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**THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES
SUMMER POPS 2025
PRESENTED BY NOVANT HEALTH**

**Four Sunday Concerts at Symphony Park this June
Classical's Greatest Hits, Best of Broadway, Latin Sounds, and
Celebrate America with Fireworks**

February 26, 2025 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra’s beloved Summer Pops series, presented by Novant Health, returns to Symphony Park this June with four Sunday evening performances led by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees.

A cherished summer tradition, now in its 42nd year, Summer Pops brings thousands of Charlotteans together to share food, great music, and fireworks under the stars with family and friends. This year’s lineup offers something for everyone, from classical music’s most iconic works to Broadway showstoppers, sizzling Latin rhythms, and a patriotic celebration of America with a spectacular fireworks display.

“One of the things I most love about summertime in Charlotte is seeing everyone gathered together at Symphony Park for our Summer Pops series,” said Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees. “There’s an indescribable feeling when you see different generations enjoying the experience of listening to the sensational artists of the Charlotte Symphony under a canopy of stars. Whether this is a person’s first or seventy-first Summer Pops season, the uplifting and inspiring memories of those special evenings will be ones to treasure for years to come.”

Dr. Sid Fletcher, SVP, President Charlotte Region, Novant Health said, “Few traditions capture the essence of summer in Charlotte like the Summer Pops concert series. Novant Health is honored to help bring this iconic event to life, alongside the Charlotte Symphony, creating lifelong memories for all. We are dedicated to bringing remarkable experiences to life within the communities we serve, and we value the vital role that music plays in promoting wellness and connection.”

Classical's Greatest Hits

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Join your Charlotte Symphony for the opening night of Summer Pops, featuring an evening of iconic melodies and unforgettable orchestral masterpieces that have been cherished for generations and celebrated in films, commercials, and pop culture. In the second half, the

talented young musicians of the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra will join the Symphony for a special performance, showcasing the next generation of orchestral talent.

Best of Broadway

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Take a musical journey through the Great White Way as the Charlotte Symphony performs smash hits from some of Broadway's most iconic shows, including *Wicked*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, and a sweeping Rodgers & Hammerstein medley — perfect for the whole family to enjoy a Father's Day celebration.

Latin Sounds

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Ignite the evening with fiery Latin rhythms, featuring the passion and energy of music by legendary Latin composers and pieces inspired by the rich sounds of Latin America. Get ready for a lively night filled with infectious beats and melodies that will have you dancing in the park.

Celebrate America

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Join your Charlotte Symphony for a star-spangled night of patriotic favorites, American classics, and a thrilling fireworks finale. Gather your family and friends for this beloved annual tradition that brings Summer Pops to a spectacular close.

Summer Pops concerts are held at Symphony Park at SouthPark Mall, 4400 Sharon Road. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Prelude performances, featuring local musicians and ensembles, begin at 7:00 p.m. Details of prelude performances will be announced at a later date. Charlotte Symphony performances begin at 8:15 p.m. Parking is free. Visit our [FAQ page](#) for details about what to bring, parking, accessibility, and more.

Tickets

Tickets for Summer Pops are on sale now at charlottesymphony.org/summer. Pre-purchased general admission tickets for Classical's Greatest Hits, Best of Broadway, and Latin Sounds are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth (Ages 13–18). Celebrate America is \$18 for adults and \$5 for youth. Children 12 and under are free but will need a ticket to attend. Prices increase for day-of purchases. Subscriptions to all four Summer Pops concerts are available and include premium reserved spaces on the lawn.

For press tickets, contact Deirdre Roddin at droddin@charlottesymphony.org or 704-714-5112.

About the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is one of the premier music organizations in the Southeastern United States and the oldest continuously operating symphony orchestra in the Carolinas. As Charlotte's most active performing arts group, the CSO presents around 150 concerts each season, reaching more than 150,000 music lovers. The CSO is committed to its mission of uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond through exceptional musical experiences. Led by Music Director Kwamé Ryan, the CSO employs 65 professional full-time orchestra musicians, fosters four youth

orchestras, and offers significant educational support aimed at serving the under-resourced areas of our community. Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony plays a leading cultural role in the Charlotte area and serves the community as a civic leader, reflecting and uniting our region through the transformative power of live music.

All Programs and Artists are Subject to Change

Summer Pops at Symphony Park is presented by **Novant Health**.

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