



## **Kansas City Symphony announces the return of Bank of America Celebration at the Station** *With seating and fireworks on the grounds of Union Station Kansas City and the National WWI Museum and Memorial*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** | April 5, 2022 — The Kansas City Symphony is excited to announce the return of *Bank of America Celebration at the Station*. The Symphony's free concert event takes place Sunday, May 29, 2022 on the grounds of Union Station Kansas City and the National World War I Museum and Memorial – both near Pershing Road and Main Street, just south of Downtown Kansas City, Mo. The event returns after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event site will open at 5 p.m. and includes food trucks, live pre-concert entertainment on the main stage, plus various vendors and booths in the Honeywell Veterans Place. A patriotic concert presented by the Kansas City Symphony and conducted by Music Director Michael Stern begins at 8 p.m. followed by Kansas City's largest fireworks display, sponsored by Humana.

### Highlights of the 2022 *Bank of America Celebration at the Station* concert event include:

- A theme of *unity* that reflects one of America's defining characteristics – the ability to come together during and after times of struggle and to collectively honor those who have served.
- This year's performance will feature Kansas City's own Oleta Adams, singing some of her best-known hits and patriotic favorites.
- The Kansas City Symphony is privileged to again partner with Union Station and the National WWI Museum and Memorial, who each will have their own Memorial Day Weekend activities and special exhibitions within their venues.

The Symphony's Executive Director Danny Beckley talks about the significant return of Bank of America Celebration at the Station. "We are overjoyed to bring Kansas City's favorite event back for 2022. After what we have all endured over these years, it will be incredibly meaningful to gather together to celebrate our country and honor those who have given their all for it."

Parking for the event is available in multiple surface lots and garages around the event site, including Union Station's West Yards garage. Attendees may also park anywhere along Downtown KC's streetcar route and ride the streetcar directly to Union Station.

We thank Kansas City PBS for once again broadcasting the concert live on KCPT Channel 19.1, and re-broadcasting the concert many times afterward.

For the latest event information, be sure to visit [CelebrationAtTheStation.org](http://CelebrationAtTheStation.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 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](http://kcsymphony.org).