must sign up with child/children. (dominoes, batteries and bulbs, News Tubes), Lightening Show, museum exploration, evening snack, morning breakfast, weekend overnight. Camp rate). Spend a night among the dinosaurs, skeletons, crickets & more at the Museum of Science in Boston for a great family party with one MIT ID. (reg. $32/prime performances + save on ticketing fees). Be charmed by a cast of over 50, with Mouseter of Ceremonies Mickey Mouse, sweetheart Minnie Mo, Donald Duck, Goofy and Disney Princesses including Cinderella, Rapunzel, Ariel, Snow White and Tiana. Relive the magic of Disney's Frozen with Anna, Elsa and the hilarious Olaf as they discover that true love is the greatest magic of all. Sing-along to over 30 unforgettable songs including "Let It Go," "You've Got a Friend in Me," and "Hakuna Matata." Exciting moments from Disney•Pixar's Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Disney's The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and more. Fun for the whole family! ~ Purchase by Jan. 21.

Harlem Globetrotters: 90th Anniversary Tour, Sat., March 12, 7:30pm, TD Garden. $37/Loge 19 (reg. $41)– great seats! Celebrate with the world famous Harlem Globetrotters' their 90 years of providing smiles, sportsmanship and service to millions of people worldwide! Known worldwide as the Ambassadors of Goodwill™, the Globetrotters will be giving back even more during their 90th year with The Great Assist program. Stars of the team will leave a mark in communities across North America with acts of goodwill during the tour. Great fun for the whole family. Purchase by Feb. 12.

Itzhak Perlman: 20th Anniversary of In the Fiddler's House, Sun., March 6, 7pm, Symphony Hall. $100/ 2nd balcony. Twenty years have passed since Itzhak Perlman released his stunningly successful and beloved klezmer recording and PBS special, In the Fiddler's House. Perlman revisits this important, personal project celebrating the klezmer tradition at Symphony Hall with some of his closest musical friends. "Perlman is as good as gold... Because he seems to be everywhere, and to infuse everything he touches with the magic of his golden, fluid tone, [he] might easily be taken for granted. Yet beyond the rapturous, seemingly effortless sound, the emotional arc of his playing is shaped to perfection" (Chicago Sun Times). Purchase by Feb. 5.

Matilda, Sat., June 26, 6:30pm, Boston Opera House. $82/orchestra. Winner of 50 international awards, including four Tony Awards, Matilda the Musical is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, Matilda continues to thrill sold out audiences of all ages on Broadway and in London's West End. The Wall Street Journal says, "The makers of Matilda have done the impossible—triumphantly! It is smart, sweet, zany and stupendous fun." "Welcome to the deliriously amusing, heartwarming, headspinning world of Matilda The Musical. You won't want to leave." ~ Bloomberg News. Purchase by May 13.

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Mt. Sunapee | $65 | $84 | $19
Sunday River/ Sugarloaf | $72 | $89 | $17
Wachusett | $57 | $64 | $7
Wachusett Beginners Package | $77 | $99 | $22
Waterville Valley | $55 | $77 | $22

Sound of Music, Sun., April 10, 6:30pm, Boston Opera House. $82/orchestra. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy and Academy Award-winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song. Featuring music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, says three-time Tony Award-winning Director Jack O'Brien: "We plan to look more closely at this remarkable work—to tear off the varnish of the past and reveal one of the great, fresh glories of musical theater." A treasure for the whole family! Purchase by Feb. 26.

Strauss, Dvorak, Tsontakis, & Tchaikovsky (BSO), Sat., Feb. 13, 8pm, Symphony Hall. $54/L1st balcony. Completing the BSO's three-program celebration of Shakespeare's work, Andris Nelsons and BSO English horn player Robert Sheena give the world premiere of New York-based composer George Tsontakis's Sonnets, Concerto for English horn and orchestra, inspired by several of Shake speare's poems. Tsontakis's music is dynamically expressive and architecturally satisfying. Shakespeare's tragedies inspired the other three works on the program. Tchaikovsky's alternating aggressive and love-struck Romeo and Juliet needs no introduction; much less familiar is Strauss's overtly dramatic Macbeth, the composer's first tone poem. Dvořák's Othello Overture conveys the passions of love and its darker emotions. Purchase by Jan. 14.