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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES NEW ALTSOUNDS SERIES

August 12, 2016 | CHARLOTTE, NC – The Charlotte Symphony has rebooted its innovative KnightSounds series and introduced its newest series, [altsounds](#).

The focus of altsounds is to attract a younger, more diverse audience by blending classical repertoire with alternative, mixed-genre programming, such as rock, bluegrass, film scores, and more, in a fun, casual setting.

The 2016-2017 season consists of three performances in October, January, and May.

To kick off the Halloween weekend, on October 28, 2016, the Symphony presents scores from popular horror films, including John Carpenter's *Halloween*, *Poltergeist*, Stephen King's *IT*, *Psycho*, plus works by Bach and Saint-Saëns. Norman Huynh will conduct and costumes are encouraged.

On January 27, 2017, guest conductor Steven Hackman leads a symphonic mashup of Brahms First Symphony and Radiohead's *OK Computer* (1997), which debuted 20 years ago next year. Audiences will hear how two works, produced a century apart, can be mashed into something new and interesting.

To conclude the series, Music Director Christopher Warren-Green conducts *Fiddles and Blue Jeans* on May 19, 2017. The concert features a collaboration with local Grammy Award-winning violinist and instructor Mark O'Connor and his family band performing original compositions, plus works by Copland and Gershwin.

Altsounds concerts are general admission seating and take place Friday nights at 7:30 pm at Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts.

Tickets to individual altsounds concerts are \$29. Series subscriptions are \$69. For more information, visit charlottesymphony.org or call the Charlotte Symphony ticket office at 704-972-2000.

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 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 music education programs. 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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