

# NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

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## North Carolina Symphony Announces 2023 Western Residency

### 4,000 Students Served in 8 Counties Free Community Concerts

(April 11, 2023, Raleigh, NC) The North Carolina Symphony (NCS) proudly announces its 2023 North Carolina Western Residency, with performances and musical outreach in a variety of settings for preschoolers, students of all ages, and residents in eight North Carolina counties.

Students in Mitchell and Lincoln counties will attend the Symphony's flagship music education program **What Makes Music, Music**, which uses a range of musical repertoire to teach core musical concepts in support of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction learning priorities. In a performance designed to engage elementary school students, the musical concepts include rhythm, melody, tempo, and dynamics.

In addition, NCS musicians will perform for younger students in Cleveland, Haywood, and Buncombe counties. These interactive programs, **Ensembles in the Schools** and **PNC Grow Up Great Music Discovery**, combine music and literacy for preschoolers and their families. Select students will attend master classes in Lincoln, Rutherford, and Cabarrus counties, during which NCS musicians will coach middle and high schoolers on technique and musicianship.

Free **Concerts in *Your Community*** featuring light classical favorites will bring the joy of live orchestral music to residents in Macon, Cleveland, and Cabarrus counties. The program for these concerts includes popular classical music by Mozart, Copland, Richard Rodgers, and others.

**Free tickets** are available to the public for **Concerts in *Your Community*** at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts in Franklin on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm, Malcolm Brown Auditorium at Shelby High School in Shelby on Thursday, April 20 at 7:30pm, and Jay M. Robinson High School in Concord on Friday, April 21 at 7:30pm. The **PNC Grow Up Great Music Discovery** program at Haywood County Library in Canton on Thursday, April 20 at 11am is also free for registered attendees.

The North Carolina Symphony's 2023 Western Residency is presented in partnership with the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NCS's statewide music education programs are sponsored by the State of North Carolina, Lead Education Sustainers Trust and the John William Pope Foundation, with generous support from many companies, foundations, and individual donors across the state.

The Symphony's 2022/23 Music Education Concerts are supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Music Discovery programs in Canton and Asheville are part of PNC Grow Up Great. The Symphony's programs in Cleveland County on April 20th are supported by the Dover Foundation, with the Bailey Endowment providing additional support for the Ensembles in the Schools program and the Albemarle Foundation also supporting the "Concert in *Your Community*."

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**FOR FREE TICKETS TO NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY "CONCERTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY":**

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30PM  
FRANKLIN**

[Tickets and Information](#)

Phone: 866.273.4615

**MALCOLM BROWN AUDITORIUM, SHELBY HIGH SCHOOL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30PM  
SHELBY**

[Tickets and Information](#)

Phone: 919.733.2750 or 877.627.6724

**JAY M. ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 7:30PM  
CONCORD**

[Tickets and Information](#)

Phone: 919.733.2750 or 877.627.6724

**TO REGISTER FOR “PNC GROW UP GREAT MUSIC DISCOVERY”:**

**CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30PM**

Email: [ashlyn.godleski@haywoodcountync.gov](mailto:ashlyn.godleski@haywoodcountync.gov)

Phone: 828.356.2567

**FOR INFORMATION ON NCS MUSIC EDUCATION:**

[www.ncsymphony.org/education/](http://www.ncsymphony.org/education/)

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<p><b>WED, APR 19, 2023   7:30PM</b> <b>Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, Franklin</b></p> <p><b>THU, APR 20, 2023   7:30PM</b> <b>Malcolm Brown Auditorium, Shelby High School, Shelby</b></p> <p><b>FRI, APR 21, 2023   7:30PM</b> <b>Jay M. Robinson High School, Concord</b></p>	<p><b>CONCERTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY</b> <b>FAVORITE LIGHT CLASSICS</b> Michelle Di Russo, <i>conductor</i></p> <p><b>Mozart:</b> Overture to <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> <b>Coleridge-Taylor:</b> Ballade in A Minor <b>Rossini:</b> Overture to <i>The Barber of Seville</i> <b>Rodgers:</b> Selections from <i>Oklahoma</i> <b>Copland:</b> <i>Hoe-Down</i> from <i>Rodeo</i> <b>Bizet:</b> <i>Les toréadors</i> from Suite No. 1 from <i>Carmen</i> <b>Bizet:</b> <i>Danse bohème</i> from <i>Carmen</i> <b>Mozart:</b> <i>Eine kleine Nachtmusik</i> <b>Rodgers:</b> <i>The Carousel Waltz</i> from <i>Carousel</i> <b>Brahms:</b> <i>Hungarian Dance No. 5</i></p>
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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 Martin Marietta 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.