



Kansas City Symphony Announces On-Sale Date for Single Tickets, Unveils 2017-18 Classics Uncorked Series

Single tickets for Yo-Yo Ma, Joyce DiDonato, Audra McDonald, Melissa Etheridge, movie concerts and more available Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | July 11, 2017 — Big stars, acclaimed movies and timeless music make up the Kansas City Symphony's varied and thrilling 2017-18 season.

The Symphony welcomes performers such as celebrated cellist Yo-Yo Ma, Broadway diva Audra McDonald, pop rock singer/songwriter Melissa Etheridge plus two hometown stars known worldwide for their talents — mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato and saxophonist Bobby Watson — for the coming season. The season also includes tributes that honor the music of Prince, Queen, Kansas City jazz, and Leonard Bernstein for 100th anniversary of his birthday in 2018. Additional 2017-18 season highlights include:

Classical Series

- [Yo-Yo Ma, Pines of Rome and Bernstein](#)
- [Romantic Royalty: Tchaikovsky and Chopin](#)
- [Beethoven's "Emperor" and Wagner's Ring](#)
- [Joyce DiDonato Sings Bernstein and Berlioz](#)

Pops Series

- [Melissa Etheridge with the Kansas City Symphony](#)
- [The Best of Rodgers & Hammerstein](#)
- [KC Jazz Tribute with Bobby Watson](#)
- [Screenland at the Symphony: Back to the Future in Concert](#)

Family Series

- [Superheroes at the Symphony](#)
- [The Firebird](#)
- [The Science of Sound with Science City's STEAM Team](#)

Holiday Concerts

- [Canadian Brass: Christmastime is Here!](#)
- [Handel's Messiah](#)
- [Christmas Festival](#)
- [Disney in Concert: Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas](#)

Special Concerts

- [Screenland at the Symphony: Star Trek Into Darkness](#)
- [Screenland at the Symphony: Nosferatu](#)
- [Queen's Greatest Hits with the Kansas City Symphony](#)
- [Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in Concert](#)
- [The Music of Prince with the Kansas City Symphony](#)
- [Audra McDonald with the Kansas City Symphony](#)

Single tickets for the Symphony's 2017-18 concerts go on sale Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m. Tickets are available through the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400 or online at kcsymphony.org.

2017-18 Classics Uncorked Series

Three fun, themed concerts are in order for the 2017-18 Classics Uncorked Series held in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The series features one-hour, casual concerts with classical hits programmed and led by David T. Beals III Associate Conductor Jason Seber. Most tickets are \$25 and include a complimentary glass of wine or champagne following the performance where guests have an opportunity to mingle with Kansas City Symphony musicians.

- **Classics Uncorked: [Future Favorites](#)** | September 26 at 7 p.m.
Featuring some of the best music written by today's American composers, your Kansas City Symphony performs works sure to become your future favorites. Hear Jonathan Leshnoff's *Starburst* and Christopher Theofanidis' *Rainbow Body*, then experience Helzberg Hall morphing into a techno club with Mason Bates' *Mothership*.
- **Classics Uncorked: [At The Movies](#)** | March 8 at 7 p.m.
Epic movies need epic music. We're firing up the searchlights and rolling out the red carpet to celebrate great orchestral repertoire from silver-screen blockbusters such as "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Apocalypse Now," "Black Swan," "Amadeus," "The Shining," "Moulin Rouge," "Fantasia 2000" and more.
- **Classics Uncorked: [Musical Makeovers](#)** | June 7 at 7 p.m.
Who doesn't love a good makeover? For the final Classics Uncorked concert of the season, your Kansas City Symphony performs pieces that have had a little work done, or some reimagining, in one way or another. Beginning with an orchestration of Bach's masterful "Dorian" Toccata, the program also includes Vaughan Williams' shimmering *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and Stravinsky's cheery *Pulcinella Suite* with solos from many principal players.

To learn more about all 2017-18 concert offerings, including classical, pops, family, holiday and special programs, please visit kcsymphony.org or call the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400.

Season ticket holders may purchase tickets to individual concerts ahead of the public during the Symphony's subscriber courtesy week (July 17-21) at a discount of \$5 per adult ticket. Single tickets go on sale Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m. and available through the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400 or online at kcsymphony.org. View the 2017-18 season brochure [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, often welcomes guests of international acclaim as part of its Classical and Pops Series, and serves as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet and Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

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 performing at Symphony in the Flint Hills every summer.

The Symphony has released six highly praised CDs to date with Reference Recordings, with the most recent release featuring the music of contemporary composer [Adam Schoenberg](#) (released January 2017).

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.