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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY PRESENTS AMERICA IN CONCERT**

*Founding members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell bring tour to Charlotte*

**September 27, 2012 | CHARLOTTE, NC-** The Charlotte Symphony will host Grammy Award-winning group, America, for two unforgettable nights in October. The concerts will take place on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Belk Theater. The concert features original members **Gerry Beckley** and **Dewey Bunnell**. **Albert-George Schram**, long-time guest conductor and Summer Pops favorite, will lead the Charlotte Symphony.

America became popular in 1972, scoring numerous hits and a Grammy Award for Best New Artist. America is best known for the hits, **“A Horse with No Name,” “Ventura Highway,” “Sister Golden Hair,” “Tin Man,”** and **“You Can Do Magic.”** Beckley and Bunnell will perform on the second half of the concert and will announce musical selections from stage.

The first, shorter half of the program will feature an American theme of works by composers John Philip Sousa and George Gershwin, among others, performed by the Charlotte Symphony.

Tickets start at \$45 and are available through the Charlotte Symphony ticket office at 704-972-2000 or online at [www.charlottesymphony.org](http://www.charlottesymphony.org). Subscriptions to the Pops Series start at \$96 for four concerts.

**About the Charlotte Symphony**

Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony aspires to serve the whole community through music that educates, entertains and enriches. As the largest arts organization in Charlotte, the symphony plays to 200,000 audience members each year in 90 concerts featuring classical music to pops. The symphony also reaches more than 12,000 students in 55 schools throughout the area in pursuit of its mission to provide musical education. As the largest employer of individual artists in Charlotte, the symphony generates an annual economic impact exceeding \$15 million. The symphony welcomes contributions; as with most performing arts organizations, ticket revenues cover only about one-third of expenses.

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