



# KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

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## **KC Symphony to Celebrate Labor Day with Free ‘Pops in the Park’ Concert**

*Community concert also to feature Youth Symphony of Kansas City and Instrument Petting Zoo*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** | August 19, 2013 — The Kansas City Symphony invites music lovers and area residents to a free community concert of classical music and patriotic tunes at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2 at The Theatre in the Park at Shawnee Mission Park.

This is the 30th year that the Symphony has performed a Labor Day concert, and the event is part of the Symphony’s mission to provide music free music opportunities to area residents. Concertgoers can expect to hear a range of favorites, from the “The Star-Spangled Banner” to Rossini’s popular “William Tell Overture” to Grieg’s “In the Hall of the Mountain King,” which many will recognize from its inclusion movies, television and advertisements. Recently promoted to associate conductor, Aram Demirjian will lead the Symphony at the Pops in the Park concert for his second time — exactly one year from his debut with KCS.

### **Event Schedule:**

- 4:30 p.m. Parking lot opens
- 5 p.m. Gates open
- 5:30 p.m. Instrument Petting Zoo opens
- 6 p.m. Youth Symphony of Kansas City performs
- 7 p.m. Kansas City Symphony performs

Many attendees choose to bring picnic dinners, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening festivities with family and friends. The Youth Symphony of Kansas City will provide pre-concert entertainment one hour before the KCS performance, and children will take delight in the Symphony’s well-loved Instrument Petting Zoo, which opens at 5:30 p.m. The instrument display allows children to touch, play and learn about various string, brass and percussion instruments in a casual, friendly setting.

For those interested in subscriptions or single event tickets to any of the Symphony’s other concerts, visit [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org) to purchase online or call the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information about the Symphony, its musicians, recordings and latest news can be found [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org).

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### **About the Kansas City Symphony**

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 performs more than 50 concerts each year, while also serving as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet and Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and often welcomes guests of international acclaim as part of its

Classical and Pops subscription series. Complementing its full schedule of concerts, the Symphony strives to enrich the lives of Kansas City residents by providing music education opportunities for children and adults, including “KinderKonzerts,” “Young People’s Concerts,” and an Instrument Petting Zoo. Highlights each season include a range of free masterclasses, events, and concerts reaching more than 100,000 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. The Symphony has released three recordings on the Reference Recording label — Shakespeare’s *Tempest*, the Grammy®-winning Britten’s Orchestra, a recent Elgar/Vaughan Williams project plus an additional 20th century project highlighting composers Paul Hindemith, Sergei Prokofiev and Béla Bartók to be released in 2013 as well as a Saint-Saëns album for later release. The Symphony and Michael Stern also have recorded for the Naxos label. KCS 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 [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org).

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