

In the 2020–21 season, Cal Performances welcomes more than two dozen new artists to its stages, spanning a range of artistic practices, generations, and performance traditions. Many longtime collaborators also return with works seen for the first time in the Bay Area. The season includes several co-commissioned works, and more than 10 dance, theater, and chamber works in their Bay Area or West Coast premieres.

COMPOSER/CREATOR	TITLE	PERFORMERS	DATES
Commissions and Co-commissions			
Andrew Norman	<i>Difference</i> (Cal Performances Co-commission)	yMusic	Saturday, March 13, 2021
Manual Cinema	<i>Frankenstein</i> (Cal Performances Co-commission)	Manual Cinema	Saturday-Sunday, October 24-25, 2020
Mark Morris Dance Group and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale	<i>Platée</i> by Jean-Philippe Rameau (Cal Performances Co-commissioned Revival)	Mark Morris Dance Group and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale	Friday-Sunday, May 7-9, 2021
World Premieres			
Vân-Anh Võ	<i>Songs of Strength</i>	Vân-Anh Võ and Blood Moon Orchestra	Sunday, March 14, 2021
US Premieres			
Toshio Hosokawa	<i>Somon-ka</i>	Eco Ensemble	Saturday, February 13, 2021
West Coast Premieres			
Composer/Creator	Title	Performers	
Boy Blue	<i>Blak Whyte Gray</i>	Boy Blue	Friday-Sunday, March 5-7, 2021
Darcy James Argue	<i>Real Enemies</i>	Darcy James Argue's Secret Society	Friday-Saturday, October 9-10, 2020
Jake Heggie	TBA	Jamie Barton and Jake Heggie	Sunday, May 2, 2021
Justin Peck	<i>Heatscape</i>	Miami City Ballet	Friday-Sunday, October 2-4, 2020
Alexei Ratmansky	<i>Symphonic Dances</i>	Miami City Ballet	Friday-Sunday, October 2-4, 2020
Bay Area Premieres			
Andrew Norman	<i>Difference</i>	yMusic	Saturday, March 13, 2021
Caleb Teicher & Company with Conrad Tao	<i>More Forever</i>	Caleb Teicher & Company with Conrad Tao	Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13, 2020
Julia Wolfe	<i>Steel Hammer</i>	Bang on a Can All-Stars	Saturday, January 23, 2021
Lars Jan / Early Morning Opera	<i>The White Album</i>	Early Morning Opera	Friday-Saturday, December 4-5, 2020
Michelle Manzanales	<i>Con Brazos Abiertos</i>	Ballet Hispánico	Saturday-Sunday, November 21-22, 2020
Toshio Hosokawa	<i>Singing Trees</i>	Eco Ensemble	Saturday, February 13, 2021
New to Cal Performances			
		Andrew Armstrong, piano	Sunday, November 8, 2020
		Artemis	Saturday, February 27, 2021
		Ballet Hispánico	Saturday-Sunday, November 21-22, 2020
		Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano	Sunday, May 2, 2021
		Boy Blue	Friday-Sunday, March 5-7, 2021
		Seong-Jin Cho, piano	Friday, December 11, 2020
		Paula Cole	Friday, October 16, 2020
		Darcy James Argue's Secret Society	Friday-Saturday, October 9-10, 2020
		The Dhamaal Dancers and Musicians of India	Friday, November 13, 2020
		Dover Quartet	Sunday, October 11, 2020
		Early Morning Opera	Friday-Saturday, December 4-5, 2020
		Mahan Esfahani, harpsichord	Sunday, February 14, 2021

Christine Goerke, soprano	Sunday, February 21, 2021
Jake Heggie, piano	Sunday, May 2, 2021
Jazzmeia Horn	Thursday, March 11, 2021
Tessa Lark, violin	Sunday, November 8, 2020
Nico Muhly and Friends	Friday, April 16, 2021
Madeleine Peyroux	Friday, October 16, 2020
Beatrice Rana, piano	Sunday, April 11, 2021
Roustem Saïtkoulov, piano	Sunday, January 31, 2021
Sol3 Mio	Friday, March 12, 2021
The Summit: Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6	Saturday, January 30, 2021
Caleb Teicher & Company	Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13, 2020
Matthew Whitaker Quartet	Saturday, December 19, 2020
yMusic	Saturday, March 13, 2021

Returning to Cal Performances

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater	Tuesday-Sunday, April 6-11, 2021
Bang on a Can All-Stars	Saturday, January 23, 2021
Canadian Brass	Friday, December 18, 2020
Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan	Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6, 2020
Jeremy Denk, piano	Sunday, March 7, 2021
Lila Downs	Friday, September 25, 2020
Eifman Ballet	Friday-Sunday, June 4-6, 2021
The English Concert	Wednesday, April 28, 2021
David Finckel, cello, and Wu Han, piano	Sunday, November 15, 2020
Renée Fleming, soprano	Sunday, April 18, 2021
Zakir Hussain	Saturday, March 20, 2021
Angélique Kidjo	Thursday, November 19, 2020
Kodo	Saturday-Sunday, February 6-7, 2021
Mahler Chamber Orchestra	Sunday, March 28, 2021
Mark Morris Dance Group	Friday-Sunday, May 7-9, 2021
Malcolm Martineau, piano	Sunday, February 21, 2021
Miami City Ballet	Friday-Sunday, October 2-4, 2020
Not Our First Goat Rodeo: Yo-Yo Ma, cello; Stuart Duncan, fiddle/violin; Edgar Meyer, bass; Chris Thile, mandolin; with guest Aoife O'Donovan, vocals	Thursday, August 20, 2020
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale	Friday-Sunday, May 7-9, 2021
Pilobolus	Thursday-Friday, April 22-23, 2021
Jordi Savall	Thursday, November 12, 2020
Damien Sneed	Saturday, March 6, 2021
Conrad Tao	Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13, 2020
Takács Quartet	Sunday, January 17, 2021
Tetzlaff Quartet	Sunday, January 24, 2021
Mitsuko Uchida, piano	Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6, 2020
Maxim Vengerov, violin	Sunday, March 28, 2021
Vienna Boys Choir	Sunday, January 31, 2021
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with Gustavo Dudamel (exclusive West Coast engagement)	Saturday, November 28, 2020
Vân-Anh Võ and Blood Moon Orchestra	Tuesday-Thursday, March 2-4, 2021
The 7 Fingers	Sunday, March 14, 2021
	Thursday-Saturday, February 11-13, 2021