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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY'S FREE COMMUNITY PLAZACAST RETURNS**

**MAY 5, 2016** | CHARLOTTE, NC – Pack a picnic and bring the whole family to the Levine Center for the Arts campus as the Charlotte Symphony's free community plazacast returns on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

This year, the Symphony will team up with Charlotte Ballet, the UNC-Charlotte Department of Theatre, and soprano Melinda Whittington to tell Shakespeare's timeless tale, *Romeo & Juliet*.

Music Director Christopher Warren-Green will conduct the KnightSounds finale concert inside Knight Theater at Levine Center for the Arts.

The performance will feature in-theater screens with close-up camera angles of Warren-Green and the orchestra while a live feed simultaneous shows the concert on a 9.5- by 16-foot high-definition LED screen outside on the plaza.

Musical selections will include Tchaikovsky's *Romeo & Juliet* Fantasy Overture and Prokofiev's Balcony Scene Pas de Deux from *Romeo & Juliet*.

Scenes from *Romeo & Juliet* will be performed by UNC-Charlotte Department of Theatre students and directed by Robinson Distinguished Professor of Shakespeare Andrew Hartley.

Chickspeare, Charlotte's all-female Shakespeare Company, will present "A Quickie with *Romeo & Juliet*" outside on the Levine plaza stage following the concert.

KnightSounds events are hour-long concerts with approachable repertoire. Tickets cost \$29 and include one drink voucher. Drinks are permitted in the theater and concert seating is general admission.

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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 whole 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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