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**CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
TO PERFORM MASTERWORKS CONCERTS**

CHARLOTTESVILLE – The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia continues its 2017-18 season with concerts on Saturday, February 17, 8:00pm, at Old Cabell Hall on the Grounds of the University of Virginia and Sunday, February 18, 3:30pm, at Monticello High School.

The orchestra will return to its regular Sunday venue, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School on March 25 and April 29.

Music Director Benjamin Rous conducts the program that includes *Ricercar* by Michigan-born composer Nathan Shields; Franz Joseph Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E-flat Major with trumpet soloist Rachel Duncan; and Johannes Brahms' sunny and buoyant Symphony No. 2 in D Major.

Rachel Duncan is a Lecturer in Trumpet at the University of Virginia and Principal Trumpet with the Charlottesville Symphony. She has performed as guest Principal Trumpet with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Peoria Symphony Orchestra and Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. Devoted to chamber music as well, Duncan is a founding member of *New Chicago Brass* and has played with Seraph Brass, a brass quintet comprising America's top female brass players.

The orchestra's 2017-18 season is supported in part by a major grant from the Joseph and Robert Cornell Memorial Foundation. The November concerts are sponsored by the law firm of McGuireWoods. Rachel Duncan's appearance is underwritten by the Angus Macaulay Visiting Artists Fund.

For those who want to "Know the Score," pre-concert lectures are presented 45 minutes prior to each Saturday night concert at nearby Minor Hall. 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.

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.

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

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Season tickets to the remaining three performances are available for as little as \$54.00. 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 2017-18 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 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Single tickets are also on sale for all concerts, 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, 12:00-5:00pm, 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 (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.

## **UPCOMING CONCERT INFORMATION**

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

Benjamin Rous, Music Director

Kate Tamarkin, Music Director Laureate

**2017-18 Season at Old Cabell Hall, Monticello High School and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

#### **RHAPSODY ON A THEME OF PAGANINI**

**GUEST CONDUCTOR: LAURA JACKSON**

**Saturday, March 24, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

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

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY – Suite from *Swan Lake*, Op. 20a

SERGEI RACHMANINOV – Variations on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43

Clara Yang, *Piano*

CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS – Rainbow Body

AARON COPLAND – *Billy the Kid* Suite

*Sponsored by Vesta Gordon*

*Clara Yang's appearance is underwritten by the Angus Macaulay Visiting Artists Fund.*

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**THE PLANETS**

**Saturday, April 28, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds**

**Sunday, April 29, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School**

KAIJA SAARIAHO – Orion

GUSTAV HOLST – The Planets, Op. 32

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

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