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Symphoria's 2017-18 season to be "The Sound of Excitement"

Tickets on sale now for 2017-18 concerts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Symphoria, the professional symphony orchestra serving Central New York, announced that season and single tickets are on sale for its 2017-18 season. Symphoria's fifth full season is expected to be "The Sound of Excitement" with more iconic performances than ever before, including 27 concerts in five performance series: Masterworks, Casual, Pops, Spark and Kids. The season includes stars such as violinist Anne Akiko Meyers and Russian pianist Natasha Paremski, music of famous Disney movies and other Hollywood classics, collaborations with local singing and dancing groups, and more. The current season has sold out seven of 22 concerts to date, with seven performances remaining, plus one recently added concert, "Video Games Live," on May 10 at the Landmark Theatre.

"We are thrilled that we have the opportunity to bring the excitement of the symphony to the area for Symphoria's fifth season," said Lawrence Loh, music director of Symphoria. "This season will be unforgettable, with musical masterpieces performed by extraordinary talent. Our hope is that audience members of all ages and musical interests will feel the excitement of both the familiar tunes and new music featured throughout the 2017-18 season."

The 2017-18 season opens Sept. 15 with the first of five Pops concerts, performed at the Crouse-Hinds Theater, and will feature the return of Rock Symphony to Syracuse with "The Music of Elton John," followed by "The Music of Journey" on Sept. 16. Other Pops concerts will include "A Night at the Oscars," a show featuring music from Hollywood classics, and a concert of Emerald Isle favorites. In December, Symphoria will perform "Holiday Wonder" Pops in three concerts, one being a matinee, featuring the Syracuse Pops Chorus, the Syracuse Children's Chorus and special guests. To conclude the Pops series, Symphoria will bring the magic of Disney to the symphony with the music of "Frozen," "The Lion King," "Beauty and Beast" and more, accompanied with video clips from the original films.

The Masterworks Series, at the Crouse-Hinds Theater, will include eight concerts throughout this fifth season. The series will feature a number of notable performances, including Beethoven's "Symphony No. 3" featuring the acclaimed young cellist Julian Schwarz, with Loh on the podium. The third Masterworks, "The Planets," will feature projected imagery above the orchestra, presented in collaboration with Cornell University's Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility. Other Masterworks concerts will include beloved classics such as "Rite of Spring" with a guest appearance by Moscow-born pianist Natasha Paremski and Verdi's "Requiem" featuring Symphoria concertmaster Peter Rovit. The series will finish with Syracuse favorite Jon Nakamatsu playing Beethoven's "Emperor Piano Concerto."

St. Paul's Cathedral will again host the Casual Series in an intimate setting with four Sunday afternoon concerts ranging from the Lutheran-based "Reformation Celebration" to Brahms' "Symphony No. 3," which will be a tribute to Kit Dodd, a viola player and founding member of Symphoria who passed away in September 2016. Additionally, St. Paul's Cathedral will host the return of the famous Handel's "Messiah," featuring the Syracuse University Oratorio Society and conductor G. Roberts Kolb.

Moving out of the concert hall and into the community, the Spark Series offers three venue-specific concerts: at the Cross Creek Nursery in Manlius with music from Part's "Our Garden" and Respighi's "The Birds"; the New York State Fairgrounds Exhibition Center for "CirqOvation," a performance that includes aerial artists, jugglers, acrobats, comedians and more; and the Palace Theater, where silent film will be paired with symphonic masterpieces.

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 all regular season Symphoria performances.

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 four, five or six concert programs. If patrons buy tickets to four or more concerts, they will receive up to 25 percent off each ticket. A 20 percent group discount is also available for parties over eight attending one concert.

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

Single tickets for the 2017-18 concerts range from \$20 to \$82. Admission is free for kids 18 and younger and only \$5 for college students with a valid student ID.

For a full list of 2017-18 concerts and details, visit ExperienceSymphoria.org.

Symphoria's current season continues through spring with the recently added "Video Games Live" on May 10, an immersive concert event featuring music from the most popular video games of all time played by a live symphony orchestra, and will conclude with the final Masterworks concert, Mahler's "Titan," a massive orchestration for the historic closing of the season on May 13.

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](https://www.facebook.com/SymphoriaCNY), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SymphoriaCNY) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/SymphoriaCNY). Visit [youtube.com/ExperienceSymphoria](https://www.youtube.com/ExperienceSymphoria) for videos. For more information about Symphoria or to purchase tickets, visit ExperienceSymphoria.org or call the Symphoria Box Office at 315-299-5598 ext. 201.

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