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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES FREE SEASON PREVIEW EVENT

AUGUST 24, 2015 | CHARLOTTE, NC – Spend happy hour with the Charlotte Symphony at its first-ever free season preview party beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Belk Theater.

[Symphony On Tap](#) is a chance for the community to spend a relaxed evening with the Charlotte Symphony, sampling what's in store for its exciting 2015-2016 season.

Music Director Christopher Warren-Green will conduct a casual, hour-long concert including selections across the Symphony's upcoming Classics, Pops, and KnightSounds series, plus a special audience-choice selection from five options which will be voted on by the public in the weeks leading up to the event.

Bars inside the theater will remain open throughout the night, offering specials including \$2 domestics and \$4 Olde Mecklenburg Brewery Copper drafts.

An after-party with free appetizers and live music by Symphony musician Rick Dior's Latin quartet will follow in the Belk Theater lobby, along with the opportunity to meet Charlotte Symphony musicians.

"This concert is something new for the Symphony," says Charlotte Symphony President and CEO Bob Stickler. "We are hoping it will not only give the community a sense of what's in store for the season, but also introduce the Symphony to new audiences."

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. outside Belk Theater along Tryon Street with a brass ensemble performance of Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*. The preview concert inside Belk Theater will begin at 6 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

Doors to the theater will remain open for the duration of the concert, encouraging a come-and-go atmosphere.

Concert selections will include the Allegro con brio from Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Hoe-down from *Rodeo* by Copland, a selection from Prokofiev's *Romeo & Juliet*, a James Bond medley, and more.

The event is free and registration is not required, but those who pre-register via Eventbrite will automatically be entered to win free tickets to upcoming Symphony concerts.

Those who attend Symphony On Tap will have the opportunity to save on [future Charlotte Symphony events](#).

Symphony On Tap is presented by Wells Fargo and Charlotte Center City Partners.

For more information, visit charlottesymphony.org.

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.

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