



KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

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Doc Severinsen Returns June 2017 to Play with Kansas City Symphony for His 90th Birthday Celebration

Concert available as add-on to season subscriptions now; single tickets on sale in July

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | Feb. 29, 2016 — Legendary trumpet player and former bandleader of “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson” Doc Severinsen returns for his second appearance in back-to-back seasons with the Kansas City Symphony. In celebration of his 90th birthday, he will perform with the Symphony at 7 p.m. on June 8, 2017, in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

In the coming “Here’s Doc!” concert, Severinsen will present his take on hits from the American Songbook and Big Band eras while sharing stories from his incredible 70-year career. The lineup includes favorites such as “Summertime,” “September Song,” “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” “I’ll Be Seeing You” and “I Got it Bad (And That Ain’t Good),” plus several special surprises.

Severinsen previously appeared with the Symphony for a sold-out, holiday-themed concert called “Jingle Bell Doc” in December 2015.

Currently, season subscribers can add on the Doc Severinsen concert to season packages. Concert tickets range \$49-99. In July, single tickets will go on sale to the public. For more information or to add-on tickets to a season subscription, please visit kcsymphony.org or call the Kansas City Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400.

For interviews or other media requests, please contact Communications Manager Beth Buchanan at bbuchanan@kcsymphony.org or (816) 218-2621.

High-resolution publicity photos of Doc Severinsen are available [here](#).

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About the Kansas City Symphony and Chorus

Founded in 1982, the Kansas City Symphony has established itself as a major force in the cultural life of the community. Praised for performances of uncompromising standard, the orchestra is the largest in the region and enjoys a national reputation under the artistic leadership of Music Director Michael Stern. The Kansas City Symphony Chorus is a volunteer, 160-member ensemble led by multi-Grammy® Award-winning conductor, Charles Bruffy, that continues its long tradition of excellence as the choral voice of the Kansas City Symphony. The Kansas City Symphony performs more than 100 concerts each year, while also serving as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet and Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and it often welcomes guests of international acclaim as part of its Classical and Pops Series.

Complementing its full schedule of concerts, the Symphony enriches the lives of Kansas City residents by providing music education opportunities for children and adults, such as KinderKonzerts, Young People’s Concerts, an instrument petting zoo and concert comments.

Highlights each season include a range of free master classes, events and concerts reaching more than 200,000 community members, including the annual Bank of America Celebration at the Station concert each Memorial Day weekend and Symphony in the Flint Hills every summer. Additionally, the Symphony has released five CDs with Reference Recordings — Shakespeare's *Tempest*, the Grammy® Award-winning Britten's Orchestra, an Elgar/Vaughan Williams project, *Miraculous Metamorphoses* highlighting composers Hindemith, Prokofiev and Bartók, and most recently, the Grammy® Award-nominated Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3, "Organ." Two additional projects have been recorded and slated for future release, including the music of contemporary composer Adam Schoenberg (recorded June 2014) and Holst's *The Planets* (recorded January 2015).

The Symphony and Michael Stern also have recorded for the Naxos label. Kansas City Symphony performances can be heard locally each week on KCUR 89.3 FM, Kansas City's NPR affiliate. More information on the Kansas City Symphony is available at kcsymphony.org