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## **Symphoria's 2016-17 season to be an "Experience Beyond Measure!"**

*Tickets on sale now for 2016-17 concerts*

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Symphoria, the world-class symphony orchestra in Central New York, announced that single tickets are on sale for its 2016-17 season. The current season has sold out 10 out of 21 concerts to date, with six performances remaining, one of which is almost at capacity. Symphoria's fourth full season is expected to be an "Experience Beyond Measure" with more venues and variety, including 27 concerts in five performance series: Masterworks, Casual, Pops, Spark and Kids. The season includes more concert performance times, stars such as multiplatinum-selling vocalist Ann Hampton Callaway, Cherish the Ladies, the return of cirque performers, music of famous movie superheroes and villains, collaborations with local singing and dancing groups, and more.

"We're very excited to offer yet another fantastic concert lineup to the community," said Lawrence Loh, music director of Symphoria. "We hope our guests have noticed that whether you're a fan of well-known classical music or you simply enjoy a night out on the town listening to or watching inspiring performances, we will have something for you to enjoy. The 2016-17 season in particular will not disappoint as we carefully selected a range of concerts."

The 2016-17 season opens Sept. 10 with the first of eight Masterworks concerts, performed at the Crouse Hinds Theater, featuring Grammy Award-winning Garrick Ohlsson playing Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto along with other Russian favorites, with Loh on the podium. Other Masterworks concerts will include both beloved classics and guest appearances by YouTube sensation and pianist Valentina Lisitsa, and renowned cellist Zuill Bailey, among others.

St. Paul's Cathedral will again host the Casual Series in an intimate setting with four Sunday afternoon concerts ranging from "A Trip Down the Danube" celebrating Viennese music to "Selections from Amadeus: The Music of Mozart."

The Pops Series, at the Crouse Hinds Theater, will feature more performances to accommodate demand. "Cirque de la Symphonie" returns for two shows next year, bringing the magic of cirque and aerial performers to the stage. In addition, there are concerts inspired by music from Barbra Streisand and Emerald Isles favorites, as well as a stunning event showcasing the symphony playing scores from famous superhero and villain movies. Finally, the "Home for the Holidays" Pops is back again with three concerts, one being a matinee, in December featuring the Syracuse Pops Chorus, the Syracuse Children's Chorus and special guests.

Moving out of the concert hall and into the community, the Spark Series offers three venue-specific concerts: at the Landmark Theater, linking some of the most famous Halloween music with a haunted evening of fun; Sky Armory, pairing the Symphoria string orchestra with dessert offerings from Sky Armory's pastry chef; and the newly renovated former Hotel Syracuse, exploring music from a period of tumultuous change between 1912 and 1925. All three 2015-16 Spark concerts sold out this season.

Symphoria's Kids Series is fun for the whole family with three musical performances that offer video, narration and hands-on experiences. As always, children age 18 and younger are admitted free to Symphoria performances.

Single tickets and season subscriptions can be purchased at Symphoria's box office 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 234 Harrison St., Syracuse, by calling 315-299-5598 ext. 201, and by visiting [ExperienceSymphoria.org](http://ExperienceSymphoria.org).

Single tickets for the 2016-17 concerts range from \$20 to \$80. Admission is free for kids 18 and younger and only \$5 for college students with a valid student identification.

First-time season subscriptions save up to 50 percent off single-ticket prices. In addition, subscription FlexPacks are available to offer more options to patrons who prefer to select their own mix of concert programs. If patrons buy tickets to four or more concerts, they will receive 25 percent off each ticket. A 20 percent group discount is also available for parties over eight attending one concert.

For a full list of 2016-17 concerts and details, visit [ExperienceSymphoria.org](http://ExperienceSymphoria.org).

Symphoria's current season continues through June 4 with a Kids concert, a final Pops concert, "Star Wars and a Galaxy Far Away," and three Masterworks concerts. Due to popularity, Symphoria added a matinee performance of "Star Wars and a Galaxy Far Away" May 21 at 1:30 p.m. before the 7:30 p.m. performance. Guests are encouraged to dress up as their favorite intergalactic characters.

Symphoria recently announced that it will celebrate Independence Day with a special performance at the Lakeview Amphitheater on the Fourth of July at 8 p.m. There will be a ticketed VIP event and a fireworks display. This concert is part of the orchestra's summer program performing free concerts at various parks throughout the region.

#### **About Symphoria:**

Symphoria is a fully professional orchestra serving Syracuse and Central New York. It is one of only two co-op orchestras in the U.S., founded by nearly 50 members of the former Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, which was considered one of America's top 50 orchestras. Symphoria is passionately committed to serving its community with inspiring orchestra and ensemble performances, and innovative education programs for kids of all ages. SymphoriaCNY is on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Visit [youtube.com/ExperienceSymphoria](http://youtube.com/ExperienceSymphoria) for videos. For more information about Symphoria or to purchase tickets, visit [ExperienceSymphoria.org](http://ExperienceSymphoria.org) or call the Symphoria Box Office at 315-299-5598 ext. 201.

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