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Lakes Area Music Festival Presents Brahms & The Schumanns

Music Forged in Friendship and Passion

Brainerd, MN (July 20, 2026) – The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) continues its 2026 season, *Passion*, with *Brahms & The Schumanns* on Sunday, August 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Conducted by Music Director Christian Reif, the program explores one of classical music's most influential artistic relationships through works by Johannes Brahms, Clara Schumann, and Robert Schumann.

The relationships between Robert and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms were intimate, complicated, and deeply inspiring. Their friendship shaped the course of Romantic music, influencing some of the era's most enduring works. This program traces those connections through Brahms' spirited *Hungarian Dances*, Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor, and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2.

Featured pianist Adam Golka returns to the Lakes Area Music Festival Symphony Orchestra as soloist in Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto.

An open rehearsal for *Brahms & The Schumanns* will take place on Wednesday, July 29 at 2:15 p.m. at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, offering audiences a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process leading up to the performance.

The Lakes Area Music Festival's 2026 season, *Passion*, runs July 31 through August 23 and features orchestral concerts, chamber music, opera, dance collaborations, and community events throughout central Minnesota.

Tickets and additional information are available at lakesareamusic.org.

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About the Lakes Area Music Festival

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota's summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 18th anniversary season, more than 200 artists from the nation's top orchestras and opera companies will present 60 concert, education, and community outreach activities this July and August. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival sparks connections between its central Minnesota community and the nation's top classical performers to create transformative musical experiences. The Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit based in Brainerd, MN. To find out more visit lakesareamusic.org or call 218-ASK-LAMF (218-275-5263).