



Kansas City Symphony announces its 2022/23 Season *Filled with passionate performances of exciting music with exceptional guests*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | March 4, 2022 — The Kansas City Symphony has announced its Classical, Pops and Family Series concerts for the upcoming 2022/23 season, in addition to holiday concerts, special performances and film + live orchestra productions. This new season begins in September 2022 and season tickets are on sale now.

“The 2022/23 season promises to be revelatory in many ways” says Music Director Michael Stern. “We are making the case for music and the arts in our community as fervently as ever. This new season welcomes the new and explores innovative paths as we look together toward the future, and it celebrates the best of what our KC Symphony has come to mean for our city and audiences.”

CLASSICAL SERIES *From as little as \$24 per concert!*

Repertoire highlights include Holst’s “The Planets” and George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue;” Strauss’ “Alpine Symphony,” both Respighi’s “Fountains of Rome” and “Pines of Rome” on one concert program, and masterworks of Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, Ravel, Beethoven and many others.

New music is in the spotlight, as the Symphony is pleased to present Billy Childs’ Saxophone Concerto (a KC Symphony co-commission) and Jessie Montgomery’s “Five Freedom Songs” along with contemporary pieces by Mason Bates, James Lee III, Iman Habibi and Carlos Simon.

The Symphony welcomes nine accomplished guest conductors, appearing on our Classical Series: Teddy Abrams, Francesco Lecce-Chong, Kevin John Edusei, Domingo Hindoyan, Valentina Peleggi, Matthias Pintscher, Ruth Reinhardt, Aziz Shokhakimov and Thomas Wilkins.

Classical Series guest soloists include violinists Gil Shaham, Jennifer Koh, Geneva Lewis and KC’s Maria Ioudenitch; pianists Emanuel Ax, George Li and Ray Ushikubo plus KC’s Behzod Abduraimov and Kenny Broberg; saxophonist Steven Banks, soprano Julia Bullock, and the Symphony’s percussionist Josh Jones as a featured performer.

The Kansas City Symphony Chorus shines in two spectacular concert programs. In addition, the Women of the Symphony Chorus join us for an out of this world performance of Holst’s “The Planets.”

POPS SERIES *From as little as \$36 per concert!*

Downtown, Uptown and Motown! Your KC Symphony offers four fun, memorable concerts in our Pops Series, and the opportunity to add a fifth concert to your season package: a night with the one and only Kenny G!

Broadway’s Leading Men welcomes the Heartland Men’s Chorus back to our stage for sizzling showstoppers.

Uptown Nights takes us back to the days of The Cotton Club and The Savoy in Harlem's heyday.

Respect: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin relives the best songs and performances by the Queen of Soul.

The Music of Richard Rodgers honors the gigantic career and songbook of a titan composer.

Want more concerts in your Pops Series package? **Kenny G** makes a lively return to your KC Symphony. He will capture you and carry you away with his music, engaging performance and gigantic personality.

FAMILY SERIES *Child subscriptions only \$10 with each paid adult subscription!*

We have curated four fun and educational concert experiences, sure to inspire and mesmerize the young people in your life – young in age or young at heart.

Magic Circle Mimes teach about the orchestra and the art of listening with familiar classics and comedy.

Christmas Festival returns with carols and holiday songs you know and love, plus an early visit from Santa!

Philharmonia Fantastique is an animated film that flies through the orchestra with creativity and technology.

Symphony's Wild Adventure spotlights creatures from the Kansas City Zoo using musical families and video.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS (add-on to your season subscription order now for the best available seats)

The holiday tradition continues at the KC Symphony, with beloved favorites such as Handel's "Messiah" and Christmas Festival, a Christmas movie and a doo-woppin' fun-filled December evening!

The Doo Wop Project Christmas rings in the season with Broadway stars, yuletide tunes and songs of Doo Wop legends – from The Del Vikings, The Belmonts, Smokey Robinson, Frankie Valli and more.

Handel's "Messiah" is a holiday tradition, presented with the glorious KC Symphony Chorus and some of America's leading soloists – all in one of the world's best concert venues.

Christmas Festival is chock-full of holiday songs, sing-alongs and the Symphony Chorus with special guests.

Elf in Concert/Film + Live Orchestra has Buddy (Will Ferrell) transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised by elves, then roaming the streets of New York City. What could go wrong?

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (add-on to your season subscription order now for the best available seats)

Film + Live Orchestra concerts and some of the most creative artists of our generation are presented with your immensely-talented KC Symphony musicians, guaranteeing many nights of good times and great music.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince in Concert/Film + Live Orchestra finds Harry obsessed with a magic potions book. See the entire movie with your KC Symphony performing the soundtrack live.

The Violent Femmes bring their retro punk-rock staples to KC, from "Blister in the Sun" to "Gone Daddy Gone."

Rufus Wainwright is a genuine original. From lush to gritty, Rufus will take you on an emotional journey.

Marvel Studios' Black Panther in Concert/Film + Live Orchestra takes you on a beautiful, eye-opening adventure as T'Challa becomes king and battles Killmonger.

The Indigo Girls are back with captivating folk-rock favorites like "Closer to Fine" and "Galileo."

The Princess Bride in Concert/Film + Live Orchestra features fencing, fighting, giants, monsters, true love and miracles. An all-star cast and Mark Knopfler's score will ensure you have fun "stormin' the castle!"

WHY SUBSCRIBE?

- Receive the lowest per concert price and access to the best available seats.
- Can't attend a concert? Exchange your tickets for FREE into another KC Symphony performance.
- Reserve your parking in the Arts District Garage in advance.
- Secure tickets before the general public and at a discount for high-demand Symphony concerts.
- Receive the Performing Arts Card to save up to 50% on KC's best performing arts presentations.
- Access to the vast 1 million-song Naxos Online Music Library.

HOW TO RENEW OR SUBSCRIBE NOW

Current KC Symphony subscribers have until Friday, April 1 to renew or upgrade their current seats. To renew online, simply visit kcsymphony.org and start by logging in to your account.

We are welcoming new season ticket holders, as well. If you are not a current Symphony subscriber, now is the time to join us! New orders will be prioritized by order date, which means the earlier you subscribe, the better your seats will be. You may order online now by visiting kcsymphony.org. If you already have a Symphony account, be sure to log in first before selecting your season package. It's also a great time to add-on any holiday and special concerts when you subscribe. You'll receive access to the best available seats before they are made available to the public, plus take \$5 off each adult ticket you add-on, and save money on fees.

To view the Symphony's flip-through season brochure, concert package options, pricing and more, visit kcsymphony.org.

For the best service, please call the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400, Monday-Friday, 10AM-5PM. Our wonderful and knowledgeable staff is eager to answer your subscription questions and help guide you to seats you'll love.

We look forward to welcoming you for another Symphony season full of cherished music, inspired performances and a live music experience like no other.

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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 Symphony performs more than 130 concerts each year, reaching more than 250,000 community members. The Symphony 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. The Mobile Music Box, a popup stage created by the Symphony during the COVID-19 pandemic, reaches thousands of audience members each season with dozens of chamber music concerts throughout the Kansas City metro area.

The Symphony has released nine highly praised CDs to date with Reference Recordings. The latest release features one-movement symphonies by Samuel Barber, Jean Sibelius and Alexander Scriabin. The Symphony and Michael Stern also have recorded for the Naxos label. Kansas City's new classical music radio station, 91.9 ClassicalKC, broadcasts Kansas City Symphony performances each week. For more information on the Symphony, please visit kcsymphony.org.