



KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

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Kansas City Symphony Begins Classics Uncorked Series with Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody

BMO Private Bank sponsors 'light classics' series for third year in a row

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | Aug. 26, 2014 — Come Friday, Sept., 5, the Kansas City Symphony invites everyone to “do the Fandango” orchestra-style as it kicks off its Classics Uncorked Series with a concert dedicated to all things Bohemian, including an arrangement of Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

Associate Conductor Aram Demirjian again takes the podium to lead these less-formal, shorter, and themed concerts that include talking from the Helzberg Hall stage at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Afterward, concertgoers receive a free glass of wine or champagne plus a chance to socialize with Symphony musicians.

Demirjian says the Classics Uncorked Series, in its third season sponsored by BMO Private Bank, brings music to life in so many different ways beyond performing.

“We talk about the music, provide demonstrations that act as musical roadmap, animate the music with colorful lighting and even include some audience participation!” he says.

The Series continues with three additional performances for the 2014-15 season:

[Classics Uncorked: Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland](#)

7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10

[Classics Uncorked: Bach to the Future](#)

7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015

[Classics Uncorked: From Russia with Love](#)

7 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015

All tickets for Classics Uncorked concerts are \$25 and each ticket includes a glass of wine or champagne after the concert where concertgoers can socialize with Symphony musicians in the Brandmeyer Great Hall lobby of the Kauffman Center. To purchase, call the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400 or select seats online at 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 nearly 100 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 four recordings on the Reference Recording label — *Shakespeare's Tempest*, the Grammy®-winning *Britten's Orchestra*, an Elgar/Vaughan Williams project and most recently, *Miraculous Metamorphoses*, which highlights composers Hindemith, Prokofiev and Bartók. Additionally, a Saint-Saëns album and an Adam Schoenberg album are slated 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.



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