



**Kansas City Symphony Presents Free Labor Day Concert
Monday, September 3 at 7pm**

***Crowds bring coolers and blankets for concert under the stars;
debut of Assistant Conductor Aram Demirjian***

AUGUST 2, 2012 | KANSAS CITY, MO —The Kansas City Symphony will present its 29th annual Labor Day Pops in the Park concert on Monday, September 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Under the evening sky, and the baton of assistant conductor Aram Demirjian in his KCS debut, the full symphony orchestra will perform a program designed to delight family audiences.

The casual FREE concert in the Theatre in the Park at Shawnee Mission Park, 7710 Renner Road in Shawnee, Kansas, features a family-oriented program with performances of familiar classics — from *The Stars and Stripes Forever* to *Hungarian Dances!*

This annual favorite draws large audiences from around the metropolitan area and provides the opportunity to hear the Kansas City Symphony in a relaxed, outdoor setting. Park concessions will be available, and concert-goers are invited to bring snacks and coolers, along with their lawn chairs and blankets. In addition, young audience members may visit the Symphony’s “Petting Zoo,” where trained musicians help youngsters try their hands at a variety of orchestral instruments. The parking lot will open at 4:30pm, with gates opening at 5:00pm. Pre-concert entertainment with the Youth Symphony of Kansas City begins at 6pm.

Sponsors include: Bank of Kansas City, 99.7 The Point and 106.5 The Wolf. Special thanks to the Johnson County Park and Recreation District.

About the Kansas City Symphony

The Kansas City Symphony is the region’s only full-time professional symphony orchestra, setting the standard for musical excellence. Led by Music Director Michael Stern since 2005, the Symphony has experienced impressive artistic growth, garnering national and international acclaim. The orchestra's 80 full-time musicians are area residents, and each season touch the hearts of more than a million people through our Classical, Pops and Family concerts; special holiday events; chamber concerts; major civic gatherings such as Bank of America Celebration at the Station, which draws over 55,000 people, and the Symphony In the Flint Hills annual concert. During its 42-week season, the orchestra also presents educational programs, community outreach performances, and serves as the orchestra for the Lyric Opera and the Kansas City Ballet. Classical performances are broadcast weekly on KCUR 89.3 FM during the Kansas City Symphony Hour, Thursdays at 9 pm. Visit the Kansas City Symphony online at kcsymphony.org.

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