



2025/26 SEASON

BRUCE ANTHONY KIESLING MUSIC DIRECTOR

2025/26 SEASON AT A GLANCE



EPIC SOUNDTRACKS LIVE

SUN October 5 at 3:00 PM Dawson Auditorium

Iconic movie music brought to life by the full orchestra



ASO AUCTION & GALA

FRI November 7 at 6:00 PM Adrian Tobias Center

Raise your paddle and join the fun!



BRAVO BRAVADO

SUN November 16 at 3:00 PM Dawson Auditorium

Rodolfo Leone, piano



HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY

SAT December 13 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium

Celebrate the season with festive favorites



BROADWAY LOVE SONGS

FRI February 13 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium

Romantic Broadway hits featuring guest vocalists



THE HIDDEN SCORE

FRI March 13 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium

Sterling Elliott, cello



CELEBRATE AMERICA

FRI May 1 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium

Albert Cano Smit, piano



THE MOTOWN SOUND

FRI June 5 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium

Tribute band reviving the hits of Motown

LETTER FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to a new symphonic season — one that promises joy, inspiration, and a musical journey full of discovery!

We've crafted a year of music that balances lighthearted fun with powerful masterworks. Our Pops offerings will have you smiling from the first downbeat: from unforgettable film scores and timeless Broadway love songs to our always popular family-friendly Holiday Concert, there's something for everyone to enjoy and share.

At the same time, we remain deeply committed to the great classical tradition. This season's classical programs bring you stirring and soul-deep masterpieces like Sibelius' triumphant Symphony No. 2, Elgar's moving and mysterious *Enigma Variations*, and vivid, colorful works by Ravel, Gershwin and more. These are works that never fail to remind us of the emotional depth and extraordinary imagination of the symphonic tradition.

We're also proud to welcome a lineup of stellar guest artists who bring fresh energy and brilliance to our stage. Cellist Sterling Elliott, a rising star with a magnetic presence, will dazzle and move you. And two phenomenal pianists — Rodolfo Leone and Albert Cano Smit — join us for breathtaking performances you won't want to miss.

Whether you're a lifelong concertgoer or just discovering the magic of live orchestral music, we invite you to join us this season. Bring your curiosity, your ears, and your heart — and we'll bring the music.

With gratitude and excitement,

Bruce Anthony Kiesling ASO Music Director

Watch for these symbols throughout the brochure for events surrounding the concerts



CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS

Stories behind the music with the conductor begins 50 minutes before the concert.



CASH Bar

Opens 1 hour before the concert in the lobby.





EPIC SOUNDTRACKS LIVE

SUN October 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM
Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor

Experience the full force of cinema brought to life by a symphony orchestra. This concert blends sweeping emotion, heart-pounding suspense, and bold adventure, capturing the magic of stories like *The Lord of the Rings, James Bond*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. You'll be transported through the stirring worlds of *How to Train Your Dragon*, the raw intensity of *Gladiator*, the towering drama of *King Kong*, and the nostalgic energy of *Back to the Future*. With powerful melodies and unforgettable moments, it's an evening that celebrates the thrill of film through the power of live music.

COSTUME CONTEST! Bring the family and come dressed as your favorite movie character. The audience will decide the winner!



ASO AUCTION & GALA

November 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM Adrian Tobias Room, Adrian College

Online Silent Auction October 24 to November 7, 2025

Join us as we celebrate the Annual Dinner & Auction!

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BRAVO BRAVADO

SUN November 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor Rodolfo Leone, piano

FLAGELLO Bravado **RAVEL** Piano Concerto in G **SIBELIUS** Symphony No. 2



A bold and expressive program brimming with color, power, and lyrical beauty. We begin with Flagello's Bravado, a spirited work sponsored by the New Music Society that opens the door

to Ravel's sparkling Piano Concerto in G, performed by acclaimed pianist Rodolfo Leone. The concert culminates in Sibelius's majestic Symphony No. 2—a work of sweeping emotional arcs and triumphant Nordic grandeur, often seen as a musical declaration of independence.

Bravado is sponsored by the New Music Society. Join the New Music Society today to support the creation and performance of new music.





HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY

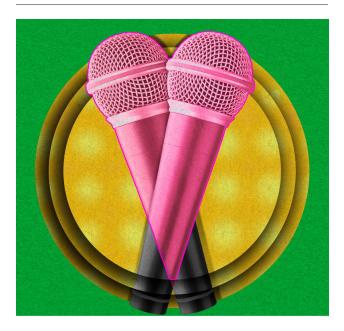
SAT December 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a joyful evening of holiday music for the whole family. This festive concert features timeless seasonal favorites, uplifting choral selections, and magical moments sure to warm your heart. From nostalgic classics to sparkling new arrangements, it's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit and share the joy of music with those you love.

The ASO holiday program is a fan favorite, a not-to-bemissed event of the year, and is the perfect event to celebrate the season with family and friends alike. Will we attract a visit from Santa Claus himself? You will have to be there to see!

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BROADWAY LOVE SONGS

FRI February 13, 2026 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor Isabella Denissen, Riley Hahn, and Kevin Ludwig, soloists



Fall in love with Broadway all over again. This romantic evening features a dazzling lineup of love songs from Broadway's greatest shows, past and present—including timeless gems by Rodgers & Hammerstein and modern favorites like *Wicked*. With soaring melodies and heartfelt lyrics, guest vocalists join the orchestra to bring stories of passion, heartbreak, and devotion to life. Perfect for a Valentine's date night or simply a celebration of your love for great music and theater.





THE HIDDEN SCORE

FRI March 13, 2026 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor Sterling Elliott, cello

NICCOLAI Merry Wives of Windsor Overture ELGAR Cello Concerto

ELGAR Cello Concerto **ELGAR** Enigma Variations



Discover the emotional depth and powerful storytelling of some of classical music's most expressive works. We begin with Niccolai's playful *Merry Wives of Windsor* Overture,

then welcome rising star cellist Sterling Elliott for Elgar's deeply moving Cello Concerto, a poignant reflection on loss and resilience. The evening concludes with Elgar's brilliant *Enigma Variations*, a loving musical portrait of the composer's closest friends—each variation filled with character, charm, and mystery.





CELEBRATE AMERICA

FRI May 1, 2026 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Bruce Anthony Kiesling, conductor Albert Cano Smit. piano

COPLAND Fanfare for the Common Man **IVES** Variations on America **HANSON** Symphony No. 6 **GERSHWIN** Concerto in F **SOUSA** Washington Post March



An inspiring tribute to the American spirit, this patriotic program features music by some of the nation's most influential composers. From Copland's bold Fanfare

for the Common Man to the jazzy brilliance of Gershwin's Concerto in F—performed by pianist Albert Cano Smit this concert showcases the diversity and creativity of American music. Ives's playful Variations on America, Hanson's powerful Symphony No. 6, and Sousa's rousing Washington Post March round out an evening filled with pride, energy, and celebration.





THE MOTOWN SOUND

FRI June 5, 2026 at 7:30 PM Dawson Auditorium, Adrian College

Motor City "The Motown Revue"

Get ready to dance in your seat as we close the season with an electrifying tribute to the legendary Motown era. A dynamic tribute band takes the stage for a high-energy evening of unforgettable hits from artists like Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, and more. Full of rhythm, soul, and nostalgia, this feel-good concert will have you clapping, singing, and grooving along to the soundtrack of a generation.

Kick off the summer with our **Patio Party** beginning at 6:30 PM outside Dawson Auditorium (weather permitting) with popcorn, music, and a cash bar.

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SINGLE TICKETS AND CONCERT CHOICES FOR SUBSCRIBERS

For Pick 5 and Introductory subscribers, please check your concert choices in the circles below.

| EPIC SOUNDTRACKS October 5, 2025 Dawson Auditorium Pick 5 Intro | Adults Seniors | x | \$41 \$39 | \$35 \$33 | \$27 \$27 | ************************************** |
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| ASO AUCTION & GAL November 7, 2025 Adrian Tobias Center | Individual | x | \$100 | | | \$ \$ |
| BRAVO BRAVADO November 16, 2025 Dawson Auditorium Pick 5 Intro NEW MUSIC SOCIETY | Seniors Students | х | \$39 \$22 | \$35 \$33 \$19 | \$27 | \$ |
| December 13, 2025 Dawson Auditorium Pick 5 Intro | Adults Seniors | x | \$39 | \$35 \$33 \$19 | \$27 | \$ \$ \$ |
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ASO office, Mahan Hall, Adrian College

Hours: 9AM – 5PM. Mon-Fri

DAY OF CONCERT

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VENUE INFO

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Dawson Auditorium is the Adrian College campus hub for theatre, arts, music, and is the main performance venue for the Adrian Symphony orchestra. This facility includes a spacious lobby and main floor and balcony seating.

SEATING

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