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**CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
ANNOUNCES 2016-17 SEASON  
MUSIC DIRECTOR KATE TAMARKIN'S FINAL SEASON  
AND INTRODUCTION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR FINALISTS**

CHARLOTTESVILLE – The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia announces its 2016-17 season, marking Kate Tamarkin's final season as Music Director prior to her retirement. Conducting her first full season in Charlottesville in 2006-07, Tamarkin followed former Music Directors Joel Lazar, Douglas Hargrave and Carl Roskott.

Benjamin Rous, Adam Boyles and Cheung Chau have been selected as finalists for the Music Director position. Each will conduct a pair of Saturday-Sunday Masterworks Concerts in November, February and March. Their programs will be bookended by Kate Tamarkin's Season Opening and Farewell Concerts.

Musical highlights of the season include Rimsky Korsakov's dazzling *Scheherazade*, featuring the orchestra's Concertmaster, Daniel Sender, as the storyteller who enchants the Sultan with 1001 tales of The Arabian Nights; Ravel's *Bolero*, known to fans of the American romantic comedy film "10" starring Bo Derek, Dudley Moore and Julie Andrews; Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, the "Pathetique"; Elgar's magisterial Enigma Variations; Wagner's Prelude to *Die Meistersinger*; and Stravinsky's exotic *Firebird* Suite.

Israeli-born pianist Tomer Gewirtzman will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 in November. Bella Hristova will play the Violin Concerto in D minor by Jean Sibelius in February. Cellist Cicely Parnas solos with the orchestra in Schumann's Cello Concerto in A minor in March. And Anne-Marie McDermott returns to Charlottesville next April for a final collaboration with Kate Tamarkin in Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto.

In addition to five pairs of Masterworks concerts, Family Holiday Concerts - presented in partnership with the UVA University Singers under the direction of Michael Slon - welcome in the holiday season with a gift-wrapped program of cherished carols, new arrangements and audience merriment.

For those who want to "Know the Score," pre-concert lectures will be presented 45 minutes prior to each Saturday night concert. Free of charge, these popular lectures by UVA McIntire Department of Music Associate Professor Richard Will offer a lively and informative behind-the-scenes look at classical music.

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In-depth program notes are posted on the orchestra's website, [www.cvillesymphony.org](http://www.cvillesymphony.org) two weeks prior to each Masterworks concert.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Free parking is available in the UVA Central Grounds Parking Garage, located on Emmet Street, on Saturday nights and at Charlottesville High School on Sunday afternoons. The Charlottesville Free Trolley stops at McCormick Road near the UVA Amphitheater, in close proximity to Old Cabell Hall. Both venues are wheelchair accessible.

Season tickets are on sale now for as little as \$18 per concert. Subscribers get the best seats at the best prices plus VIP customer service, free lost ticket replacement and unlimited ticket exchanges. To purchase a subscription by phone or to request a 2016-17 season brochure, please call 434-924-3139. Subscription orders are also accepted in person at the orchestra's office located at 801 West Main Street, Suite 201, Charlottesville, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00pm.

Single tickets for all concerts go on sale August 29 and are priced at \$10-\$45 for adults, and \$10 for students. UVA students may request one complimentary ticket in advance. Single tickets may be purchased at The University of Virginia Arts Box Office, (434) 924-3376, 12:00-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday in the lobby of the Drama Building at 109 Culbreth Road, or online at [www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu](http://www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu).

All University of Virginia employees (all faculty and staff of all UVA departments and professional schools) are entitled to a 20% discount on tickets to individual performances. This offer does not apply to subscriptions, the December Family Holiday concerts or previously purchased tickets.

### **THE CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

Kate Tamarkin, Music Director

**2016-17 Season at Old Cabell Hall and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

#### **SEASON OPENING**

**Saturday, September 23, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, September 25, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

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CHARLES TOMLINSON GRIFFES – The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan, Op. 8  
DAN WELCHER – Prairie Light: Three Texas Water Colors of Georgia O’Keeffe  
NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV – Scheherazade, Op. 35

*Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Vice Provost for the Arts at the University of Virginia*

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR FINALIST: BENJAMIN ROUS**

**Saturday, November 19, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, November 20, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

GYORGY LIGETI – Concert Românesc (Romanian Concerto)

WOLFGANG AMADE MOZART – Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K. 491  
Tomer Gewirtzman, *Piano*

CLAUDE DEBUSSY – Prélude à “L’après-midi d’un faune” (Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun)

IGOR STRAVINSKY – The Firebird: Suite (1919 version)

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR FINALIST: ADAM BOYLES**

**Saturday, February 18, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, February 19, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

JEAN SIBELIUS – Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47  
Bella Hristova, *Violin*

CARL NIELSEN – Symphony No. 4, Op. 29 “The Inextinguishable”

*The February 18 performance is sponsored by McGuireWoods LLC.*

*Bella Hristova’s appearance is underwritten by the Angus Macaulay Visiting Artists Fund.*

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR FINALIST: CHEUNG CHAU**

**Saturday, March 25, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, March 26, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

MAURICE RAVEL – Bolero

ROBERT SCHUMANN – Cello Concerto in A minor, Op. 129  
Cicely Parnas, *Cello*

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY – Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74 “Pathétique”

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**KATE TAMARKIN: THE FAREWELL CONCERTS**

**Saturday, April 22, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, April 23, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

RICHARD WAGNER – Prelude to *Die Meistersinger*, WWV 96

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN – Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58  
Anne-Marie McDermott, *Piano*

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AND (available separately)

**Family Holiday Concerts**

with the UVA University Singers, Michael Slon, Conductor

**Saturday, December 3, 8:00 pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, December 4, 3:30 pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

Program to be announced; recommended for children five years of age and older

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**All artists, programs and venues are subject to change.**

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