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THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

**Holiday Favorites, Falling Snow, Sing-Alongs, and More
With Special Guest Tony DeSare
December 10–19, 2021**

HOME ALONE IN CONCERT

**John Williams’s Oscar-Nominated Score Performed Live to Complete Film
November 26–27, 2021**

HANDEL’S MESSIAH

**Conducted From the Harpsichord by Ian Watson
December 3–5, 2021**

A VERY THORGY CHRISTMAS

**World Premiere of Drag Performance Artist Thorgy Thor’s Christmas Show
December 22, 2021**

CIRQUE DE NOËL

**Awe-Inspiring Acrobatics and Musical Holiday Favorites
December 29–30, 2021**

NEW YEAR’S EVE WITH MELINDA DOOLITTLE

**Evening Includes a Post-Concert Party and Champagne
December 31, 2021**

November 4, 2021 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony’s 2021 holiday season presents beloved annual traditions, seasonal hallmarks, exciting new performances, and a family-friendly Christmas movie with the Oscar-nominated score performed live to the complete film.

Magic of Christmas

A longstanding tradition, the Charlotte Symphony’s Magic of Christmas offers sing-alongs, falling snow, and all your musical holiday favorites including “Let It Snow!,” “Sleigh Ride,” and “White Christmas.” The program, conducted by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees, will also feature Samuel Coleridge-Taylor’s *Christmas Overture* and an appearance by superstar vocalist and entertainer Tony DeSare.

Emmy Award-winning composer Gary Fry, who wrote “Christmastime in Charlotte,” will collaborate with Lees and the CSO to design the magical holiday show. The Knight Theater will be transformed into a holiday wonderland with lighting, decorations, and special holiday guests.

Home Alone in Concert

The Charlotte Symphony will present *Home Alone* in Concert with John Williams’s Oscar-nominated score performed live to the film, conducted by David Glover

Handel Messiah

Handel’s *Messiah* returns, featuring Ian Watson conducting and leading the orchestra from the harpsichord, soprano Amanda Forsythe, alto Emily Marvosh, tenor Brian Giebler, bass Andrew Garland, and the Charlotte Master Chorale.

A Very Thorgy Christmas

NYC-based drag performance artist Thorgy Thor will join the Charlotte Symphony for the world premiere of her holiday show, led by Christopher James Lees.

Cirque de Noël

The circus meets the symphony for a show filled with awe-inspiring acrobatics and musical holiday favorites.

New Year’s Eve with Melinda Doolittle

American idol finalist and soul-stirring vocalist Melinda Doolittle joins the Charlotte Symphony to ring in the New Year with an unforgettable night of music. The evening includes a post-concert party with champagne and dancing.

Tickets

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

Health and Safety

The Charlotte Symphony is committed to the health and safety of our patrons, musicians, and employees and continues to work in coordination with Atrium Health and Blumenthal Performing Arts to develop safety procedures, including the mandatory use of masks and proof of vaccination or negative COVID tests for attending performances in indoor venues. All safety procedures are in alignment with local, state, and federal mandates, as well as CDC guidelines. Please [click here](#) for a complete outline of our health and safety guidelines.

About the Charlotte Symphony

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in the 2021–22 season, the Charlotte Symphony is committed to uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond through exceptional musical experiences. Led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Symphony upholds the highest artistic integrity and takes bold steps to engage the community through music. The CSO employs 62 professional fulltime orchestra musicians, serves three youth orchestras, and offers significant educational programming aimed at improving areas of our community with the greatest need. 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

HOME ALONE IN CONCERT

Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

Friday, November 26, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 27, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

David Glover, *conductor*

John WILLIAMS

Home Alone

HANDEL MESSIAH

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Friday, December 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Ian Watson, *conductor*

Charlotte Master Chorale

HANDEL

Messiah

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Friday, December 10, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11:00 a.m. (1-hour family-friendly performance) and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 17, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 18, 2021, 11:00 a.m. (1-hour family-friendly performance) and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

Tony DeSare, *special guest*

Delight in the wonder of the holiday season at the annual Magic of Christmas with sing-alongs, falling snow, and so much more. New this year, we welcome vocalist and entertainer Tony DeSare back to Charlotte to help us spread holiday cheer.

A VERY THORGY CHRISTMAS

Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts

Wednesday, December 22, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*
Thorgy Thor, *special guest*

Thorgy Thor brings her charisma, uniqueness, nerve, and talent back to Charlotte this holiday season. Experience the world premiere of this holiday show in the Queen City, brought to you by the queen of Classical Music.

CIRQUE DE NOËL

Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Tara Keith, *conductor*

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH MELINDA DOOLITTLE

Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

Friday, December 31, 2021, 9:00 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*
Melinda Doolittle, *vocalist*

Ring in the New Year with an unforgettable evening of music featuring American Idol finalist and soul-stirring songstress Melinda Doolittle. Your ticket includes a post-concert party with champagne and dancing.

ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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