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CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



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# THE CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY AND THE UVA UNIVERSITY SINGERS PRESENT JOLLY AND JOYOUS FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERTS!

#### WHEN & WHERE

Saturday, December 2, 7:30pm, Old Cabell Hall on the UVA Grounds Sunday, December 3, 3:30pm, Old Cabell Hall on the UVA Grounds

## **TICKETS**

\$11 - \$48 (Saturday); \$11 - \$48 (Sunday)

\$11 student tickets; 1 free ticket available for UVA students who reserve in advance

Online: <a href="http://artsboxoffice.virginia.edu">http://artsboxoffice.virginia.edu</a>

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 and the UVA University Singers join forces for their annual Family Holiday Concerts on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 3, at 3:30pm. Michael Slon, director of UVA's premiere vocal ensemble and music director of the Oratorio Society of Virginia, will conduct both performances at Old Cabell Hall on the Grounds of the University of Virginia.

Through the years, these concerts have become an eagerly awaited holiday tradition. This year's program is brimming with festive favorites for concertgoers young and old: "Carol of the Bells", Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride", "Let It Snow", excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, "Jingle Bells" and "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah*.

The always popular "Twelve Days of Christmas" with hilarious audience participation returns. UVA voice instructor and jazz vocalist Stephanie Nakasian performs "Christmas Time is Here" from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and "Where Are You Christmas" from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. And the University Singers will offer several *a cappella* selections including "O magnum mysterium" by Pulitzer Prizewinning composer Jennifer Higdon.

The Charlottesville Symphony's 2023-24 concert season is made possible by a major grant from the Joseph and Robert Cornell Memorial Foundation.

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Free parking is available in the UVA Central Grounds Parking Garage, located on Emmet Street South. The Charlottesville Free Trolley stops at McCormick Road near the UVA Amphitheater, in close proximity to Old Cabell Hall, which is wheelchair accessible.

Tickets are \$20-\$48 for adults and \$11 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 <a href="https://www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu">www.artsboxoffice.virginia.edu</a>.

#### REMAINING 2023-24 CHARLOTTESVILLE SYMPHONY CONCERTS INFORMATION

## SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE

Saturday, February 10, 7:30pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds Sunday, February 11, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

Ken Lam, Guest Conductor

CLAUDE DEBUSSY — *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*JOHANN GEORG ALBRECHTSBERGER — Concerto for Alto Trombone with Nathaniel Lee, *Trombone*HECTOR BERLIOZ — *Symphonie fantastique* 

## **MOZART AND SHOSTAKOVICH**

Saturday, March 16, 7:30pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds Sunday, March 17, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

WOLFGANG AMADÈ MOZART – Overture to *Don Giovanni* UVA Concerto Competition Winner – TBA DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH – Symphony No. 9 in E-flat Major

# ACADEMIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 20, 7:30pm, Old Cabell Hall, UVA Grounds Sunday, April 21, 3:30pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center

LEONARD BERNSTEIN – Overture to West Side Story
JOHN D'EARTH – Concerto for Jazz Quintet and Orchestra
NICOLE MITCHELL – Flight for Freedom
MATTHEW BURTNER – Threnody
JOVIA ARMSTRONG – "Creation", "Embryo", "Birth"
RAVEL – Boléro

Artists, programs and venues subject to change