



CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF OZ WITH THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ON FEBRUARY 2, 2013

THE WIZARD OF OZ ON THE BIG SCREEN WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA ACCOMPANIMENT



November 28, 2012 | CHARLOTTE, NC – We're off to see the Wizard! Experience the beloved classic film, *The Wizard of Oz*, like never before at OZ With Orchestra. This exciting program pairs the viewing of the entire 102-minute remastered film with live musical accompaniment by the Charlotte Symphony.

The music of the classic MGM film, *The Wizard of Oz*, boasts some of the most iconic and recognizable American songs of all time including Academy-Award-winning, "Over the Rainbow," perhaps the most famous song ever written for a movie. An orchestra underscores the entire film, taking Dorothy "Over the Rainbow" to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" until she and her new friends set "Off to See the Wizard" on a Technicolor journey.

In OZ With Orchestra, the film score that animates the story is played to the audience through the Charlotte Symphony's live performance, while the original, remastered film is revealed on a large screen suspended above the orchestra. Audience members experience the well-known musical

numbers as well as the background and incidentals, as arranged by Herbert Stothart, who won an Academy Award for Best Original Score for *The Wizard of the Oz* in 1939.

Audience members will have the opportunity to don their own ruby-red slippers and participate in a special CoZtume Contest at the matinee performance. The contest is open to kids and kids at heart; contestants can stop by the CoZtume Contest table in the main Belk Theater lobby to enter for a chance to win a special prize.

Well-known guest conductor, Albert-George Schram, will lead the orchestra through Oz on February 2, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Belk Theater in Charlotte.

Single adult tickets to OZ With Orchestra range from \$27.50 - \$72.50, while single tickets for youth 18 years and under range from \$13.25 – \$36.25. Series subscriptions to all of the remaining four (4) Pops concerts, including OZ With Orchestra, start at \$96. Both are available by calling (704) 972-2000 or visiting the website at www.charlottesymphony.org.

About the Charlotte Symphony

Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony aspires to serve the whole community through music that educates, entertains and enriches. As the largest arts organization in Charlotte, the symphony plays to 200,000 audience members each year in 90 concerts featuring classical music to pops. The symphony also reaches more than 12,000 students in 55 schools throughout the area in pursuit of its mission to provide musical education. As the largest employer of individual artists in Charlotte, the symphony generates an annual economic impact exceeding \$15 million. The symphony welcomes contributions; as with most performing arts organizations, ticket revenues cover only about one-third of expenses.

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