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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY PRESENTS MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 25, 2014 | CHARLOTTE, NC – The Charlotte Symphony will present five performances of [Magic of Christmas](#) Thursday, December 4 through Sunday, December 7 at Belk Theater.

Albert-George Schram will conduct this highly anticipated annual concert featuring special guest vocalist **Melinda Doolittle**, who gained attention as a finalist on Season 6 of *American Idol*. Doolittle will join approximately 80 Oratorio Singers of Charlotte and the Charlotte Children’s Choir to perform favorite holiday selections, such as “Mary, Did You Know,” “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm,” Franz Biebl’s “Ave Maria,” and more.

This will be an especially meaningful performance for Doolittle, whose mother teaches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools system. “I’m most excited about getting to sing some of my favorite Christmas songs with the amazing Charlotte Symphony,” Doolittle says, “all while being backed by beautiful voices. What an honor this is!”

To make this concert a truly family-friendly event, the Symphony will offer **half-off ticket prices for children** ages 18 and under.

Since its first performance in 1996, Magic of Christmas has established itself as a favorite holiday tradition for Charlotteans and visitors alike. Michigan resident Lindsay Emeigh and her significant other come to Charlotte every year for the performance. “This is the fifth year we’ve come to the show,” Emeigh says, “and we’ll continue to come whether we live in North Carolina or not ... just love it!”

This year, the Symphony is encouraging patrons such as Emeigh to share their own personal stories using the hashtag **#CSOMagic** during the week of the concerts.

Media is invited to film or photograph portions of a rehearsal and/or performance for purposes of publication or broadcast. To set up a time, please contact Virginia Brown.

The schedule will be as follows:

Rehearsal: Tuesday, December 2, 7:30-10 p.m.

Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 3, 7:30-10 p.m.

Performance: Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.

Performance: Friday, December 5, 8 p.m.

Performances: Saturday, December 6, 2:30 and 8 p.m.

Performance: Sunday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.

Tickets range from \$25-\$79. For tickets, call 704-972-2000.

Magic of Christmas is part of the Pops Series presented by Bank of America. This performance is supported, in part, by Hearst Corporation.

Coming Up

TONIGHT:

Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra and Junior Youth Orchestra Fall Concert
7:30 p.m., Halton Theater at CPCC

Handel's *Messiah*

December 17, 7:30 p.m., Belk Theater

For other events, click [here](#).

About the Charlotte Symphony

Founded in 1932 and led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Charlotte Symphony is a non-profit organization that serves the whole community through music that educates, entertains, and enriches the human spirit. We are world-class musicians, music teachers, and music lovers. We put violins in the hands of Charlotte's children and actively nurture the next generation with our music education programs. We bring artistic excellence to Charlotte's parks and hospitals, schools and places of worship, stadiums and concert halls. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, connecting people and adding value to their lives through music.

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