15 Classical Music Festivals to See This Summer

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From Bernstein centennials at Tanglewood to Mahler in the desert, concerts across the country you don’t want to miss this season. We also picked our favorite festivals in theater, dance and pop music.

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VAIL, COLO., JUNE 21-AUG. 2 As usual, the visits of four major orchestras make up the bulk of this serene Rocky Mountains festival. Leading off is the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, directed by Joshua Bell, followed by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, which is joined by two notable pianists, Hélène Grimaud and Behzod Abduraimov. Heavier fare comes from the Philadelphia Orchestra, led this year by Stéphane Denève and Donald Runnicles and featuring soloists Nikolaj Znaider, Augustin Hadelich and Daniil Trifonov. And the New York Philharmonic brings Bernstein under Bramwell Tovey, as well as two concerts conducted by David Robertson. bravovail.org