

Critics' picks

The five best events this week



1 New York Philharmonic Avery Fisher Hall (at Lincoln Center)

Marking the centenary of composer Witold Lutoslawski's birth, vibrant violinist Jennifer Koh, pictured, makes her subscription-series debut in the Polish master's *Chain 2*. ▶ **Thu 24–Sat 26**

2 Juilliard Focus! 2013 Festival

The Juilliard School's annual winter festival of contemporary-classical music provides a crash course in postwar English music, covering both celebrated composers and rising stars. ▶ **Fri 25, Feb 1: Alice Tully Hall (at Lincoln Center); Mon 28–Jan 31: Paul Hall (at the Juilliard School)**

FREE

3 West-Eastern Divan Orchestra Carnegie Hall

Daniel Barenboim brings the extraordinary Middle Eastern youth orchestra he cofounded with Edward Said to New York for a complete cycle of Beethoven's symphonies. ▶ **Wed 30, Jan 31, Feb 2, 3**

4 New York Polyphony Church of St. Mary the Virgin

The superb a cappella quartet comes to Smoky Mary's for a haunting evening of sacred works old and new. ▶ **Sat 26**

5 Renée Fleming and Susan Graham Carnegie Hall

Two leading ladies of the operatic world get together for an evening of spirited song on the big stage at Carnegie. ▶ **Sun 27**