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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY CONCERTS

AT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Revel in the Sounds of the Season with Traditional Favorites and New Surprises
Streamed Live from the Knight Theater
December 12, 2020

THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Tchaikovsky's Beloved Ballet Music with the Story Told through Narration
Streamed Live from the Knight Theater
December 19, 2020

A BAROQUE CELEBRATION: OLD WORLD, NEW YEAR

Christopher James Lees Conducts and Performs in a Program of Baroque Sparklers
With Concertmaster Calin Ovidiu Lupanu as Soloist
January 1, 2021

November 19, 2020 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony's 2020 holiday concerts present seasonal hallmarks, beloved traditional works, and a family-friendly adaptation of *The Nutcracker*, streamed directly to your home — just in time for the holidays.

- **At Home for the Holidays**

The Charlotte Symphony, led by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees, heralds the holidays with a concert full of traditional favorites and new surprises, including the premiere of *A Carolina Christmas Carol* by Charlottean and Emmy Award-winning composer Gary Fry.

The concert will be livestreamed from the Knight Theater on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. and will be available to stream on demand until December 28. Tickets are \$25.

- **The Story of The Nutcracker**

Christopher James Lees leads the Charlotte Symphony in a performance of music from Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet, *The Nutcracker*. This one-hour, family-friendly adaptation will include a beautiful retelling of the story through narration.

The concert will be livestreamed from the Knight Theater on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. and will be available to stream on demand until December 28. Tickets are \$15.

- **A Baroque Celebration: Old World, New Year**

The Charlotte Symphony will ring in the New Year with a concert reveling in the spirited music of the Baroque period. Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees will conduct and perform works by J.S. Bach, Telemann, and Dall'Abaco from the harpsichord. Charlotte Symphony Concertmaster Calin Lupanu will perform as soloist in “Winter” from Vivaldi’s *The Four Seasons* and “Verano” from Piazzolla’s tango take on *The Four Seasons* titled, *Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas*, also known as The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires.

The concert will be pre-recorded in the Knight Theater and available for streaming from Friday, January 1, 2021 through January 8, 2021. Tickets are \$25.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, previously scheduled live concerts through December 31, 2020 will be canceled. The Charlotte Symphony will work to gradually phase in live, indoor audiences as local conditions safely allow.

Biographies

At Home for the Holidays: [Christopher James Lees](#), [Gary Fry](#)

The Story of The Nutcracker: [Christopher James Lees](#)

A Baroque Celebration: [Christopher James Lees](#), [Calin Ovidiu Lupanu](#)

Tickets

For a detailed listing of concerts and ticket information, visit charlottesymphony.org/holidays.

About the Charlotte Symphony

Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony is a longstanding nonprofit organization committed to connecting and strengthening the community 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. We employ 58 professional full-time orchestra musicians, serve two youth orchestras, and offer significant educational programming aimed at improving areas of our community with the greatest need. The Charlotte Symphony is integral to the Charlotte area, serving its community through music that connects and inspires. charlottesymphony.org

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Event Listing

At Home for the Holidays

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Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (available on demand until December 28, 2020)

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

TBA, *narrator*

Full Program to be announced at a later date

The Story of The Nutcracker

Streamed Live from the Knight Theater

Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (available on demand until December 28, 2020)

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

TBA, *narrator*

TCHAIKOVSKY *The Nutcracker* (Selections)

A Baroque Celebration: Old World, New Year

Pre-recorded at the Knight Theater

Friday, January 1, 2021 (available on demand until January 8, 2021)

Christopher James Lees, *conductor / harpsichord*

Calin Ovidiu Lupanu, *violin*

TELEMANN	Sinfonia Spirituosa D major
DALL'ABACO	Sinfonia for Strings
VIVALDI	<i>The Four Seasons</i> , Op.8 No.4, "Winter"
PIAZZOLLA	<i>Cuatro Estaciones Porteña</i> , "Verano"
J.S. BACH	Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, <i>Air</i>
VIVALDI	Sinfonia No. 3 in G major

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