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**FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 25  
A WILD WEST THEME AND FEATURING FOURTH AUDITIONING CONDUCTOR  
JOSEPH YOUNG**

The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra will be having a Wild West themed concert on Saturday, February 25 featuring auditioning guest conductor Joseph Young from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The concert, entitled "The Wild Wild West", will feature classical and popular works that will make you feel like you are in cowboy country. Some of the pieces on the program include Aaron Copland's *Four Dance Episodes* from his famous ballet *Rodeo*, the theme from the hit TV show *Wild Wild West*, John William's *The Cowboys Overture*, Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, and many more! Audience goers are welcome to come dressed in their cowboy boots and hats if they so choose - but the symphony asks that they leave their horses parked outside.

A few selections on the program will also be performed side-by-side with students of the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra (FSYO). All 65 students, ages 13 to 18, will be seated next to a professional musician of the symphony so that they get to experience what playing in a professional orchestra is like. FSYO is currently directed and conducted by Dr. Larry Wells, Professor of Trumpet and Director of Instrumental Studies at Methodist University, as well as the second trumpet player in the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, with co-director Mr. Nate Leyland, Principal Cellist of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

Joseph Young will be the guest conductor for this concert. Young is the fourth of five auditioning candidates for the position of Music Director/Conductor for the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. This concert will be considered his "audition" for the position, and the audience will have the opportunity to give their feedback on what they thought of him as a potential leader of Cape Fear's own Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. Young is currently the Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony in Atlanta, GA, as well as the Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra.

A Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO "Music Nerd" and Joseph Young will begin at 6:45pm - a great opportunity to meet the guest conductor before the concert!

Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$24 for seniors and military, \$11 for students with a valid ID and children 6-18, and children 5 and under are free.

The presenting sponsor of this concert is Bryan Honda.

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