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The Columbus Symphony Announces the 2017 Nationwide Picnic with the Pops and Popcorn Pops Concert Lineups

Tickets go on sale today

The Columbus Symphony today announced the 2017 season lineup for its two annual summer outdoor concert series—the Nationwide Picnic with the Pops and Popcorn Pops.

The schedule is as follows:

2017 NATIONWIDE PICNIC WITH THE POPS

All concerts are held at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion (160 S. High St.) in the Columbus Commons. Gates open at 6 pm. Concerts begin at 8 pm.

A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Prince

Saturday, June 17

Bob Bernhardt, conductor

Celebrate the life of American icon and music legend Prince as this tribute band—featuring former members of his New Power Generation—and the Columbus Symphony perform his biggest hits including “Purple Rain,” “When Doves Cry,” “U Got the Look,” “Raspberry Beret,” and more.

Beethoven’s 9th Symphony

Friday, June 23

Rossen Milanov, conductor

Columbus Symphony Chorus – Ronald Jenkins, chorus director

Helen Hassinger, soprano

Megan Quick, mezzo soprano

Jonas Hacker, tenor

David Crawford, bass baritone

Columbus Symphony Music Director Rossen Milanov leads the full orchestra, the 120-member Columbus Symphony Chorus, and a brilliant quartet of guest soloists in Beethoven’s uplifting Ninth Symphony which culminates with Ode to Joy, a heartening message of universal love and hope. Experience the most important and inspiring classical music in this new and groundbreaking way on the open stage this summer! Supported in part by The Columbus Performing Arts Prize of The Columbus Foundation.

Beethoven V. Coldplay

Saturday, June 24

Steve Hackman, conductor

Conductor, composer, arranger, producer, and songwriter Steve Hackman conducts his Beethoven V. Coldplay creation, a symphonic mash-up of Beethoven’s 3rd Symphony (“Eroica”) with songs from the British rock band Coldplay including “Paradise,” “The Scientist,” “Clocks,” “Fix You,” and “Viva la Vida.”

Patriotic Pops featuring Harmony Project

Saturday, July 1

Peter Stafford Wilson, conductor

The Harmony Project joins the Columbus Symphony's grand summer tradition celebrating the Fourth of July. Enjoy an evening of patriotic favorites and rousing Sousa marches, including "The Stars and Stripes Forever," topped off with a brilliant display of fireworks!

Remember When Rock Was Young

Saturday, July 8

John Devlin, conductor

Starring Craig A. Meyer as "Almost Elton John" and featuring music by The Rocket Band, this spectacular musical journey celebrates the decades of chart-topping hits of Sir Elton John including "Benny and the Jets", "Philadelphia Freedom," and "Crocodile Rock" to name a few.

A Symphonic Night of Hip Hop featuring Common

Saturday, July 15

Scott O'Neil, conductor

A Grammy, Oscar, and Golden Globe-winning rapper, actor, film producer, activist, and poet, Common joins the Columbus Symphony to perform music from his latest album, *Black America Again*, as well as some of his biggest hits.

Three Dog Night

Saturday, July 22

Stuart Chafetz & Larry Baird, conductors

Legendary music icons and Grammy-nominated rock band Three Dog Night will perform some of their Top 40 hits, such as "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)," "Joy to the World," "Black and White," "Shambala," and "One."

The Ohio State University Marching Band

Friday & Saturday, July 28 & 29

Sarah Hicks & Dr. Christopher Hoch, conductors

Don the scarlet and gray and celebrate the coming season's gridiron clash with the Columbus Symphony and "The Pride of the Buckeyes." Don't miss the biggest tailgate party of the year with "The Best Damn Band in the Land" and fireworks!

Lawn Seating

General admission lawn tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children aged 3-12. Children 2 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on the day of the show or in advance by phone at 614.469.0939, online at www.PicnicWithThePops.com or www.ticketmaster.com, or in person at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.). Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and/or chairs for lawn seating.

Table Seating

Tables of 8 or 10 are available for purchase, ranging from \$304-\$830 per table. Catering for the table is available at the discretion of the purchaser. For more information or to purchase a table, call 614.469.0939.

Single table seats are also available and can be purchased in any quantity. Prices range from \$40-\$85 per seat, and catering is not available. Single table seats can be purchased by phone at 614.469.0939, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or in person at the CAPA Ticket Center.

Food & Beverage Policy

Patrons may bring their own food and beverages or purchase from on-site vendors. For Picnic concerts only, patrons are permitted to bring their own beer and wine on-site.

Group Discount

A group discount is available for parties of 15 or more. Call 614-469-0939 (ext. 2) for more information.

2017 NATIONWIDE POPCORN POPS

Sing, dance, and monkey around with the Columbus Symphony at two special family concerts recommended for children ages 3-12. Children will enjoy free popcorn and free pre-concert activities including face painting, art projects, playing with musical instruments, and the Columbus Commons Family Fun Zone with inflatables and open play activities.

All concerts are held at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion (160 S. High St.) in the Columbus Commons. Gates open at 5:30 pm. Pre-concert activities will be available from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Concerts begin at 7 pm and run for approximately one hour.

Patriotic Popcorn

Friday, June 30

Peter Stafford Wilson, conductor

We've Got Rhythm

Friday, July 21

Stuart Chafetz, conductor

Tickets go on sale today, and are \$10 for both children and adults. Children 2 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on the night of the show or by phone at 614.469.0939, online at www.PicnicWithThePops.com or www.ticketmaster.com, or in person at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.).

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The 2016-17 season is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. The CSO also appreciates the support of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973, and the Kenneth L. Coe and Jack Barrow, J. Allen and Ruth Maxwell Pyne, Janet Leonard Reading, and James W. Overstreet funds of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all its citizens.

About the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1951, the Columbus Symphony is the only full-time, professional symphony in central Ohio. Through an array of innovative artistic, educational, and community outreach programming, the Columbus Symphony is reaching an expanding, more diverse audience each year. This season, the Columbus Symphony will share classical music with more than 200,000 people in central Ohio through concerts, radio broadcasts, and special programming. For more information, visit www.columbussymphony.com.

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