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Russian cellist Sergey Antonov will perform Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor at Saturday's gala opening at 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater.

innovators who followed, he said.

Midweek musical performances are planned through the festival, including a Bach program and a concert by 3 Leg Torso. The central weekend, June 24 to 26, will feature Russian Ilya Kazantsev performing Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Centralia, Washington-born soprano Angela Meade returning from success as Leonora in Verdi's "Il Trovatore" at the

Metropolitan Opera of New York and the Berlin Opera to sing that role, which featured in her 2011 Astoria debut.

The concluding weekend features the festival's young musical artists performing a chamber concert and staging the opera "Little Women." The work, written in 1998 by American composer Mark Adamo, is based on Louisa May Alcott's tale of four sisters growing up after the Civil War.

Caswell, president of the festival board, is excited. "One thing that pleases me is that after 14 years we have some history, but we're not stuck in that history," he said. "We've established a level of excellence, and we haven't lost our artistic edge. 3 Leg Torso is returning with their eclectic sound, 'Little Women' is a hit, and both are outside the usual 'classical' scope."

## WEEK ONE CONCERTS

### ASTORIA MUSIC FESTIVAL

*At Liberty Theater, Astoria, unless indicated*

#### Saturday, June 18

4 p.m., Soloists Matinee, pianist Cary Lewis, cellist Sergey Antonov and violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn.

7:30 p.m., Gala Opening, Antonov plays Elgar Cello Concerto; Orchestra, Philip Glass' Symphony No. 4 "Heroes."

#### Sunday, June 19

4 p.m., Pitcairn, Mendelssohn Violin Concerto; Orchestra, Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony No. 3.

#### Tuesday, June 21

7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 1545

Franklin Ave., Astoria, Bach by Candlelight, organist Julia Brown, cellist Sergey Antonov, oboist Martin Hebert and baritone Richard Zeller.

#### Wednesday, June 22

7:30 p.m., 3 Leg Torso, chamber music, plus tango, latin and gypsy styles.

#### Thursday, June 23

7:30 p.m. "City Girl," 1930 silent movie, shot in Oregon, with live music by Festival Orchestra members, conducted by Oregon composer John Paul. Post-show, meet the composer.

*For ticket information and details of all 13 concerts, visit [astoriamusicfestival.org](http://astoriamusicfestival.org) or call 503-325 9896.*



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June 18's evening concert will feature the Music Festival Orchestra performing Philip Glass' 1996 Symphony No. 4 "Heroes," based on the late David Bowie's 1977 album of the same name.



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3 Leg Torso creates charming, elegant and daring modern chamber pop music infused with equal parts tradition and innovation. The group will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 at the Liberty Theater.