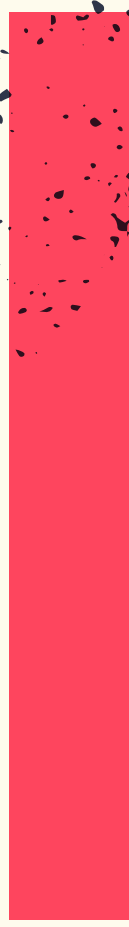


THE MOST ANTICIPATED LIST **SUMMER 2018**

**SUMMER'S HOTTEST
HAPPENINGS IN ART,
BOOKS, DANCE, FILM,
MUSIC & THEATER**

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Aspenites take their leisure time quite seriously, as most anybody who ventures onto the Roaring Fork Valley's adrenaline-soaked trails can attest.

The town's art-and-culture diet is no less intense. And, truth be told, keeping up requires some serious planning. The summer months are so packed with world-class offerings — from symphonies to cinema to several concerts by members of the Marley family — that if you blink you might miss a life-altering experience.

You also must make some hard choices. You can't do it all (though many of us try). For example, on one Saturday night in August, you might catch the closing performances of Theatre Aspen's "Godspell" or "Ragtime," or go dance along with Matt and Kim at their Belly Up show, or you might catch the Grammy-winning bassist Christian McBride with his trio at the JAS Café or, if you're venturing downvalley, you might celebrate The Temporary's "first birthday" party at Willits or the Art Base's annual gala in Basalt. That's just Aug. 18. But most every night between now and Labor Day presents such a bounty, and similar tough choices.

To help you sort through the options, we've put together our seasonal "Most Anticipated" list, cataloging the best of Aspen's summer arts offerings. Now open up your calendar and get ready for an epic season.

MOST ANTICIPATED: CLASSICAL MUSIC

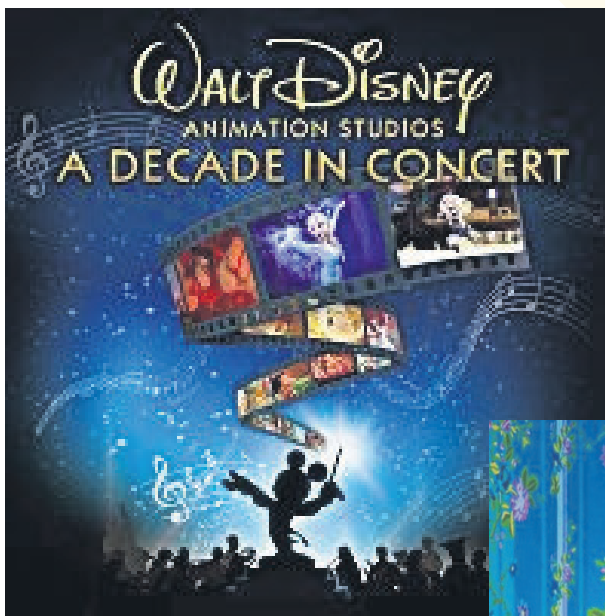
WHAT: "A Decade in Concert"

WHERE: Benedict Music Tent

WHEN: July 30

WHY: This world premiere event — set to tour the world after its bow at the Aspen Music Festival and School — pairs clips from nine Disney films from the last decade with live performances of their most popular songs. Conducted by Disney's own Richard Kaufman and performed by the best and brightest of Music School students, these Disney favorites (including, of course, "Let It Go" from "Frozen") promise to pack the tent with families and kids as young as 3.

AND DON'T FORGET: Yeethoven at Aspen Ideas Festival (June 27) ... Jupiter String Quartet at Harris Concert Hall (June 28) ... Pianist Conrad Tao with the Aspen Chamber Symphony at Benedict Music Tent (June 29) Daniil Trifonov piano recital at Harris Concert Hall (July 10) and with the Aspen Festival Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent (July 15) ... "The Barber of Seville" at the Wheeler Opera House (July 12-16) ... "Homage to Stravinsky" by the Aspen Festival Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent (July 22) ... Stephen Hartke cello concerto by the Aspen Philharmonic Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent (July 25) ... Harris Concert Hall 25th Anniversary with violinist Robert McDuffie (July 28) ... "Trouble in Tahiti" and Charlie Chaplin's "A Dog's Life" at Harris Concert Hall (Aug. 2) ... "An American in Paris," Aspen Philharmonic Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent (Aug. 15) ... Seraphic Fire at Benedict Music Tent (Aug. 17) and Harris Concert Hall (Aug. 20 & 22) ... Vocalists Tamara Wilson and Ryan McKinny with the Aspen Festival Orchestra at Benedict Music Tent (Aug. 19).



MOST ANTICIPATED: DANCE

WHAT: An Evening with Joyce Yang and Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

WHERE: Aspen District Theatre

WHEN: Aug. 10 and 11

WHY: Pairing one of the world's great concert pianists with the versatile dancers of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet and the ingenious choreographer Jorma Elo produced one of the more astounding premieres in the dance company's history. The collaborative "Half/Cut/Split" blew away a local audience when it premiered here in March. It's back for a two-night encore during the height of the summer classical season: a night of live piano by Yang accompanying "Half/Cut/Split," Jiří Kylián's "Return to a Strange Land" and Nicolo Fonte's "Where We Left Off"

AND DON'T FORGET: "Readymade" by ka-nei-see collective at Aspen Fringe Festival, Aspen District Theatre (June 8) ... World premiere by Bryan Arias at Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Aspen District Theatre (July 7) ... Hubbard Street Dance Chicago at Aspen District Theatre (July 21) ... Pilobolus at Aspen District Theatre (July 28).

