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### **CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY JANUARY EVENTS**

**January 6, 2015** | CHARLOTTE, NC – The Charlotte Symphony will present two exciting and diverse performances this month.

#### **CLASSIC SOUL – January 9 and 10**

**Classic Soul** will take place Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. at Knight Theater at the Levine Center for the Arts. Albert-George Schram will conduct this special concert, featuring nationally celebrated guest vocalists **Capathia Jenkins and Darius de Haas**. Jenkins and de Haas, both with backgrounds in Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, will perform the favorites of the soul era, including hits from “Signed, Sealed, Delivered” by Stevie Wonder to Aretha Franklin’s “Respect” and more, all backed by orchestra.

This concert will also showcase **three backup singers from the Johnson C. Smith University Choir**. Classic Soul is part of the Charlotte Symphony Pops Series, presented by Bank of America.

#### **DON QUIXOTE – January 16 and 17**

The next Classics Series performance, featuring Strauss’s ***Don Quixote***, will take place Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. at Belk Theater, with an **open rehearsal** on January 16 at 10 a.m. at Belk Theater. Cost for open rehearsal is \$20.

The Symphony welcomes guest conductor **Gerard Schwarz and his son, cellist Julian Schwarz**, for this special performance. Gerard Schwarz serves as music director for Greensboro’s Eastern Music Festival and led the Seattle Symphony Orchestra for nearly three decades.

Principal Violist Ben Geller, who joined the Symphony in January 2014, will also play a large role in the piece. This performance continues the Symphony’s celebration this season of the 150th birthday of Richard Strauss. The concert will also include Rossini’s Overture to *William Tell* and Liszt’s *Les Preludes*. The Classics Series is made possible by Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Members of the media are invited to film or photograph portions of a rehearsal and/or performance for purposes of publication or broadcast. To set up a time, please contact Virginia Brown.

#### **COMING UP**

##### **Feb. 6 - KnightSounds: A Waltz to Remember**

with Soprano Katherine Polit and the Metropolitan Ballroom dancers  
Roger Kalia, conducting

**Feb. 13-14 - Pops: A Symphonic Valentine**

with the Noel Freidline Trio

Roger Kalia, conducting

**Feb. 14 - Lollipops: Beethoven Lives Upstairs**

with Classical Kids Live and pre-concert Musical Petting Zoo

Roger Kalia, conducting

**Feb. 20-21 - Classics: Mozart, Strauss & Brahms**

Christopher Warren-Green, conducting

Lukas Vondracek, piano

For more information on future events, visit [www.charlottesymphony.org/events](http://www.charlottesymphony.org/events).

**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 music education programs. 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.

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