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CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAUNCHES 2022-23 CONCERT SEASON

WHEN & WHERE

Saturday, September 24, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall on the UVA Grounds

Sunday, September 25, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

TICKETS

\$10 - \$45 (Saturday); \$20 - \$45 (Sunday)

\$10 student tickets; 20% discount for UVA Faculty/Staff; 1 free ticket available for UVA students who reserve in advance

Online: <http://artsboxoffice.virginia.edu>

Phone: (434) 924-3376

In Person: UVA Arts Box Office, UVA Drama Building, 109 Culbreth Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903;
Tuesday-Friday, noon-5pm

CHARLOTTESVILLE – The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia opens its 48th season on Saturday, September 24, 8:00pm, at Old Cabell Hall on the Grounds of the University of Virginia and Sunday, September 25, 3:30pm, at Charlottesville High School’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center.

As Music Director Benjamin Rous planned the return of the full orchestra to the stage for a full season of concerts after three seasons of COVID-related disruptions, he notes, “As we emerge from the pandemic, my thoughts turn to the feeling of coming together, and the urgent need to cherish some much-beloved music. The coming season features three of the most famous symphonies in the repertoire, including Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony and Dvořák’s New World Symphony. Opening Night also offers some smaller scale, but equally precious gems by Saint-Saëns, Brahms and Schubert. Although we’ve scheduled more blockbusters than usual, there are also two brand new finds that I can’t wait to share with our musical family. I come to this season with a fresh sense of joy, and I each weekend is going to bring the grandeur and beauty that we’ve come to expect from the players of the Charlottesville Symphony.”

The September program includes something for every musical taste. Franz Schubert's *Rosamunde Overture* gives no clue to the long-forgotten plot of *Rosamunde, Princess of Cyprus* – but remains a charming standard in the orchestral repertoire.

Elizabeth Roberts, the orchestra's Principal Bassoon, is the soloist in Johann Hummel's Bassoon Concerto in F Major. Hummel was a child prodigy and a young pupil of Mozart in Vienna. Charm prevails over grandeur in this seldom-heard work.

Sinfonia (for Orbiting Spheres) is one of American composer Missy Mazzoli's signature works. She describes it as "music in the shape of a solar system...a collection of small loops of material that combine to form bigger loops of material" – all meant to illustrate the elliptical motion of planets in their orbit. Ten harmonicas join the orchestra on this cosmic journey.

Benjamin Rous has selected three – Nos. 6, 14 and 5 from a set of Johannes Brahms' 21 Hungarian Dances, lively and jubilant dances based mostly on Hungarian folk music. This diverse program ends with the "Bacchanale" from French composer Camille Saint-Saëns opera *Samson and Delilah*. Bacchus was the mythological god of wine and fertility. Following the biblical story, Delilah dances a wild and percussion-driven showpiece to taunt Samson, resulting in his destruction of the Philistine temple.

In-depth program notes by Program Annotator Laurie Shulman are posted on the orchestra's website, www.cvillesymphony.org, two weeks prior to each Masterworks concert.

Currently, wearing masks is optional at both Old Cabell Hall and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center.

Free parking is available in the UVA Central Grounds Parking Garage, located on Emmet Street South on Saturday nights and at Charlottesville High School's Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center 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.

Single tickets are \$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, Tuesday through Friday in the lobby of the UVA Drama Building at 109 Culbreth Road, or online at 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.

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REMAINING 2022-23 CONCERTS INFORMATION

SONGS OF DESTINY

Friday, November 11, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds

Sunday, November 13, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

NOTE: Friday is the correct day, avoiding the UVA home football game on Saturday, November 12.

ARVO PÄRT – Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten

ARVO PÄRT – Da Pacem Domine with the UVA University Singers

JOHANNES BRAHMS – Schicksalslied with the UVA University Singers

JOHANNES BRAHMS – Symphony No. 3 in F Major

FORCES OF NATURE

Saturday, February 11, 8:00pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds

Sunday, February 12, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN – Symphony No. 6 (“Pastoral”)

ANNA THORVALDSDÓTTIR - Metacosmos

MAURICE RAVEL – Alborada del gracioso

NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

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

Sunday, March 19, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

Paul Ghun Kim, *Guest Conductor*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN – Violin Concerto in D Major, Brendon Elliott, *Violin*

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK – Symphony No. 9 (“From the New World”)

DAZZLING DANCES

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

Sunday, April 23, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

CHRISTOPHER ROUSE – Flute Concerto with Kelly Sulick, *Flute*

JOHANN STRAUSS II – Accelerationen; Banditen-Galopp; Frühlingsstimmen; Éljen a Magyar!

NICOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV – Capriccio Espagnol

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FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERTS

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

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

Holiday favorites with the UVA University Singers
Conducted by Michael Slon

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