



## Kansas City Symphony debuts Free Happy Hour Chamber Music Series

October 8, 2012 | Kansas City, MO – The Symphony **Happy Hour Chamber Music Series** is designed as an after-work opportunity to enjoy chamber music by ensembles of KCS musicians. It's the perfect after-work way to unwind. Come by Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center October 17 at 6 pm for the first of four Happy Hour FREE chamber music concerts featuring Symphony musicians. Concerts will be around 45 minutes long and will include music by mainstream and contemporary composers. The programming will be created by our own musicians and will feature small groups of our own players – generally between 4 – 8 players. With tickets for the Symphony in high demand, these new weekday series offer more opportunities to enjoy great music in new settings and styles of performance. Audience members can purchase drinks at a cash bar before and after the concerts.

Though concerts are free, tickets are required and available at [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org)

“We are excited to expand the range of our musical events in Helzberg Hall,” said Symphony Executive Director Frank Byrne. “By offering new concert formats and new opportunities for audiences to connect with the Symphony, we look forward to a more intimate and less formal interaction with great music. We also expect these new concerts to provide fun social interaction between audience members and our talented musicians.”

**WHEN/WHERE:** Wednesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.  
Helzberg Hall, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway, KCMO

**PROGRAM:** Benjamin Britten: *Phantasy Quartet* for Oboe and Strings, Op. 2  
Kristina Goettler, oboe  
Tony DeMarco, violin  
Matt Rombaum, viola  
Susie Yang, cello  
Johannes Brahms: String Sextet No. 2 in G major, Opus 36  
Noah Geller and Tony DeMarco, violin  
Christine Grossman and Matt Rombaum, viola  
Susie Yang and Alex East, cello

**TICKETS:** Free. Available at [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org) or contact the Symphony Box Office at 816.471.0400 for ticket availability. Phone lines are open from 10 am. to 5 pm., Monday through Friday.

**PARKING:** The Kauffman Center has numerous parking options available, including the adjacent 1,000-car Arts District Parking Garage, surface lots and street parking. For more information, visit <https://www.kcsymphony.org/StaticCtl/ParkingAct>

**PHOTOS/BIOS:** Available at [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org)

### **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](https://www.kcsymphony.org).

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