



CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY

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THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES ITS 2013-14 POPS SERIES



MARCH 21, 2013 | CHARLOTTE, NC – The legendary American rock-group Chicago will open the Charlotte Symphony's 2013-14 Pops Series in September, kicking off a season line-up that will transport listeners to Broadway and Hollywood, pay tribute to folk and swing, and celebrate the music of Motown, Paul McCartney, and the holiday season!

Chicago, who has amassed twenty-one top-ten singles during its over forty years in rock and roll, will be followed in October by another Grammy-winning group, the folk-rock duo Indigo Girls. This will be Chicago's and the Indigo Girls' first ever appearance with the Charlotte Symphony.

The Symphony will bring Broadway to Charlotte when stars from the original cast of *Jersey Boys* perform hits by the Four Seasons and other 60s greats in November, while February's Broadway Rocks! will feature rousing numbers from *The Wiz*, *Hairspray*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and more. This Pops season also features two high-energy tributes: one showcasing the very best of Motown, and the other a symphonic tribute to Paul McCartney with Tony Kishman, who starred in Broadway's *Beatlemania*, performing music from the Beatles, Wings, and McCartney's solo career.

A Charlotte holiday tradition, the Symphony's Magic of Christmas will return for five December performances.

Other highlights include singer Debby Boone, who earned instant fame with her first single "You Light Up My Life," and the Pops season closer: a screening of Charlie Chaplin's masterpiece, *City Lights*, while the Charlotte Symphony performs the film's soundtrack live.

All concerts will take place at the Belk and Knight Theaters in Uptown Charlotte. Maestro Albert-George Schram will return to the podium to conduct the majority of the 2013-14 Pops concerts.

Concert-goers can save on tickets by subscribing to the Charlotte Symphony Pops Series. Subscriptions to any six Pops programs start at \$147, and subscriptions to all nine Pops programs, for an even greater savings per concert, start at \$198. Subscriptions are available now by calling 704-972-2000 or online at charlottesymphony.org. Single tickets will go on sale in mid-July.

The Charlotte Symphony 2013-14 Pops Series

CHICAGO

Sat Sept 21 – Belk Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

INDIGO GIRLS

Sat Oct 5 – Belk Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

MIDTOWN MEN – Stars from the original Broadway cast of *JERSEY BOYS*

Fri Nov 1 & Sat Nov 2 – Belk Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

LIVE AND LET DIE – A Symphonic Tribute to PAUL McCARTNEY

Fri Nov 15 & Sat Nov 16 – Knight Theater
Martin Herman, conducting

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Thu Dec 5, Fri Dec 6, Sat Dec 7, & Sun Dec 8 – Belk Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

THE HEART OF MIDTOWN – Featuring SPECTRUM

Fri Jan 31 & Sat Feb 1 – Knight Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

BROADWAY ROCKS!

Fri Feb 21 & Sat Feb 22 – Knight Theater
Albert-George Schram, conducting

DEBBY BOONE – *SWING THIS*

Fri Apr 4 & Sat Apr 5 – Knight Theater
John Oddo, conducting

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S *CITY LIGHTS* – A film screening with live soundtrack accompaniment

Fri Apr 25 & Sat Apr 26 – Belk Theater
Jacomo Rafael Bairos, conducting

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