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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY

HOLIDAY POPS

**All-New, High-Voltage Holiday Extravaganza Featuring the Charlotte Master Chorale, Sing-Alongs, Snowfall, and Electrifying Surprise Guests from the North Pole
December 16–18, 2022, at Knight Theater**

THE POLAR EXPRESS IN CONCERT

**Charlotte Symphony and Charlotte Master Chorale Perform the Complete Score Live to Film
November 25–26, 2022, at Belk Theater**

HANDEL MESSIAH

**Conductor Laureate Christopher Warren-Green Leads This Annual Holiday Tradition
December 2–4, 2022, at Knight Theater**

HOLIDAY BRASS & ORGAN

**Charlotte Symphony Brass Meets Organ for a Spectacular Concert Experience
November 29, 2022, at First United Methodist Church**

CIRQUE DE NOËL

**Awe-Inspiring Acrobatics and Musical Holiday Favorites
December 21–23, 2022, at Knight Theater**

November 1, 2022 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony’s 2022 holiday season presents beloved annual traditions, seasonal hallmarks, electrifying new performances, and a family-friendly Christmas movie with its unforgettable score performed live to the complete film.

Holiday Pops

The Charlotte Symphony presents an all-new immersive holiday concert experience showcasing the spectacular glow of holiday lights. Led by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees and featuring the Charlotte Master Chorale, Holiday Pops includes sing-alongs to classic holiday favorites like “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and “Joy to the World,” plus performances of newer works like “Christmastime in Charlotte” and “The Polar Express Suite.”

Santa joins the Charlotte Symphony on stage and even brings along an electrifying friend from the North Pole. The forecast calls for snow in the Knight Theater, but everyone will leave with a warm glow from this high-voltage holiday extravaganza.

The Polar Express in Concert

Christopher James Lees and the Charlotte Symphony presents Robert Zemeckis's instant holiday classic, *The Polar Express*, with Alan Silvestri's unforgettable score performed live by the CSO and Charlotte Master Chorale.

Handel Messiah

Conductor Laureate Christopher Warren-Green returns to the Charlotte Symphony to lead his world-renowned interpretation of Handel's *Messiah*, featuring the Charlotte Master Chorale and four incredible soloists.

Holiday Brass & Organ

The shimmering sounds of Charlotte Symphony brass meet the resplendent tones of First United Methodist Church's 3,500-pipe organ for this spectacular holiday concert that's sure to be a musical highlight of the season.

Cirque de Noël

The circus meets the symphony when Cirque de la Symphonie returns to Charlotte with a fresh show filled with awe-inspiring acrobatics and musical holiday favorites.

Tickets

Tickets are available now and may be purchased online at charlottesymphony.org/holidays.

About the Charlotte Symphony

One of the premier music organizations in the Southeastern United States and the oldest operating symphony orchestra in the Carolinas, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO) connects with more than 100,000 music lovers each year through its lively season of concerts, broadcasts, community events, and robust educational programs. The CSO is committed to its mission of uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond through exceptional music experiences. The CSO employs 62 professional full-time orchestra musicians, fosters three 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 aims to serve the community as a civic leader, reflecting and uniting our region through the transformative power of live music.

The Classical Series is presented by **Bank of America**

The Pops Series is presented by **Sandra & Leon Levine**

The Family Series is presented by **Domtar**

Event Listing

THE POLAR EXPRESS IN CONCERT

Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

Friday, November 25, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

Charlotte Master Chorale

Alan SILVESTRI

The Polar Express

HOLIDAY BRASS & ORGAN

First United Methodist Church, 501 N Tryon Street

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

This joyful concert pairs the shimmering sounds of brass with the resplendent tones of First United Methodist Church's 3,500-pipe organ for a spectacular holiday experience that's sure to be a musical highlight of the season.

HANDEL MESSIAH

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Friday, December 2, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Christopher Warren-Green, *conductor*

Georgia Jarman, soprano

TBA, mezzo-soprano

Aaron Crouch, tenor

Daniel Okulitch, bass

Charlotte Master Chorale

HANDEL

Messiah

HOLIDAY POPS

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Friday, December 16, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m. (1-hour family performance)

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

Charlotte Master Chorale

Create lasting memories with family and friends at our all-new immersive holiday concert experience! You'll sing along to classic holiday favorites like "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Joy to the World" with the Charlotte Master Chorale, and be dazzled by newer works like "Christmastime in Charlotte" and "The Polar Express Suite." Santa joins your Charlotte Symphony on stage to share one of his favorite parts of the season — the spectacular glow of holiday lights — and even brings along an electrifying friend from the North Pole. The forecast calls for snow in the Knight Theater, but this concert will leave you with a warm glow. Don't miss this high-voltage holiday extravaganza!

CIRQUE DE NOËL

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Anthony Parnther, conductor

Cirque de la Symphonie

The circus meets the symphony! Back with a fresh show filled with awe-inspiring acrobatics and musical holiday favorites, this event will fill your family with the wonder of the season.

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