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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY OPENS LOLLIPOPS SEASON ON NOVEMBER 10**  
*FAMILY SERIES MOVES TO THE KNIGHT THEATER FOR THREE CONCERTS*



**October 25, 2012 | CHARLOTTE, NC-** New this season, the Charlotte Symphony will perform the Lollipops Family Series on three Saturday morning concerts in the more intimate Knight Theater. The Lollipops series provides a fun and engaging introduction to classical music and the live orchestra experience through imaginative storytelling and inspiring reinterpretations of classical repertoire.

The series opens with **Carnivals and Clowns** (Nov. 10), which features Drew Allison and Grey Seal Puppets, who will guide the children through the Russian tale of *Petrushka*, accompanied by Igor Stravinsky's musical score. In January, the series will bring back PROJECT Trio for a **Dancin' Rockin' and Hip Hoppin'** (Jan. 12) program featuring works by Beethoven, Rossini, and Brahms, reinterpreted through the group's eclectic musical tastes and high-energy performance style.

For the third and final concert of the season, the Charlotte Symphony will collaborate with the North Carolina Dance Theatre School of Dance to present classic fairytales through music and

movement. **Once Upon a Time** (May 4) will feature performances of *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Anderson, *The Frog Prince* by the Brother's Grimm, Russian folktale *The Firebird*, and other stories.

The hour-long concerts are preceded by the popular pre-concert festival, which invites children to explore music through hands-on activities such as a lively drum circle, music-related arts and crafts, and **The Symphony Guild of Charlotte's** "Musical Petting Zoo," which allows children to play and get exposure to many of the instruments found in the orchestra.

Also new this season, concertgoers are encouraged to stay after the concert to attend Family Day at the **Bechtler Museum of Modern Art**. Children will learn about the art and artists of the Bechtler collection and engage imaginations through special museum tours and hands-on art activities. Family Day takes place from noon – 4:30 p.m. after each Lollipops concert. Admission is free for children and \$4 for adults. Attendees are encouraged to drop in anytime.

Lollipops series subscriptions start at \$36, single tickets start at \$15.50 and both are available by calling (704) 972-2000 or visiting the website at [www.charlottesymphony.org](http://www.charlottesymphony.org).



### **2012-2013 Lollipops Family Concerts**

*Concerts take place at 11 a.m. at the Knight Theater; pre-concert festivals begin at 10 a.m. in the Knight Theater Lobby. Family Day at the Bechtler Museum takes place from noon – 4:30 p.m. after each Lollipops concert.*

#### **"CARNIVALS AND CLOWNS"**

Saturday November 10, 2012  
Jacomo Rafael Bairos, conducting  
with Drew Allison and the Grey Seal Puppets

#### **"DANCIN', ROCKIN', AND HIP HOPPIN'"**

Saturday January 12, 2013  
Jacomo Rafael Bairos, conducting  
with PROJECT Trio

#### **"ONCE UPON A TIME"**

Saturday May 4, 2013  
Jacomo Rafael Bairos, conducting  
with North Carolina Dance Theatre School of Dance

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