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***LISTEN UP, CHARLOTTE!* PROGRAM EXPANDS TO NORTH AND EAST CHARLOTTE**

**August 31, 2017 | CHARLOTTE, NC** – One year following the unrest in uptown after the police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott, the Charlotte Symphony, in partnership with A Sign Of The Times of the Carolinas and Levine Museum of the New South, continues efforts to build community by employing music and history to tackle issues of discrimination and inequality.

The second series of *Listen Up, Charlotte!* will take place on Thursday, September 14, 2017 and Saturday, September 16, 2017 on the east and north sides of Charlotte, respectively.

These events are a continuation of the partners' commitment to convene the Charlotte community in dialogue around relevant issues. Photos from past events can be found [here](#).

“We are committed, along with our wonderful partners, to promote listening and understanding of differences through music and dialogue,” says Charlotte Symphony President and CEO Mary A. Deissler. “We are excited to take this impactful program to other communities in our city.”

The program will mirror past performances from April 2017, weaving personal stories of the African-American experience and historical context provided by Dr. Brenda Tindal, staff historian at Levine Museum, with musical selections from Bach to Bill Withers.

Following the first programs, the partners organized a Community Advisory Board aimed at asking the community how the arts and culture sector can serve. Taking suggestions from community members, the partnership has worked to improve the programming to better serve Charlotte's needs.

There is no cost for this event, but registration is encouraged. To register, and for more information, visit [www.charlottesymphony.org/listenup](http://www.charlottesymphony.org/listenup).

Listen Up, Charlotte! is sponsored by Culture Blocks—a community partnership between ASC, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation to bring arts and cultural experiences closer to where residents live. Culture Blocks is funded by Mecklenburg County.

**Listen Up, Charlotte!**

Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7 p.m.

Winterfield Elementary School

3100 Winterfield Place

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 6 p.m.  
Mallard Creek Recreation Center  
2530 Johnston Oehler Rd.

### **About 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 community through music that educates, entertains, and enriches the human spirit. We are 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 and outreach programs. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, unifying people and adding value to their lives through music. [www.charlottesymphony.org](http://www.charlottesymphony.org)

### **About A Sign Of The Times of the Carolinas**

A Sign Of The Times of the Carolinas was formed as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 2006 with a mission to preserve the legacy of the African Diaspora through music, dance and the spoken word. The music, rhythm, and stories of the "A Sign Of The Times" bands are the primary mechanisms used to help the non-profit achieve its mission - i.e., every A Sign Of The Times of the Carolinas production and community program tells a story from the African-American experience and is meant to be both educational and entertaining. [www.asignofthetimes.org](http://www.asignofthetimes.org)

### **About Levine Museum of the New South**

Levine Museum of the New South is an interactive museum housing the nation's most comprehensive interpretation of post-Civil War southern history. Through the award-winning exhibit, Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers, changing galleries and complementing programs, the Museum tells the stories of the diverse people who have reinvented and shaped the region since 1865. Over 50,000 people visit the Museum each year, including 10,000 students who enrich their understanding of North Carolina history and enhance critical thinking skills through their experience at the Museum. [www.museumofthenewsouth.org](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)



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