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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2017 SUMMER POPS SERIES

April 19, 2017 | Charlotte, NC—Dust off those picnic baskets and break out the lawn chairs—the Charlotte Symphony’s Summer Pops is just around the corner!

This year’s Summer Pops features a 4-concert series plus the Celebrate America! special event. Audiences will enjoy Hollywood hits and music from *Star Wars* to Broadway favorites, a Jazz collaboration and patriotic favorites with fireworks.

Held at Symphony Park at SouthPark Mall each Sunday in June and on Saturday, July 1 in celebration of Independence Day, these outdoor musical experiences are some of the most highly anticipated events of the season.

Summer Pops 2017 concerts are as follows:

Hooray for Hollywood

Sunday, June 4, 8:15 p.m.

Albert-George Schram, conductor

Features themes from Hollywood blockbusters including *West Side Story*, *The Pink Panther*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Harry Potter*, and more!

Jazz at the Park

with Jazz Arts Initiative

Sunday, June 11, 8:15 p.m.

Keitaro Harada, conductor

The Charlotte Symphony is joined by musicians of the Jazz Arts Initiative to bring you a night of standards. Hear all the favorites including “In the Mood,” “Stardust,” “Moonlight Serenade,” “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” “Sing, Sing, Sing,” plus interludes featuring selections for Jazz combo.

***Star Wars* The Music**

Sunday, June 18, 8:15 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, conductor

Experience an electrifying journey to a galaxy far, far away as your Charlotte Symphony celebrates the 40th anniversary of *Star Wars*! Relive the excitement of John Williams's majestic scores with selections spanning all seven films.

Best of Broadway

Sunday, June 25, 8:15 p.m.

Christopher James Lees conductor

A night of Broadway's best loved show tunes. Hear selections from *The Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Les Miserables*, *Grease!*, *Wicked*, and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Special Event

Celebrate America! With Fireworks!

Saturday, July 1, 8:15 p.m.

Albert-George Schram, conductor

Join your Charlotte Symphony for a rousing salute to America with a night of patriotic favorites including Sousa Marches, "God Bless America," the Armed Forces medley—all topped off by a spectacular fireworks finale.

Summer Pops events are held at Symphony Park at SouthPark Mall, 4400 Sharon Road.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Prelude performances begin 7 p.m. Parking is free.

New this season: Reid's Fine Foods will be the exclusive food and beverage retailer at Symphony Park. A selection of meats, cheeses, sandwiches, salads, desserts, wine, and beer will be available for purchase at each concert. Additionally, Reid's Fine Foods will also have chef-curated picnic baskets available for pre-order ahead of each Summer Pops performance.

Ticket Package Options. On Sale Now.

Summer Pops Premium Seating Club

This all-inclusive, reserved seating option is about easy access and comfort. The package includes VIP reserved parking very close to the park. And there's no need to come early to reserve a spot because a chair will be waiting, under the shade of a tent, no matter when you arrive! Then sit back and enjoy a chef-curated picnic basket showcasing the fine catering of Reid's, while listening to the sound of the Charlotte Symphony.

Four-concert series ticket (June concerts only) is \$272.

Add-on Celebrate America! special event for \$76

One parking space per series ticket order.

Summer Pops GoPass

The best value, with the most flexibility. Good for June concerts only.

With these packs of flexible ticket passes, you choose the programs that fit your musical tastes and the dates that fit your life. The GoPass gives you the same flexibility as buying tickets at the gate, and at the \$10.50 per pass price saves 25% off regular individual ticket prices. Good for any June concert, in any combination (1-pass for 4 concerts, 4-pass for 1 concert, etc.)

4 passes/admissions ... \$42

6 passes/admissions ... \$63

8 passes/admissions ... \$84

Individual Concert Tickets. On Sale May 1.

Ticket prices for all June concerts are as follows:

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| Adult | \$12 advance/\$14 day of show |
| Youth (Ages 13-18) | \$5 advance/\$7 day of show |
| Child (Ages 12 and under) | FREE |

Special event: Celebrate America! ticket prices are as follows:

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| Adult | \$16 advance/\$18 day of show |
| Youth (Ages 13-18) | \$5 advance/\$7 day of show |
| Child (Ages 12 and under) | FREE |

Summer Pops is sponsored by the Chris and Susan Kearney Foundation.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.charlottesymphony.org/summerpops2017.

About the 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 whole community through music that educates, entertains and enriches the human spirit. We are world-class musicians, music teachers, and music lovers. We put violins in the hands of Charlotte's children and actively nurture the next generation with our programs in music education. We bring artistic excellence to Charlotte's parks and hospitals, schools and places of worship, stadiums and concert halls. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, connecting people and adding value to their lives through music. www.charlottesymphony.org.

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