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MICHELLE DI RUSSO CONDUCTS NCS 22/23 OPENING NIGHT IN NEW BERN THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2



“I’m excited to return to New Bern this weekend to open the 22/23 season. This program contains many pieces that are dear to my heart. I fell in love with classical music thanks to works like *Phantom of the Opera*, so performing it as a conductor is an emotional experience for me. I look forward to sharing this special concert with our supportive patrons and community in New Bern!”

- Michelle Di Russo, Associate Conductor

(September 29, 2022, Raleigh, NC) – Associate Conductor Michelle Di Russo and the talented musicians of the North Carolina Symphony launch the 22/23 New Bern season this **Sunday, October 2 at 7:30pm at the Riverfront Convention Center**. Soprano Andrea Edith Moore joins the Symphony for a delightful program entitled *From Classical to Broadway* that features classical favorites and Broadway hits from *La Bohème* to *My Fair Lady*. Ticket prices start at \$34. For concert information and tickets, visit ncsymphony.org or call 877.627.6724.

The New Bern season continues with a winter Holiday Pops concert and Tchaikovsky's lovely *Romeo and Juliet* in the spring. For more information and artist interviews, please contact Sarah Town, Director of Communications, at stown@ncsymphony.org.

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About the North Carolina Symphony

Founded in 1932, the North Carolina Symphony (NCS) is a vital and honored component of North Carolina's cultural life. Each year, more than 300 concerts, education programs, and community engagement offerings reach adults and schoolchildren in all 100 North Carolina counties—in communities large and small, and in concert halls, auditoriums, gymnasiums, restaurants, clubs, and outdoor settings. The NCS is proud to expand access to audiences around the globe through concerts and educational offerings available through the digital space.

NCS's state headquarters venue is the spectacular Meymandi Concert Hall at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh. The Symphony's service across the state includes series in Chapel Hill, Wilmington, New Bern, Southern Pines, and Fayetteville, as well as the Summerfest series at its summer home, the outdoor Koka Booth Amphitheatre in Cary. NCS brings some of the world's greatest talents to North Carolina and embraces home-state artists from classical musicians to bluegrass bands, creating live music experiences distinctive to North Carolina. NCS is dedicated to giving voice to new art and has presented more than 50 U.S. or world premieres in its history.

Committed to engaging students of all ages across North Carolina, NCS leads one of the most extensive education programs of any symphony orchestra in the country—serving over 100,000 students each year. In alignment with the curriculum set by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the Symphony provides training and resources for teachers, sends small ensembles into classrooms, and presents full-orchestra in-person and online Education Concerts that bring the fundamentals of music to life. Music Discovery for preschoolers combines music with storytelling, and at the middle and high school levels, students have opportunities to work directly with NCS artists and perform for NCS audiences.