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2015-2016 KNIGHTSOUNDS SERIES BEGINS OCTOBER 23

October 9, 2015 | CHARLOTTE, NC – Back by popular demand, **Bachtoberfest** returns for a third season on October 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Knight Theater to kick off the Charlotte Symphony's innovative 2015-2016 KnightSounds series.

Bach and beer are the focus of this annual German celebration, which will feature the works of Johann Sebastian Bach and his son, W. F. Bach, plus Mozart's Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*, and selections from Brahms and Wagner. Local breweries, including NoDa Brewing Company and Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, will provide beer samplings, and the FestzeltMusik Oktoberfest Band will keep the party going after the concert.

In January, the Symphony presents **iSinfonica!**, a lively journey through the works of popular Spanish and Latin composers, including Moncayo, Ginastera, and de Falla. Tango and tapas will follow the program.

In mid-April, the Symphony brings **The Jazz Room** to Knight Theater to celebrate American jazz legends from Gershwin to Ellington with a high-energy concert in collaboration with the Jazz Arts Initiative. The party will continue after the concert with signature cocktails in the speakeasy lounge.

May marks the final KnightSounds concert of the season, a community affair when the Symphony teams up with Charlotte Ballet and the UNC Charlotte College of Art + Architecture to tell Shakespeare's timeless tale, **Romeo & Juliet**.

This epic KnightSounds finale will feature in-theater screens with close-ups of actors, dancers, and musicians, and for the second year in a row, a free outdoor plazacast of the concert on the Levine Center for the Arts plaza. Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Gounod will rule this Shakespeare tribute.

About KnightSounds

KnightSounds aren't just concerts, they're events! Each Friday night themed event includes post-concert activities, an hour-long concert, and community collaborations. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. at Knight Theater at the Levine Center for the Arts. Tickets start at just \$29 and include a drink voucher. Drinks are permitted in the theater.

All four KnightSounds programs may be purchased for just \$99. The 2015-2016 KnightSounds events also include two Brown Bag Lunch noon matinee performances for just \$12 on Friday, October 23, 2015 and January 29, 2016. No pre- or post-concert events occur at matinee performances.

For more information about the 2015-2016 KnightSounds series or to download high-res images, please visit charlottesymphony.org.

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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 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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