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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY AL FRESCO

Changing Venues for Changing Times

**A New Virtual Concert Series Featuring Charlotte Symphony Musicians
Performing in Principal Cellist Alan Black's Backyard**

First Concert Dedicated to Hope and Healing for our Community

**Available for FREE on FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE Premieres and On-Demand Afterward
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

June 4, 2020 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony will present a new virtual concert series featuring a different ensemble of Charlotte Symphony musicians each week performing a variety of works and giving a glimpse into the music and their lives as performing musicians.

Charlotte Symphony al Fresco will be hosted by Principal Cellist Alan Black and will take place in his backyard in Woodberry Forest, Charlotte. The concerts will be free and available to watch on Facebook and YouTube premieres every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. ET and will be available on-demand after.

The first concert in the series is dedicated to hope and healing for our community. The Charlotte Symphony believes that music is uniquely able to console and uplift, that it can help bind a community together and even act as a change agent. The concert, which features cellist Alan Black and harpist Andrea Mumm as soloists, includes works that inspire introspection by Bach, Vaughan Williams, Arvo Pärt, and Saint-Saëns.

Principal Cellist Alan Black said: "For the past four years I have been creating a backyard space with the intent to host concerts. When COVID-19 shut down the world I immediately thought that this was an opportunity for me to use this space with two goals in mind: to provide live intimate performances to our community, and to give CSO musicians, and my friends, the chance to play together again in a safe way. I am hoping that achieving these goals will bring happiness and joy for all involved, and help get us through the difficult times we are encountering."

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Interim President and CEO Michelle Hamilton said: “I’m impressed everyday by the musicians of the Charlotte Symphony. This series of “al fresco” concerts is a wonderful example of their innovative spirit and commitment to their artistry and the community. I’m so thankful to Alan for allowing us all into his backyard so we can continue to share together in the joy of music.”

Charlotte Symphony al Fresco Schedule

Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Andrea Mumm, harp
Alan Black, cello

Bach	Prelude in C major
Vaughan Williams	Six Studies in English Folk Song
Arvo Pärt	<i>Spiegel im Spiegel</i>
Saint-Saëns	<i>Le cygne</i> (The Swan)

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Victor Wang, flute
Monica Boboc, violin
Kirsten Swanson, viola
Sarah Markle & Alan Black, cello
Jeff Ferdon, bass

Pleyel	Theme and Variations, for Cello and Bass
Mozart	Flute Quartet in D Major, K. 285

Wednesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Amy Orsinger, flute
Hollis Ulaky, oboe
Sam Sparrow, clarinet
Olivia Oh, bassoon
Robert Rydel, french horn

Muczynski	Movements for Wind Quintet, Opus 16
Haydn	Divertimento No. 1, in B-flat
Farkas	<i>Antiche Danze Ungheresi</i>

Wednesday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Jenny Topilow, violin
Lenora Leggatt, violin
Alan Black, cello

Stamitz	Trio in G Major
Haydn	Divertimento No. 12, Hob. V:12

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Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Jeremy Lamb & Sarah Markle, cello
Taddes Korris, Bass

Shostakovich, arr. Jeremy Lamb
Jeremy Lamb

Jazz Suite No. 2: Waltz
The Lamb Jam Set:

The Hempeh Tempeh Jam
A Stroll Down Alpha Mill Lane
Keepin' It Schwifty

Jeremy Lamb

A Ride on Oumuamua

Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. ET

Joseph Meyer, violin
Kirsten Swanson, viola
Alan Black, cello

Lullaby for Viola and Cello
Serenade in C Major, Opus 10

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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 professional full-time orchestra musicians, support two youth orchestras, and offer significant educational programming aimed at improving underserved sections of our community. The Charlotte Symphony is integral to the Charlotte area, serving its community through music that connects and inspires. charlottesymphony.org

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