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## **FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2016-2017 SEASON SCHEDULE**

The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra 2016-2017 season will officially begin on October 15. Celebrating their Diamond Jubilee as they enter their 60th year, this season will be unlike any before it as they search for a new Music Director/Conductor to lead the symphony for future seasons.

Five finalists have been chosen, and each will come to conduct one concert during the symphony's 2016-2017 season as a way to "audition" for the position. At the end of the season, a finalist will be chosen based on the feedback that has been given. Everyone has the chance to give feedback on each candidate, including the audience. The symphony is encouraging people to plan to come to as many concerts as possible so that they can see and meet each conductor competing to win the position, and ultimately decide if they would like them as the next Music Director/Conductor of Cape Fear's own Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

The entire season is listed below, and complete bios on each incoming conductor can be found on the symphony website.



### **Fall Spooktacular! - Saturday, October 15th, 2016 | 7:30pm**

*Huff Concert Hall, Methodist University*

#### **Al Sturgis, Guest Conductor**

Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO "Music Nerd" and Al Sturgis will begin at 6:45pm

It's Witches vs Sorcerers for this special Halloween program for the entire family led by Guest Conductor Al Sturgis, conductor of the Tar River Orchestra, Carolina Ballet, and the North Carolina Master Chorale. Come in your halloween costume as you enjoy an evening of spooktacular music, both classical and popular, all set to the stories of witches and sorcerers!



### **Czech It Out! - Saturday, November 19th, 2016 | 7:30pm**

*Seabrook Auditorium, Fayetteville State University*

#### **Stefan Sanders, Guest Conductor**

Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO "Music Nerd" and Stefan Sanders will begin at 6:45pm

With Guest Conductor Stefan Sanders, Associate Conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fayetteville Symphony will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 – a work that is cheery and lyrical, drawing its inspiration from the Bohemian folk music that Dvorak loved. This concert will also include a solo performance by FSO's own Scott Marosek on Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-flat Major.

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**Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland - Saturday, December 10th, 2016 | 7:30pm**

*Huff Concert Hall, Methodist University*

**Aram Demirjian, Guest Conductor**

Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO “Music Nerd” and Aram Demirjian will begin at 6:45pm  
Bring your family and celebrate the holiday season with the Fayetteville Symphony and Guest Conductor Aram Demirjian, Associate Conductor of the Kansas City Symphony, for an evening of traditional holiday music that will have you feeling like you’re waltzing in a winter wonderland!

**A Little Night Music - Thursday, January 12th, 2017 | 7:30pm**

*St. John’s Episcopal Church, Fayetteville*

The first chamber concert held at St. John’s Episcopal Church will feature our string musicians performing an enjoying night of music that includes Mozart’s Eine kleine Nachtmusik – a work that, to this day, is still one of the most well-known pieces of music ever composed.

**Handel: Water Music - Thursday, January 26th, 2017 | 7:30pm**

*St. John’s Episcopal Church, Fayetteville*

For the second chamber concert held at St. John’s Episcopal Church, musicians of the Fayetteville Symphony will perform Handel’s ever popular Water Music. Originally composed to be performed on the River Thames for King George I in 1717, this piece includes several well-known tunes that are a joy to listen to, and easy on the ear.



**The Wild Wild West - Saturday, February 25th, 2017 | 7:30pm**

*Huff Concert Hall, Methodist University*

**Joseph Young, Guest Conductor**

Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO “Music Nerd” and Joseph Young will begin at 6:45pm  
Giddy up! It’s Cowboy time! Join the Fayetteville Symphony and Guest Conductor Joseph Young, Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony and Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra Music Director, as they perform an evening filled with classical and popular works that depict the Wild West. And don’t forget your cowboy boots and hat!



**Heroes Among Us - Saturday, March 25th, 2017 | 7:30pm**

*Huff Concert Hall, Methodist University*

**Dina Gilbert, Guest Conductor**

Pre-Concert Talk with the FSO “Music Nerd” and Dina Gilbert will begin at 6:45pm  
To close out the season, the Fayetteville Symphony and Guest Conductor Dina Gilbert, Assistant Conductor of the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, will perform a concert dedicated to all military and civil servants – honoring all heroes among us. The concert will include classical and popular works dedicated to heroism, including Beethoven’s Symphony No. 3, “Eroica.”

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The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1956, is the longest standing performing arts agency in Fayetteville, NC. It is a professional, regional orchestra whose mission is to educate, entertain, and inspire the citizens of the Fayetteville, North Carolina region as the leading musical resource. Praised for its artistic excellence, the symphony leads in the cultural and educational landscape for Fayetteville and the southeastern North Carolina region.



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