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**THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND QUEENS UNIVERSITY
OF CHARLOTTE PRESENT**

**ROMANTIC EXPRESSIONS
An Evening of Music and Poetry on the Theme of Love
Led by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees
With Poetry Readings by Students and Faculty**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Sarah Belk Gambrell Center for the Arts and Civic Engagement at Queens**

January 16, 2025 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and Queens University of Charlotte present Romantic Expressions, a concert exploring the timeless theme of love through a blend of music and spoken word. The performance will take place at the Sarah Belk Gambrell Center for the Arts and Civic Engagement at Queens on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

This collaborative event interweaves the lush, evocative melodies of the Romantic and early 20th-century repertoire with original poetry read by Queens students and faculty. These thoughtfully curated pairings highlight the universal connections between music and the spoken word, celebrating the theme of love in its many forms.

Tickets

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$35 for general admission. Tickets are available now at charlottesymphony.org.

About the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is one of the premier music organizations in the Southeastern United States and the oldest continuously operating symphony orchestra in the Carolinas. As Charlotte's most active performing arts group, the CSO presents around 150 concerts each season, reaching more than 130,000 music lovers. The CSO is committed to its mission of uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond through exceptional musical experiences. Led by Music Director Kwamé Ryan, the CSO employs 65 professional full-time orchestra musicians, fosters four youth orchestras, and offers significant educational support aimed at serving the under-resourced areas of our community. Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony plays a leading cultural role in the Charlotte area and serves the community as a civic leader, reflecting and uniting our region through the transformative power of live music.

About Queens University of Charlotte

Queens University of Charlotte is located in one of America's fastest-growing cities, offering an extended classroom to students and a direct pipeline to meaningful careers for graduates. On track to become the national private university of Charlotte, Queens University serves around 2,000 students in undergraduate and masters-level programs across the liberal arts and sciences as well as the professional fields of business, communication, nursing, health, and education. Queens' unique General Education model teaches students to think critically about some of the world's biggest problems, beyond the boundaries of what's expected in a college classroom. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Queens in the top 20 among regional universities in the south in its 2024 edition of Best Colleges.

Event Listing

Romantic Expressions

Sandra Levine Theatre in the Sarah Belk Gambrell Center for the Arts at
Queens University of Charlotte

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, conductor

BIZET/arr. Hoffman	Suite No. 1 from <i>Carmen</i> (II. Intermezzo)
FAURÉ	<i>Masques et Bergamasques</i> (Overture)
DEBUSSY/orch. Caplet	<i>Clair de Lune</i>
ELGAR	<i>Enigma Variations</i> (VIII. "W.N." Allegretto and IX. "Nimrod" Moderato)
J. STRAUSS	<i>On the Beautiful Blue Danube</i>
ELGAR	Serenade for Strings (I. Allegro piacevole)
MASCAGNI	Intermezzo from <i>Cavalleria rusticana</i>
TCHAIKOVSKY	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Fantasy-Overture

All Programs and Artists are Subject to Change

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