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The Columbus Symphony's 2017 Nationwide Picnic with the Pops Begins June 17

The Columbus Symphony will kick off the 2017 Nationwide Picnic with the Pops with A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Prince, on Friday, June 17. This will be the 34th season for the series and the 6th season downtown at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion in the Columbus Commons.

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.

Location

All concerts in the Nationwide Picnic with the Pops concert series will be held at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion in the Columbus Commons (160 S. High St.) directly behind the Ohio Theatre.

Gates open at 6pm and will be located on the Rich, Third, and State Street sides of the park.

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.

Group Discount

A group discount is available for parties of 10 or more. Call 614.469.0939 for more information.

Will Call

Will Call tickets can be picked up at the gate on the Rich Street side of the park.

Parking

Parking is available at the Columbus Commons Main Parking Garage, located at 55 East Rich Street, just steps away from the park. Spaces are also available at the Columbus Commons Underground Garage at 191 South Third Street. Parking is \$5.

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/or wine on-site. Coolers are permitted but must be less than 2.5 feet in height.

Event Policy

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating but no tables. Pets, skateboards, solicitation or unauthorized sales, handbills, weapons, plastic tarps, tents, and use of stakes are not permitted. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. Flash cameras, cell phones, laser pointers, and/or video or audio recorders of any kind are not permitted during the performance.

Restrooms

Port-o-lets will be located in the southeast corner of the park at the corner of Third and Rich Streets.

Weather Policy

All concerts are rain or shine, and may start late if necessitated by inclement weather. Concerts will only be cancelled because of severe weather, and the decision will be made after 6pm on the day of the performance. Patrons can call 614.469.0939 (ext. 6) after 6pm on the day of the show for updates. If a concert is cancelled due to severe weather, tickets will be refunded at the point of purchase.

Bus Transportation

COTA buses will run their regularly scheduled routes to and from downtown. Patrons can get information on bus schedules and stops at www.cota.com.

Bicycle Parking

Bicycles can be locked up at bike racks throughout the park.

Safety

Medical personnel will be on-site for first aid needs. Columbus Police and other security staff will be on-site monitoring park activity.

Outside the park, Capital Crossroads' uniformed ambassadors can provide directions, information about downtown, and/or car escort services. For more information on Capital Crossroads services, please call 614.228.5718.

Accessibility

All gates are handicap accessible. Accessible restrooms and seating will be located in the northeast corner of the lawn seating area on the Third Street side of the park.

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All programs and artists are subject to change.

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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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