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**THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY PRESENTS
CELEBRATE AMERICA
At TRUIST FIELD, Home of the CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS**

**AN EVENING OF PATRIOTIC FAVORITES
Conducted by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees**

**Program To Feature Jim Stephenson's *Fanfare for Democracy*
Works by Aaron Copland, Leroy Anderson, John Williams, John Philip Sousa, and More
Fireworks Display Finale**

Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8:30 p.m.

May 20, 2021 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony, in partnership with the Charlotte Knights, presents “Celebrate America” on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. at Truist Field. The concert, conducted by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees, will feature patriotic favorites and memorable anthems and marches, concluding with a spectacular fireworks display. The Symphony will also pay tribute to frontline and essential workers and those who have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees will open the concert with Jim Stephenson’s *Fanfare for Democracy*, a work premiered at the historic inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris in January 2021. The program will continue with Morton Gould’s *American Salute* in honor of the bravery of America’s frontline and essential workers. The Symphony will dedicate John Williams’s “With Malice Towards None” to the memory of those who have lost their lives during the pandemic.

The program will also include works by Leroy Anderson, Aaron Copland, Percy Grainger, Marvin Hamlisch, and Duke Ellington. The concert will end with three rousing marches by John Philip Sousa, including *Stars and Stripes Forever*, followed by a fireworks display. The evening will also feature a guest appearance by Charlotte Knights mascot Homer the Dragon.

“Celebrate America” and [Evenings at the Park](#) performances will replace the Charlotte Symphony’s annual Summer Pops concerts.

Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held the following evening, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. If inclement weather prevents the concert from proceeding on either date, the concert will not be rescheduled and the CSO will contact ticket-holders with their options.

Tickets

Tickets seated in the bowl are \$25 and can be purchased at charlottesymphony.org.

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

About the Charlotte Knights

The Charlotte Knights have been providing affordable, family entertainment at Truist Field in Uptown Charlotte since 2014. At the gates, Truist Field has welcomed nearly four million fans and is one of the most visited venues in all of Minor League Baseball. On the field, the Knights are the proud Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. Professional baseball has a rich history in Charlotte and dates back to 1892. For more information about the Charlotte Knights, including tickets for the 2021 season, please visit www.CharlotteKnights.com. Experience the Game. The View. The Fun!

Event Listing

CELEBRATE AMERICA

Truist Field, home of the Charlotte Knights

Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. (Inclement weather date: June 26)

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

SMITH	<i>Star Spangled Banner</i>
Jim STEPHENSON	<i>Fanfare for Democracy</i>
GOULD	<i>American Salute</i>
COPLAND	<i>Hoe Down from Rodeo</i>
ANDERSON	<i>Fiddle Faddle</i>
John WILLIAMS	<i>With Malice Toward None, from Lincoln</i>
VON TILZER	“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
GRAINGER	“Molly On the Shore”
HAMLISCH	“A Chorus Line”
ELLINGTON	<i>A Medley for Orchestra</i>
SOUSA	<i>El Capitan, The Thunderer, and Stars and Stripes Forever</i>

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