Glimmerglass Festival
When: 7 July – 25 August
Where: Cooperstown, New York
Tel: 607-547-2255
Web: www.glimmerglass.org
Glimmerglass’s productions include Bernstein’s West Side Story, with Jerome Robbins’s original choreography; a new production of Janáček’s The Crying Little Vixen with bass-baritone Eric Owens; a Francesca Zambello production of Rossini’s Barber of Seville; and Kevin Puts’s opera Silent Night. As these run in rotation in the Alice Busch Opera Theater, a ‘Lounge’ series in a next-door pavilion will offer Bernstein’s Trouble in Tahiti and Stravinsky’s A Soldier’s Tale.
HIGHLIGHTS:
8 July – 25 August Janáček The Crying Little Vixen; Eric Owens (The Forester) et al., Glimmerglass Festival Orchestra/ Joseph Colaneri
14 July – 25 August Rossini The Barber of Seville; Soloists, Glimmerglass Festival Orchestra/Colaneri
15 July – 23 August Kevin Puts Silent Night; cast tba, Glimmerglass Festival Orchestra/Nicole Paiement

Grand Teton Music Festival
When: 3 July – 18 August
Where: Teton Village, Wyoming
Tel: 307-733-1128
Web: www.gtmf.org
At the base of the majestic Teton Range in Jackson Hole, this festival features seven weekends of orchestra concerts, each with a noted soloist. They include violinist Leila Josefowicz, pianists Daniil Trifonov and Kirill Gerstein, cellist Johannes Moser, violinist Julian Rachlin and mezzo Kelley O’Connor. Director Donald Runnicles will lead a concert performance of Bernstein’s West Side Story starring soprano Meechot Marrero and Broadway singer Jeff Kready.
HIGHLIGHTS:
6-7 July Copland Lincoln Portrait; Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 1, Kernis Invisible Mosaic III, Britten The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra; Daniil Trifonov (piano), Festival Orchestra/Donald Runnicles
13-14 July Beethoven Symphony No. 6, Adams Scherzoade; 2, Leila Josefowicz (violin), Festival Orchestra/Markus Stenz
10-11 August Mahler Symphony No. 3;

In residence: the Verona Quartet at Caramoor
Kelley O’Connor (mezzo), Festival Orchestra/ Donald Runnicles

Tippet Rise
When: 6 July – 8 September
Where: Fishtail, Montana
Web: www.tippetris.org
A sculpture-adorned cattle ranch in rural Montana is the setting for this chamber festival, now in its third season. Weekend concerts take place in a barn-like, solar-powered concert hall, with a focus on pianists who this year include Yevgeny Sudbin, Jenny Chen, Jeffrey Kahane and Anne-Marie McDermott. Chamber ensembles include the Borromeo, Dover, Escher and Calidore string quartets.
HIGHLIGHTS:
21 July Dover Quartet, Gabriel Kahane (voice & electric guitar), Jeffrey Kahane, Timo Andres (piano)
18 August Kernis String Quartet No. 4 (premiere; Borromeo String Quartet
24-25 August Works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn & Grieg; Wu Han, Orion Weiss (piano), David Finckel (cello)

Spoleto Festival USA
When: 25 May – 10 June
Where: Charleston, South Carolina
Tel: 843-579-3100
Web: www.spoletousa.org
Look for two noteworthy US premières at Spoleto. One is a Donizetti rarity, Pla de Tolomei, based on an episode from Dante’s Purgatorio and set in 1930s Tuscany. Also planned is Tree of Codes, an opera.

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Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
19 June – 12 August
Conductor and percussionist Steven Schick and flautist Claire Chase preside over some 25 public concerts and other festive events. Tel: 403-762-6100 Web: banffcentre.ca
BraVo! Vail Music Festival
21 June – 2 Aug
Joshua Bell (above) and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields open a festival that welcomes the New York Philharmonic. Tel: 877-912-5700 Web: bravovail.org
Music@Menlo
13 July – 4 August
‘Creative Capitols’ is the theme of this year’s chamber festival, directed by cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han. Tel: 650-330-2030 Web: musicatmenlo.org
Eastern Music Festival
23 June – 28 July
As Gerard Schwarz enters his 14th year as music director, soloists include violinists Anne Akiko Meyers and Stefan Jackiw. Tel: 336-333-7450 Web: www.easternmusicfestival.org
Great Lakes Chamber Music
9-23 June
Cellist Paul Watkins directs with festival performances throughout Detroit.
Tel: 248-559-2097 Web: www.greatlakeschambermusic.com
Manhboro Music Festival
14 July – 12 Aug
Pianist Mitsuko Uchida’s festival includes weekend programmes selected from the 60 to 80 groups that are in rehearsal. Tel: 802-258-9331 Web: mariboromusic.org
Moab Music Festival
27 Aug – 13 Sept
Moab draws adventurous music lovers for Grotto concerts and half-day music hikes.
Tel: 435-259-7003 Web: www.moabmusicfest.org
Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival
15 July – 20 August
Santa Fe includes Mahler’s Das Lied von der Erde and a premiere by Magnus Lindberg.
Tel: 888-221-9836 Web: santafechambermusic.com
Tuckamore Festival
6-19 August
The festival hosts the Danish String Quartet and pianist Joanna Filkowska.
Tel: 709-330-4599 Web: www.tuckamorefestival.ca