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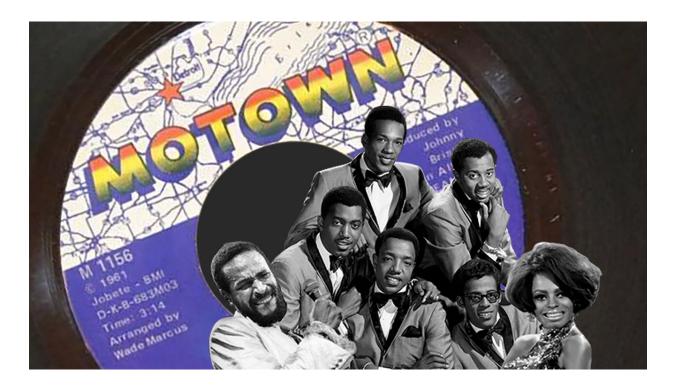
THE MUSIC OF MOTOWN

THURSDAY, FEB 10, 2022 | 7PM FRIDAY, FEB 11, 2022 | 8PM SATURDAY, FEB 11, 2022 | 3PM & 8PM

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Raleigh Pops

Thurs, Feb 10, 2022 | 7pm Fri, Feb 11, 2022 | 8pm Sat, Feb 12, 2022 | 3pm & 8pm MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, WOOLNER STAGE DUKE ENERGY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, RALEIGH

Program

North Carolina Symphony Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor Crystal Monee Hall, vocalist Chester Gregory, vocalist Michael Lynche, vocalist Shubh Saran, guitar Brian Killeen, bass Zach Jones, drums

Marvin Gaye, Ivy Jo Hunter, and William Stevenson "Dancing in the Street" as recorded by Martha Reeves

Smokey Robinson "You Really Got a Hold on Me" as recorded by the Miracles

James Brown, Betty Jean Newsome, and Dwight Grant "It's a Man's Man's Man's World" as recorded by James Brown

Holland, Dozier, and Holland "Reach Out I'll Be There" as recorded by the Four Tops

Michael Masser and Ronald Norman Miller "Touch Me in the Morning" as recorded by Diana Ross

Jimmy George and Louis Pardini "Just to See Her" as recorded by Smokey Robinson

Holland, Dozier, and Holland "How Sweet It Is" as recorded by Marvin Gaye

Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" as recorded by Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson

Leon Russell "Song for You" as recorded by Donny Hathaway

Stevie Wonder "Superstition" as recorded by Stevie Wonder The North Carolina Symphony gratefully acknowledges the support of **Weekend Sponsor Grubb Ventures**.



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Intermission

Maurice White and Wayne Lee Vaughn "Let's Groove Tonight" as recorded by Earth, Wind & Fire

James Brown "I Feel Good" as recorded by James Brown

Smokey Robinson "My Guy" as recorded by Mary Wells

Smokey Robinson and Ronald White "My Girl" as recorded by The Temptations

Lionel Richie "Endless Love" as recorded by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross

Melvin Steals and Mervin Steals "Could It Be I'm Falling in Love" as recorded by The Spinners

Kenneth Gamble, Leon Huff, and Cary Gilbert "Don't Leave Me This Way" as recorded by Thelma Houston

Gary Jackson, Raynard Miner, and Carl William Smith "Higher and Higher" as recorded by Jackie Wilson

Lionel Richie "All Night Long" as recorded by Lionel Richie

Stevie Wonder, Lee Garrett, Lula Mae Hardaway, and Syreeta Wright "Signed Sealed Delivered" as recorded by Stevie Wonder

About the Artists



Enrico Lopez-Yañez

conductor

Enrico Lopez-Yañez is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Nashville Symphony. Also an active composer/arranger, he has been commissioned to write for the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and the Houston Symphony, and has had his works performed by orchestras including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, and Utah Symphony, among others.

With the Nashville Symphony, Lopez-Yañez has conducted concerts with a broad spectrum of artists and leads many of the films in concert on the symphony's Movie Series. He also conducts the annual *Let Freedom Sing!* Music City July 4th fireworks show, which was first televised on CMT in 2019.

In the upcoming season, Lopez-Yañez will collaborate with artists including Nas, Leslie Odom Jr., Itzhak Perlman, Stewart Copeland of The Police, Ben Folds, Jennifer Nettles, Boz Scaggs, and more. He will appear with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, Pacific Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, and San Diego Symphony, and will make return appearances including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and The Florida Orchestra. Previously, he has appeared with orchestras including the Aguascalientes Symphony Orchestra, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and Oklahoma City Philharmonic, among others.

As Artistic Director and Co-Founder of Symphonica Productions, LLC, Lopez-Yañez curates and leads programs designed to cultivate new audiences. His work as a producer, composer, and arranger can be heard on albums including the UNESCO benefit album *Action Moves People United* as well as children's music albums including *The Spaceship that Fell in My Backyard*, winner of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, Hollywood Music in Media Awards, and Family Choice Awards, and *Kokowanda Bay*, winner of an INMA Global Media Award and a Parents' Choice Award.



Crystal Monee Hall

vocalist

Crystal Monee Hall is a singer/songwriter, composer/lyricist, and vocal arranger based in New York City. Her career has included roles on Broadway (*RENT*), sold-out tours with acclaimed musicians Mickey Hart (Grateful Dead) and Dave Schools (Widespread Panic), being a featured vocalist on *Saturday Night Live*, and a guest appearance on the HBO comedy-drama *High Maintenance*. She has released three albums (one solo as well as two with Hart), with work from her release *If You Breathe* called "riveting" by *Billboard* magazine.

A featured vocalist on Kristin Chenoweth's *For the Girls* concerts at Broadway's Nederlander Theatre, Hall's songwriting was also featured when Chenoweth performed her original tune "Reasons for Hope," co-written by the shows musical director, Mary-Mitchell Campbell.

Rolling Stone took notice of Hall's performance of "Don't Threaten Me with a Good Time" with country superstar Thomas Rhett on *Saturday Night Live* in 2019, noting it her "superb, soulful talents." Rhett invited her out to his sold-out show at Madison Square Garden in September 2019 for an encore performance of the tune. She also appeared in Emmy, Tony, and Grammy-winner Ben Platt's Netflix concert special, filmed at Radio City Music Hall in September 2019 —also performing with him for *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Good Morning America*, and through the run of his sold-out *Sing to Me Instead* tour.

Other credits include Sesame Street, Ayodele Casel: Chasing Magic, Walker (CW network), a Gospel arrangement of "A Beautiful Noise" for the Biden/Harris Campaign, and appearances with stars including John Legend, Patti Austin, Oleta Adams, Mariah Carey, Elton John, Kesha, Roy Ayers, Jason Mraz, Ledisi, and Kanye West.



Chester Gregory

vocalist

Chester Gregory is a singer and actor who starred in the national tour of *Motown: The Musical* as Berry Gordy. Broadway credits include *Motown: The Musical, Hairspray* (Seaweed), *Tarzan* (Terk, original cast), *Cry-Baby* (Dupree, original cast), and *Sister Act* (Eddie). *The New York Times* has called him "jaw-dropping... overflowingly charismatic." Other credits include August Wilson's *Fences* and *Two Trains Running*. He has toured nationally with *Dreamgirls* and *Sister Act*, as well as his one-man show *The Eve of Jackie Wilson*. He first played Jackie Wilson in *The Jackie Wilson Story*, which launched at Chicago's Black Ensemble Theatre and culminated at New York's renowned Apollo Theatre.

Gregory's awards include Chicago's Jeff Award and a NAACP Theatre Award. He has been presented the keys to the city both in his hometown of Gary, Indiana, and in East Chicago. He has also been chosen as an Honorary State Representative of Indiana and received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Columbia College Chicago. He releases music under the name C.H.E.S.S., including the 2019 single "The Doppler Effect (It's Me)," and is currently producing several projects and recordings.



Michael Lynche

vocalist

American Idol Michael Lynche is a new breed of soul singer with completely classic influences. Traces of Donny Hathaway, Al Green, Luther Vandross, Sam Cooke, and James Brown all seem to flash in this uniquely talented performer. Undeniable charisma, well-crafted song arrangements, and a voice soaked in soul give the big man class all his own. "Big Mike"—as he was known while winning over the hearts of a nation during his stint on *American Idol*—has played intimate jazz & blues clubs, 20,000 seat arenas, and opera halls with 100 piece orchestras backing him.

A New York City resident for more than 15 years, this Florida native was a finalist on season nine of the hit phenomenon *American Idol*. After wowing millions of fans on *American Idol* with his comforting and powerful voice and performing throughout the United States as part of the *American Idol LIVE!* tour, Lynche has released two studio albums, toured as an opening act for Boyz II Men, Lalah Hathaway, Faith Evans, and Lyfe Jennings, and toured the world.

Since 2012, "Big Mike" has been a frequent featured guest vocalist with Jeff Tyzik and his hit show *Let's Dance!* which has been performed with orchestras including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and many more.

Tyzik and Lynche have spent the last years collaborating on new, sensational soul-inspired programs including *R&B* Legends, Kings of Soul, and Dancing in the Street: The Music of Motown.

About Our Musicians

Grant Llewellyn, Music Director Laureate The Maxine and Benjamin Swalin Chair

Carlos Miguel Prieto, Artistic Advisor

Michelle Di Russo, Assistant Conductor The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

Violin I

Brian Reagin, Concertmaster The Annabelle Lundy Fetterman Chair

Dovid Friedlander**, Associate Concertmaster The Assad Meymandi and Family Chair

Emily Rist Glover*, Associate Concertmaster The Anne Heartt Gregory Chair

Karen Strittmatter Galvin**, Assistant Concertmaster

Erin Zehngut*, Assistant Concertmaster

Robert Anemone**

Carol Chung* The James C. Byrd and Family Chair

Paul Goldsberry The Richard and Joy Cook Chair

So Yun Kim The Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Chair

Marilyn Kouba The Phyllis ("Pat") Conrad Wells Chair

Leah Latorraca*

Maria Meyer** The Tom and Mary Mac Bradshaw Chair

Irina Shelepov*

Lin-Ti Wang* The Jessie Wyatt Ethridge Chair

Eileen Wynne The Harvey At-Large Chair

To Be Filled The J. Felix Arnold Chair

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Violin II

Jacqueline Saed Wolborsky, Principal The Nancy Finch Wallace Chair

David Kilbride*, Associate Principal The Blanche Martin Shaw Chair

Anton Shelepov*, Assistant Principal

Qi Cao

Janet Gayer Hall

Mallory Hayes*

Oskar Ozolinch

Pablo Sánchez Pazos*

Jeanine Wynton

Viola

Samuel Gold, Principal The Florence Spinks and Charles Jacob Cate and Alma Yondorf and Sylvan Hirschberg Chair

Kurt Tseng, Associate Principal The Betty Ellen Madry Chair

To Be Filled, Assistant Principal

Petra Berényi

Celia Daggy*

Paul Malcolm

Amy Mason The J. Sidney Kirk Chair

Sandra Schwarcz The Samuel H. and Anne Latham Johnson Chair

Cello

Bonnie Thron, Principal The June and Tom Roberg Chair

Elizabeth Beilman, Associate Principal The Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorroh Chair

Peng Li, Assistant Principal Anonymously Endowed

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Sunrise Kim The William Charles Rankin Chair

David Meyer The Nell Hirschberg Chair

Lisa Howard Shaughnessy The Sara Wilson Hodgkins Chair

Nathaniel Yaffe The Secretary of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain Chair

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Piccolo

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Oboe

Melanie Wilsden, Principal The Hardison and Stoltze Chair

Joseph Peters, Associate Principal The Lizette T. Dunham Chair

Sandra Posch The Clarence and Alice Aycock Poe Chair

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Joseph Peters The Bruce and Margaret King Chair

Clarinet

Samuel Almaguer, Principal The Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher Walker, II Chair

Matthew Griffith*, Assistant Principal The Kathryn Powell and Green Flavie Cooper Chair

Bassoon

Aaron Apaza, Principal The Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Hudson Chair

Wenmin Zhang, Assistant Principal The Beethoven Chair

French Horn

Rebekah Daley, Principal The Mary T. McCurdy Chair

Kimberly Van Pelt, Associate Principal *The Paul R. Villard and Gabriel Wolf Chair*

Corbin Castro* The Roger Colson and Bobbi Lyon Hackett Chair

Christopher Caudill**

Rachel Niketopoulos**

Tanner West* The James Marion Poyner Chair

To Be Filled The Mary Susan Kirk Fulghum Chair

Trumpet

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David Dash*, Associate Principal The Henry and Martha Zaytoun and Family Chair

Trombone

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Jonathan Randazzo, Assistant Principal The Frances Armour Bryant Chair

Bass Trombone

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Harp

Anita Burroughs-Price

Vonda Darr

Timpani

Colin Hartnett, Principal The Patricia R., Steven T. and George F. Hackney III Chair

Percussion

Richard Motylinski, Principal The Margery and Earl Johnson, Jr. Chair

Rajesh Prasad, Assistant Principal The Abram and Frances Pascher Kanof Chair

Organ

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