For more than 50 years, CaltechLive! has offered the community at large access to world-class scientists, artists, and speakers. The 2019–2020 season is no exception. From Chinese modern dance to an urban-rooted a capella performance, this season’s lineup celebrates diverse cultural expression and creativity.

**2019–2020 SEASON**

**Oct. 19**
Perla Batalla

**Nov. 17**
Naturally 7

**Dec. 14**
Kiran Ahluwalia

**Jan. 25**
Kres Mersky
*The Life and Times of A. Einstein*

**Feb. 21 & 22**
Beijing Dance/LDTX

**Mar. 15**
Eileen Ivers

**May 2**
Capitol Steps

**May 17**
Wolfgang’s Magical Musical Circus
DIRECTOR’S LETTER

The performance isn’t over until the last conversation is finished. It is my pleasure to share with you the 2019–2020 CaltechLive! season, which is designed to stimulate discussion as well as to entertain audiences. I invite you to review the next season of CaltechLive! and also to learn about other events taking place at Caltech, including the signature Watson and von Kármán lectures, school and family presentations, and showcases from the campus’s Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) program. I know many of you will buy tickets as early as you can for your favorite artists. I also encourage you to try out at least one program that is new or unfamiliar to you. Through CaltechLive! we bring an extraordinary lineup of touring artists to Pasadena, giving our audience opportunities to experience the very best in the performing arts. We would be delighted to see you at any or all of these programs.

We are looking forward to seeing audience members from Caltech’s many communities: the campus and JPL, the immediate neighborhood, Pasadena, the surrounding communities in the western San Gabriel Valley, and Los Angeles. We hope you will use the performing arts as an opportunity for reflection and conversation. To encourage these conversations, we are working with the on-campus Red Door Marketplace to offer you a post-performance venue where you can continue discussions over coffee and dessert. I usually wear my white hat, so find me to share your thoughts about our programming, as well as your ideas for what else you would like to see on our stages. I look forward to seeing you often in 2019–2020.

Michael Alexander
Director of Campus Programs

Explore our new season of inspiring performance
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2019
8:00 PM

Grammy Award-nominated Batalla shares a cross-cultural homage to her colleague and friend Leonard Cohen. She inhabits her music completely, and her voice was described by Songtalk Magazine as "...an astonishingly rich contralto capable of stratospheric arches of unadulterated emotion."

$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2019
8:00 PM

Seven guys. Multiple ways of making music using only their voices. What they do is far more than a cappella. They are a band without a band, with a repertoire that mixes their own compositions with cover versions.

$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth
Saturdays, December 14, 2019
8:00 PM
Beautiful traditional and contemporary music with a modern twist from India and Pakistan. Ahluwalia’s original compositions embody her Indian heritage while embracing influences from West African blues, contemporary jazz, and more, accompanied by her tight five-piece band.
$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth

Saturdays, January 25, 2020
8:00 PM
Be a guest in Einstein’s study as his secretary entertains you while you wait for the great man. A touching and hilarious portrait of this Einstein loyalist and a humanizing look into the famous thinker’s life.
$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth

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Kres Mersky
The Life and Times of A. Einstein
The name of China’s first independent professional modern dance company, LDTX, is an acronym for Lei Dong Tian Xia, which means “thunder rumbles through the universe.” Cold Arrow—Game of Go (Weiqi) is a poetic metaphor for the game of life as the dancers move around a life-sized game board, a symbol of our competing life choices.

$60, $55, $50 / $10 Youth

Grammy Award-winning fiddler Ivers returns with Americana and World music with Celtic roots. She shreds electric fiddle and has been called “the future of the Celtic Fiddle” by the Washington Post and “the Jimi Hendrix of the violin” by The New York Times.

$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth

Eileen Ivers Universal Roots

Beijing Dance/ LDTX Contemporary Dance Company Cold Arrow—Game of Go (Weiqi)
SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2020
3:00 PM & 8:00 PM

They’re back, with political satire straight from the headlines. Many of the members of Capitol Steps have worked on Capitol Hill: some for Republicans, some for Democrats, and some for members who sit firmly on the fence. According to the cast members, most of these politicians have since been defeated or placed under investigation.

$49, $44, $39 / $10 Youth

CAPITOL STEPS

SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2020
3:00 PM

Tumble and fly through the magical world of Mozart on stage, and experience the composer’s irrepressible spirit and vibrant compositions through physical comedy and mischievous antics.

$40, $35, $30 / $10 Youth

WOLFGANG’S MAGICAL MUSICAL CIRCUS
Caltech’s Signature Lecture Series

Watson Lectures

Since 1922, the Earnest C. Watson Lecture Series has brought Caltech’s most innovative scientific research to the public. Geared toward a general audience, the lectures are part of the Institute’s ongoing commitment to engage the community through education and outreach.

This series is free and held on select Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium.

Causality: From Aristotle to Zebrafish
Frederick Eberhardt
Professor of Philosophy
October 16, 2019

Opportunities in Atomic-Scale Legoland: From Novel Electronic Phases to Quantum Devices
Stevan Nadji-Perga
Assistant Professor of Applied Physics and Materials Science
KNI-Wheatley Scholar
November 6, 2019

How to Deceive Society: An Insect Masterclass
Joe Parker
Assistant Professor of Biology and Biological Engineering
Biedebach Memorial Lecture
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September 21, 2019
8:00 p.m.
Ramo Auditorium | $25

School and Family Science Programs

These programs for third through eighth graders and families provide lively discussions with Caltech researchers about the science behind the beauty and wonder of the world around us.

Coleman Chamber Concerts

Founded in 1904 by Alice Coleman, the Coleman Chamber Music Association is one of the oldest organizations in the United States dedicated to the presentation, understanding, and enjoyment of chamber music.

These concerts are held on select Sundays at 3:30 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium. Tickets are $55, $45, $35, and $25.

Pasadena Folk Music Society

Formed by two Caltech graduate students in 1983, the Pasadena Folk Music Society continues to present the best in folk music from around the country and around the world.

Caltech Performing & Visual Arts

Many Caltech students participate in campus-based performing and visual arts programs. Along with faculty and other Caltech community members, they present music and theatrical performances, as well as art exhibits, throughout the year.
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Create your own series and save as much as $5 per ticket.

Ticket Discounts
- 3 events, take $3 off each adult ticket
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How to Order
Phone:
(626) 395-4652

Online (24 hours):
caltech.edu/content/tickets

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1200 E. California Blvd., Room 100
Pasadena, CA

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10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Event Box Office opens two (2) hours prior to performances.

Youth Tickets
$10 youth tickets are available for youth age 18 and younger. All youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and sit in their own seat.

Campus/JPL Family Tickets
$5 off each adult ticket for members of the campus/JPL family. This includes campus/JPL faculty, alumni, staff, Associates, and retirees.

Caltech Student Tickets
$5 student tickets are available for all students with a current Caltech ID.

Group Sales
Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Call (626) 395-3834.

Rush Tickets
$25 tickets are available at the Box Office for students with ID and seniors (age 60+) beginning 30 minutes prior each performance (subject to availability).

Email Specials
Sign up for the CaltechLive! Email list and receive all the latest information, along with special last-minute discounts throughout the year. Send your request to events@caltech.edu.

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