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SPECIAL EVENT CONCERTS

The Music of
STAR WARS

FRI/SAT, NOV 10-11, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Wesley Schulz, conductor

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Star Wars universe, the Symphony dedicates a night to music composed by John Williams, including highlights from The Force Awakens.

THANKSGIVING EVE
The Polar Express
WED, NOV 22, 2017 | 3PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
David Glover, conductor
Scott MacLeod, baritone, narrator

Concert Sponsor: Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC
Paintings from the Caldecott Medal-winning book appear on a giant screen above the stage as a narrator and a chorus of children join the Symphony to bring this magical holiday tale to life. Come early to meet Santa and enjoy kid-friendly activities!

Tickets just $30!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
Home Alone
FRI, NOV 24, 2017 | 7:30PM
SAT, NOV 25, 2017 | 3PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
David Glover, conductor

Catch this comedy classic on the big screen—as the Symphony performs the charming and delightful score by John Williams live! Hilarious and heart-warming, Home Alone is holiday fun for all ages!
New Year’s Eve Celebration
SUN, DEC 31, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
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The North Carolina Symphony introduces a brand-new show to welcome 2018. Ring in the new year in style, with the unparalleled sound of a full symphony orchestra.

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An Evening of Rachmaninoff

FRI/SAT, SEP 22-23, 2017 | 8PM
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Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Natasha Paremski, piano

Rachmaninoff: The Rock
Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances

Beethoven & Rachmaninoff

FRI, SEP 29, 2017 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORIUM, PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES

SAT, SEP 30, 2017 | 7:30PM
WILSON CENTER, CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILMINGTON

David Glover, conductor
Micah McLaurin, piano

Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 “Pastoral”
Rachmaninoff: The Rock
Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

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Northern Lights

FRI, OCT 6, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

Grant Llewellyn, conductor

The heart of this evening of Finnish masterpieces is Sibelius’ breathtakingly beautiful Symphony No. 2, which he called “a confession of the soul.” Plus; For the first time in its history, NCS performs Sibelius’ tone poem En Saga, of which the composer wrote “in no other work have I revealed myself so completely.”

2017 Symphony Gala

SAT, OCT 7, 2017 | 6PM
See page 2 for details.

Classic Pops

WED, OCT 11, 2017 | 7:30PM
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, NEW BERN

THUR, OCT 12, 2017 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORIUM, PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES

FRI, OCT 13, 2017 | NOON & 8PM
SAT, OCT 14, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Scott MacLeod, baritone

Noon Concert Sponsor: The Forest at Duke

Timeless classics in the style of the acclaimed Boston Pops—hear the can-can and the Sabre Dance, plus songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein and much more!

Beethoven & Mendelssohn

FRI/SAT, OCT 20-21, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

MON, OCT 23, 2017 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL

Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Benjamin Beilman, violin

Monday Concert Sponsor: The Forest at Duke

Kilar: Orawa
Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto
Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 “Pastoral”
Pianist Simon Trpčeski performs Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1, one of the best-loved concertos in the repertoire. The program also includes Dvořák’s cheerful Symphony No. 8 and Kristin Kuster’s festive *MOXIE*.

**Mozart Requiem**

**THUR, NOV 16, 2017 | 7:30PM**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL, RALEIGH

**FRI/SAT, NOV 17-18, 2017 | 8PM**

MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

**SUN, NOV 19, 2017 | 7:30PM**

MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL

Douglas Boyd conducts the North Carolina Symphony, guest soloists, and the North Carolina Master Chorale in Mozart’s storied final work, the deeply affecting Requiem—plus, hear the beautiful and evocative “Pastoral” Symphony of Vaughan Williams.

**The Music of STAR WARS**

**THUR, NOV 9, 2017 | 7:30PM**

WILSON CENTER, CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILMINGTON

**FRI/SAT, NOV 10-11, 2017 | 8PM**

MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

Wesley Schulz, conductor

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the *Star Wars* universe, the Symphony dedicates a night to the music of John Williams—the most Oscar-nominated composer of all time—including highlights from *The Force Awakens*.

**Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1**

**FRI, NOV 3, 2017 | NOON & 8PM**

SAT, NOV 4, 2017 | 8PM

MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

Marcelo Lehninger, conductor

Simon Trpčeski, piano

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Tickets just $27!

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Baroque Masters
FRI, DEC 1, 2017 | NOON & 8PM
SAT, DEC 2, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
North Carolina Master Chorale
Christopher Caudill, horn*
Rachel Niketopoulos, horn*
Noon Concert Sponsor: The Cypress of Raleigh
Hear selections from Bach’s Christmas Oratorio, Christmas Cantatas, and Brandenburg Concerto No. 1—plus, Vivaldi’s Concerto for Two Horns* will be performed on natural horns.
*evening performances only

A Classic Holiday Pops
THUR, DEC 7, 2017 | 7:00PM
JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE
TUES, DEC 12, 2017 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
WED, DEC 13, 2017 | 7PM
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, NEW BERN
WED, DEC 20, 2017 | 7:30PM
WILSON CENTER, CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILMINGTON
THUR, DEC 21, 2017 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORIUM, PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES
David Glover, conductor
Join the North Carolina Symphony for this spectacular holiday celebration filled with joyful symphonic arrangements of Christmas classics and beloved holiday melodies.
Holidays with the North Carolina Symphony

Christmas with the Callaway Sisters
FRI, DEC 15, 2017 | 8PM
SAT, DEC 16, 2017 | 3PM & 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Ann Hampton Callaway, vocal
Liz Callaway, vocal

Saturday Concert Sponsor: Galloway Ridge at Fearrington
Tony-nominated Broadway stars and sisters Ann Hampton Callaway and Liz Callaway share a joyous holiday pops celebration, with family favorites including “The Christmas Song,” “Joy to the World,” “Silent Night,” and many more.

New Year’s Eve Celebration
SUN, DEC 31, 2017 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Thomas Wilkins, conductor
The North Carolina Symphony introduces a brand-new show to welcome 2018. Ring in the new year in style, with the unparalleled sound of a full symphony orchestra.

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Schubert Unfinished Symphony
THUR, JAN 25, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
FRI/SAT, JAN 26-27, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Philippe Quint, violin
Bernstein: Fancy Free
Bernstein: Serenade (After Plato’s “Symposium”) 
Schubert: Symphony No. 8 “Unfinished”
Grammy-nominated violinist Philippe Quint performs Bernstein's violin concerto, Serenade. Joining in a worldwide centennial celebration of the conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein, the Symphony also performs his jazz-tinged ballet suite Fancy Free. Schubert's mesmerizing “Unfinished” Symphony completes this exciting program.

Dvořák Serenade for Strings
THUR, FEB 1, 2018 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORIUM, PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES
FRI, FEB 2, 2018 | NOON
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
SAT, FEB 3, 2018 | 7:30PM
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, NEW BERN
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Leonid Finkelshteyn, bass
Explore the depth of expression in music for string orchestra. The joyful Serenade for Strings echoes Dvořák's happiness as a newlywed and new father. Enjoy the high-energy rhythms of Kilar's nature-inspired Orawa and Jennifer Higdon's jaunty To the Point, and hear the world premiere of a new work by the North Carolina Symphony's own Terry Mizesko.

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Symphonic Serenade
THUR, FEB 8, 2018 | 7:30PM
WILSON CENTER, CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILMINGTON
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Love is in the air at the Symphony! Bring your Valentine for an evening of the sensuous, heart-felt sounds of Dvořák’s Serenade for Strings and Ravel’s Daphnis et Chloé.

Symphonic Stories
FRI/SAT, FEB 9-10, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
SUN, FEB 11, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
North Carolina Master Chorale
Two majestic works: Ravel’s suite from the ballet Daphnis et Chloé is a passionate mythological love story evoked through luxurious harmonies. Chichester Psalms, a hopeful and life-affirming setting of Biblical Psalms, celebrates the centennial of Leonard Bernstein.

Dvořák Cello Concerto
THUR, MAR 1, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
FRI/SAT, MAR 2-3, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Domingo Hindoyan, conductor
Johannes Moser, cello
Dvořák: Cello Concerto
Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5

The Music of Michael Jackson
THUR, MAR 8, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Concert Sponsor: CEI – The Digital Office
From his early years with the Jackson 5 to his mega-hit album Thriller and beyond, Michael Jackson stormed the music industry with hit after hit. A full rock band and vocalist join the Symphony to jam on “ABC,“ “I’ll Be There,“ “Beat It,“ “Rock With You,“ “The Way You Make Me Feel,” and many, many more.

Mendelssohn
Scottish Symphony
SAT, MAR 10, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Elim Chan, conductor
Alessio Bax, piano
Missy Mazzoli: River Rouge Transfiguration
Saint-Saëns: Piano Concerto No. 5 “Egyptian”
Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 “Scottish”

A Celtic Celebration
FRI, MAR 16, 2018 | 8PM
SAT, MAR 17, 2018 | 3PM & 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Stuart Chafetz, conductor
Ben Brecher, tenor
Patricia Noonan, soprano
Will Ray, actor
Christopher Layer, piper
O’Hare Irish Dancers
Take a musical journey through the history and culture of the Emerald Isle. Singers and Irish step dancers traverse a wide range of Irish and Celtic repertoire with elegance and dramatic flair.
Fountains & Pines of Rome

WED, MAR 21, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL

FRI, MAR 23, 2018| NOON & 8PM
SAT, MAR 24, 2018 | 8PM
MEYM ANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Ben Gernon, conductor
Brian Reagin, violin

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Nico Muhly: Mixed Messages
Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1
Respighi: Fountains of Rome
Respighi: Pines of Rome*
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Mozart & Mendelssohn
THUR, APR 19, 2018 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORI UM, PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES

FRI, APR 20, 2018 | NOON
MEYM ANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Wesley Schulz, conductor
George Fu, piano

Friday Concert Sponsor: The Cypress of Raleigh
Mozart: Overture to The Marriage of Figaro
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 23
Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 “Scottish”

Romeo & Juliet
FRI/SAT, APR 27-28, 2018 | 8PM
MEYM ANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

SUN, APR 29, 2018 | 7:30PM
WILSON CENTER, CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILMINGTON
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Carl Forsman, director
UNC School of the Arts

Actors from the UNC School of the Arts join the Symphony for a semi-staged production of Shakespeare’s Romeo & Juliet, with music from Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky.

Young People’s Concert
The Firebird
FRI, APR 6, 2018 | 7PM
SAT, APR 7, 2018 | 1PM & 4PM
MEYM ANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Wesley Schulz, conductor
Enchantment Theatre

Series Sponsor: WakeMed Children’s
Weaving together theater, puppetry, and magic with the evocative music of Igor Stravinsky, Enchantment Theatre tells this captivating tale of Prince Ivan and the fabulous Firebird.

Brahms Symphony No. 4
FRI/SAT, APR 13-14, 2018 | 8PM
MEYM ANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
SUN, APR 15, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
David Danzmayr, conductor
Angelo Xiang Yu, violin
Sarah Kirkland Snider: Something for the Dark
Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 2
Brahms: Symphony No. 4

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Mozart & Mendelssohn
TUES, MAY 8, 2018 | 7:30PM
MEMORIAL HALL, CHAPEL HILL
WED, MAY 9, 2018 | 7:30PM
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER, NEW BERN
THUR, MAY 10, 2018 | 8PM
HUFF CONCERT HALL, METHODIST UNIVERSITY, FAYETTEVILLE
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Samuel Almaguer, clarinet
Mozart: Overture to The Marriage of Figaro
Mozart: Clarinet Concerto
Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 “Scottish”

The Kruger Brothers
FRI/SAT, MAY 11-12, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Based in North Carolina, the Kruger Brothers have traveled the world with their unique fusion of folk, jazz, and classical music.

A Hero’s Life
FRI/SAT, MAY 18-19, 2018 | 8PM
MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH
Grant Llewellyn, conductor
Grant Llewellyn closes the season with Strauss’ monumental A Hero’s Life, showcasing the great technical prowess among the Symphony’s musicians. It is contrasted with Schoenberg’s Transfigured Night, an intimate work for chamber orchestra.

A Night at the Oscars®
TUES, MAY 29, 2018 | 8PM
LEE AUDITORIUM, PINCRESST HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHERN PINES
Wesley Schulz, conductor
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MON, NOV 20, 2017 | 7:30PM
KENAN RECITAL HALL, WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH

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