

CHARLOTTESVILLE  
**SYMPHONY**

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

To: Music Teachers, Elementary School Principals, and Parent Coordinators  
*Charlottesville City Schools; Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson,  
Madison, Greene, Orange County Schools, other regional school districts;  
Area Private Schools; Area Home-School Groups*

From: Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, Charlottesville Symphony

Date: August 16, 2019

Re: INVITATION TO ANNUAL YOUTH CONCERT

## Riding the Sound Waves

Welcome back to school!  
The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia  
Invites fourth and fifth grade students to attend its  
**Annual Youth Concerts**  
Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Old Cabell Hall, University of Virginia  
10:00AM and 11:30AM  
*Conductor and Narrator: Benjamin Rous*

Sound waves travel through the air similar to the way that energy travels through bodies of water, creating waves like those we see at the ocean. Unlike ocean waves, sound waves are invisible. How do they travel? How do they make a violin, a trumpet, a clarinet and a drum sound different from each other? Is it the size and shape of the instruments? Is it the materials they're made of? Could it be the way they're played? Explore the science of sound with the Charlottesville Symphony and Music Director Benjamin Rous. Meet the families of orchestral instruments. And hear what happens when sound waves converge in the music of Paul Dukas, Mikhail Glinka, John Philip Sousa, Charles Ives, Leroy Anderson and Igor Stravinsky on Thursday, October 17, 2019 in UVA's historic Old Cabell Hall.

Once again, the Charlottesville Symphony Youth Concerts are FREE. Funding is provided by Annual Fund Donors to the Charlottesville Symphony Society, the McIntire Department of Music at the University of Virginia, and the Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown Endowment Fund, whose support is gratefully acknowledged.

**Program (excerpts from the following works):**

Paul Dukas, Fanfare from *La Péri*  
Georges Bizet, *Carmen* "March of the Toreadors"  
John Philip Sousa, *The Thunderer*  
Charles Ives, *Country Band March, S.36*  
Leroy Anderson, *Sandpaper Ballet*  
Igor Stravinsky, "Berceuse & Finale" from *The Firebird*  
John Williams, "Imperial March" from *Star Wars*

**Who is eligible to attend:**

Fifth graders from the Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson, Madison, Greene, Orange and other regional City/County Schools, and fourth graders from the Charlottesville City Schools are invited to attend. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome fourth and fifth grade students from private schools or who are home-schooled in the Charlottesville area. **Due to space limitations, we ask each school to limit to one grade level only.** Grade-combined classes, please contact us for special instructions. For home-schooled families, siblings are welcome, however no one under age five will be admitted. All students must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Charlottesville Symphony's Youth Concerts are designed to aid recruitment for local band and orchestra programs by targeting students the year before they begin studying band and orchestra instruments at school. By inviting students to our concerts in the academic year just before they start a school instrumental music program, we help them make more informed decisions about which instrument they will choose to play.

**Reservations Procedure and Deadline:**

We will offer two performances on **Thursday, October 17, 2019**, at **10:00AM** and at **11:30AM**. Advance reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis through Friday, September 20, 2018. To reserve seats, please email [jk3xa@virginia.edu](mailto:jk3xa@virginia.edu) with all of the following information. **Incomplete reservations will not be accepted.**

- ❖ your name
- ❖ your school's name or home-school group's name
- ❖ the total number of students who will attend from your school
- ❖ the total number of chaperones who will attend from your school (chaperone number should be separate from the above-requested student number)
- ❖ the grade level of the students attending (please see who is eligible to attend as described above)
- ❖ your contact information, including your daytime phone number and email address
- ❖ your preferred concert time and whether or not your school can attend the other concert
- ❖ how you will travel to the concert (car or bus)
- ❖ if you will travel by bus, how many buses will bring your students to the concert

SPECIAL NOTE: Reservations for the Charlottesville City Schools have already been made through Arts Coordinator Aaron Eichorst. All Charlottesville City School students will attend the 10:00AM performance on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT: We generally have a waiting list of over 300 people each year. Any group that reserves a large number of seats that go unused during 2019 will receive lower priority when making reservations in 2020.**

#### **Preparatory Materials and Activities:**

We will supply the music teacher at each school (or parent coordinator for home-schooled groups) with an age-appropriate study guide for each student. A pdf copy of the program booklet will also be posted on our website. The guides offer information about the orchestra and the music that will be performed in the concert. We have also posted on our website some YouTube links for each piece that will be performed. Please visit our website, open the document containing the links and enjoy listening. A list of suggested activities to help you fulfill a number of the Virginia state-mandated SOLs will be posted on the orchestra's website: [http://www.cvillesymphony.org/index.php/education/youth\\_concerts](http://www.cvillesymphony.org/index.php/education/youth_concerts). Please use all of these materials to prepare your students in advance of the performance.

#### **Logistical Information:**

Logistical information, including seating charts, directions, maps, bus drop-off, and parking information will be posted on the orchestra's website:

<http://cvillesymphony.org/education-community/youth-concerts/>

**Please read this information carefully as it outlines important University of Virginia Policies:**

- 1) The University of Virginia does not permit picnics on the Lawn following the Youth Concerts.**
- 2) Lunches cannot be brought into Old Cabell Hall by order of the Fire Marshall.**
- 3) Please follow the required traffic pattern posted in documents on our website.** Buses must unload along the EAST side of McCormick Road, which faces the Lawn and Range; for the children's safety, buses may NOT drop off students along the opposite side of the street. Any buses traveling the wrong direction on McCormick will be required to turn around before unloading.
- 4) Buses must leave Grounds during each performance.** Buses may NOT wait along McCormick Road or anywhere else on-Grounds during either performance.

#### **Questions:**

Please direct questions to Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, at [education@cvillesymphony.org](mailto:education@cvillesymphony.org).

Thank you. We hope to see you on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>!