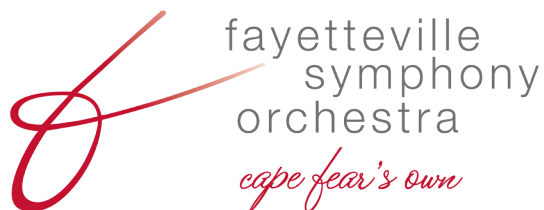


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**FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPENING SEASON CONCERT  
STILL ON FOR THIS SATURDAY, OCT 15 WITH GUEST CONDUCTOR  
ALFRED E. STURGIS**

Despite the effects of Hurricane Matthew, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra will still be performing their opening season concert this Saturday, October 15th at 7:30pm in Huff Concert Hall at Methodist University. The concert, titled “Fall Spooktacular!”, will feature both classical and popular works perfect for the Halloween season. Such works include: Bach’s Toccata & Fugue in D minor, Dukas’ The Sorcerer’s Apprentice (most famously known from Disney’s “Fantasia”), Harry Potter, Highlights from Wicked, the music from “Psycho”, and much more! This will be a great family-oriented activity, and people are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. If anything, this is the perfect reason to cure that cabin-fever and get out of the house to do something fun with family and friends!

Alfred E. Sturgis will be the guest conductor for this concert. Sturgis is the first 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 Sturgis as a potential leader of Cape Fear’s own Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. Sturgis is currently the conductor of the Tar River Orchestra, Carolina Ballet, and the North Carolina Master Chorale.

A Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO “Music Nerd” and Alfred Sturgis 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 Sandhills Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

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