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Symphoria's 2018-19 season is "Magic in the Making"

Season subscriptions on sale now for 2018-19 concerts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Symphoria, the professional symphony orchestra serving Central New York, announced that season tickets are on sale for its 2018-19 season. Symphoria's sixth full season is "Magic in the Making" with entertainment for everyone in 26 concerts, in five performance series: Masterworks, Casual, Pops, Spark and Kids, plus a special holiday "Messiah" concert. The season features stars such as pianists Christina and Michelle Naughton, violinist Rachel Barton Pine and percussionist Lisa Pegher, along with the music of Hollywood classics such as "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," cirque performers, collaborations with local singing and dancing groups and more.

"We are very excited for the sixth season of Symphoria and the energy the symphony will bring to our patrons," said Lawrence Loh, music director of Symphoria. "There is something for everyone this coming season, as we perform new music along with familiar songs, and bring in great musical talent to join us in concert."

The 2018-19 season opens Sept. 15 with the first of eight Masterworks concerts, performed at the Crouse-Hinds Theater, and will feature percussion pioneer Lisa Pegher in "1,001 Nights." The series will showcase a number of notable performances including "Stravinsky's Petrushka," featuring piano virtuoso Shai Wosner. The fourth Masterworks concert, "Brahms' First," will bring twin sisters Michelle and Christina Naughton back to Syracuse to perform Burch's little-known "Double Piano Concerto." The Masterworks series will conclude on May 18 with "Beethoven's Ninth," featuring music of Syrian-born composer Kareem Roustom and Beethoven's triumphant and joyous "Symphony No. 9."

The Pops Series will include eight concerts led by Principal Pops Conductor Sean O'Loughlin. O'Loughlin is considered a rising star in the music industry, having worked with artists such as Adele, Kelly Clarkson and Pentatonix. The series will feature exciting performances including the celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday in "Bernstein to Broadway." "Magic of the Holidays" will return with three performances Dec. 14 and 15. The symphony will be joined by local star vocalist Nick Ziobro, the Syracuse Children's Chorus, dancers from local dance groups and more.

In February, Symphoria will perform "My Funny Valentine," a compilation of jazz classics, pop ballads, classical masterpieces and numbers from stage and screen, accompanied by Ireland's foremost trumpet player Niall O'Sullivan and vocalist Shona Henneberry. Filled with unparalleled magic and imagination, "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial in Concert," brings the moving story of a lost little alien who befriends a 10-year-old boy named Elliot to the Crouse-Hinds Theater. To conclude the Pops series, Symphoria will be joined by acrobats, jugglers and aerial flyers for two performances of "Cirque Goes to the Cinema," playing music from blockbuster movie classics such as "Star Wars," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Mission Impossible," "Titanic" and more.

The Casual Series will again be hosted at the intimate St. Paul's Cathedral for four Sunday afternoon concerts. The first concert begins with music of Ravel and Walker and concludes with the Syracuse University Oratorio Society presenting Haydn's "Mass in Time of War." The

second and third Casual Series concerts, “Four Seasons,” and “Musical Explorations” feature Concertmaster Peter Rovit and music explorations by Brahms, respectively. The Casual series concludes with “Spring Strings” conducted by Christian Capocaccia, Symphoria’s associate conductor. All Casual series concerts begin at 3 p.m.

Moving out of the concert hall and into the community, the Spark Series offers three venue-specific concerts. The first concert hosted at Drumlins Country Club on Sept. 20 celebrates the beginning of autumn with “Harvest Moon II.” This performance pairs rustic music of the country with seasonal food and drink. Symphoria will return to SKY Armory to perform “Mozart in the Jungle” featuring traditional and contemporary music from the popular Amazon Original Series soundtrack. The final Sparks series concert, “Firebird” will be at the New York State Fairgrounds, featuring puppets from Open Hand Theater.

Symphoria’s Kids Series is fun for the whole family with three musical performances: a costume parade for “Sorcerers, Wizards and Witches” on Oct. 27; “A Melodic Life,” a lighthearted melody that traces the life of “Bob” from childhood to middle age; and finally “Ferdinand,” with music from Bizet’s “Carmen” and paired with Munro Leaf’s narrated story of “Ferdinand the Bull.” As always, children age 18 and younger are admitted free to all regular season Symphoria performances.

Associate Conductor Christian Capocaccia will lead Symphoria and the Syracuse University Oratorio Society in “Messiah,” an inspiring family tradition celebrating the season at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8.

First-time season subscribers 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 concerts and details, visit ExperienceSymphoria.org.

Symphoria’s current season continues through spring, and will conclude on May 19 with the final Pops concert “A Tale as Old as Time,” with the music of “Frozen,” “The Little Mermaid,” “Lion King,” and more with four vocalists and high-resolution video clips from the original films.

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 for videos. For more

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