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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Evansville Philharmonic's 89th season! As always, I strive to create inspiring performances with our incredible musicians in the Victory Theatre and beyond. You will experience new music paired with classic masterworks, world-class guest artists, and collaborations with a variety of groups throughout Evansville.

Our Classics Series will feature internationally acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, rising star violinists Nikki and Timothy Chooi, and tabla virtuoso Sandeep Das. I am excited to highlight our incredible musicians in a concert titled "Musician Showcase," where they will take center stage as soloists and introduce each work. You will also enjoy the Evansville premiere of Sheridan Seyfried's Double Concerto for Two Violins and the EP's first-ever performance of a tabla concerto, in addition to the grandest masterpieces in the repertoire such as *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Brahms' Fourth Symphony, and Rachmaninoff's passionate Second Symphony. Additionally, we will highlight the Evansville

Philharmonic Chorus and four outstanding vocal soloists in a concert dedicated to operatic masterworks.

Our Pops Series is eclectic and diverse in its offerings, as we kick off the season with the music of superhero movies and video games. We will welcome back to Evansville the amazing singer Dan Domenech for our Peppermint Pops concerts, and I am very much looking forward to showcasing trumpeter and singer Byron Stripling in a special concert featuring the music of Louis Armstrong.

Please join us for another inspiring season filled with beautiful music, passionate performances, and meaningful connections with our community.

Sincerely,

Roger Kalia

Music Director, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra



OPENING NIGHT!

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TIMOTHY & NIKKI CHOOI, VIOLINISTS
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

Samuel Barber

Sheridan Seyfried

Modest Mussorgsky/Ravel

Overture to *The School for Scandal*

Double Concerto for Two Violins & Orchestra

Pictures at an Exhibition

Opening night begins with Samuel Barber's Overture to *The School for Scandal*. As Barber's first work for a full orchestra, the overture helped establish Barber's national reputation and became a regular part of American orchestras' repertoire. The evening features an Evansville premiere with Sheridan Seyfried's Double Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra featuring Nikki and Timothy Chooi, a brother violin duo who have been making music together since they were kids in Canada. Seyfried's Double Concerto was written especially for the Chooi brothers to express their special bond and their individual personalities. The third movement is a tribute to Bela Fleck and bluegrass. The final work performed is one of Mussorgsky's most famous pieces, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, highlighting the solo trumpet in particular. The "Great Gate of Kiev" is one of the piece's most majestic and grand finales.

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**SYMPHONY OF COLOR
ARTWORK ON DISPLAY**

MUSICIAN SHOWCASE

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 4 p.m.

MICAH REINHARZ, TRUMPET
 BONNIE FARR, ENGLISH HORN
 MICHAEL CHU, VIOLIN
 EMILY COOK, CLARINET
 ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

Aaron Copland	<i>Quiet City</i>
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	"Adagio" from Clarinet Concerto
Camille Saint-Saëns	<i>Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso</i>
Jean Sibelius	<i>Symphony No. 5</i>

For your Sunday afternoon enjoyment, the EP showcases several musicians as soloists. Principal Trumpet Micah Reinharz and Bonnie Farr on English horn will be featured during the first work, *Quiet City*, painting a formidable picture of New York, a thoughtful musical commentary of a city that is internationally renowned as never sleeping. Principal Clarinet Emily Cook performs the "Adagio" from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto highlighting gorgeous and lyrical melodies. Principal Second Violin Michael Chu performs Saint-Saëns' virtuosic *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*. The afternoon is complete with Sibelius' *Symphony No. 5* with mysterious beauty, majestic themes, and triumphant melodies.



MICAH REINHARZ



BONNIE FARR



MICHAEL CHU



EMILY COOK

THE THREE Bs

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 7 p.m.

JON NAKAMATSU, PIANO
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

Johann Sebastian Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 3
Ludwig van Beethoven	Piano Concerto No. 3
Johannes Brahms	Symphony No. 4

This powerful program features music of the three most popular and recognized composers in classical music. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 is known for its unusual form and instrumentation — three violins, three violas, three cellos, and basso continuo — and one of his most famous works. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 bridges the divide between his two earlier, more clearly Mozart-derived concertos and a more personal style. Returning to Evansville to perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 is internationally celebrated pianist Jon Nakamatsu, who continues to draw critical and public acclaim for his intensity, elegance, and electrifying solo, concerto, and chamber music performances. Brahms' Fourth (and final) Symphony is full of warmth and beauty, and the symphony cuts as close to the heart as music can.



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AN EVENING OF BELOVED ARIAS & SONGS

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 7 p.m.

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

This delightful evening concert highlights our Evansville Philharmonic Chorus and four acclaimed soloists as they perform several operatic masterworks, including Puccini's "Nessun dorma" from *Turandot*, Bernstein's "Make Our Garden Grow" from *Candide*, Verdi's "Va, pensiero" (Chorus of the Hebrews) from *Nabucco*, Bizet's "Les voici! Voici la quadrille!" from *Carmen*, and more!

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CLASSICS FINALE

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 7 p.m.

SANDEEP DAS, TABLA
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

Dinuk Wijeratne **Tabla Concerto**
Sergei Rachmaninoff **Symphony No. 2**

In the final Classics concert of the season, the EP presents the music of India with Grammy award-winning tabla player Sandeep Das, who will make his debut with the orchestra. His performance of *Tabla Concerto* by Dinuk Wijeratne brings an evocative merging of North Indian Classical, quasi-baroque, electronic, and traditional Tabla styles. The concert finishes with Rachmaninoff's lush and most popular *Symphony No. 2*, a passionate piece considered the pinnacle of late Romanticism.



UNIVERSE OF SUPERHEROES

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 7 p.m.

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

For fans of Cinematic Universe films, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Evansville Philharmonic Chorus perform scores from your favorite hero movie soundtracks, including *Black Panther*, *The Avengers*, *Transformers*, *Wonder Woman*, *Spiderman*, and more. This program also will include popular gaming music including *Halo Trilogy*, *Super Mario Brothers*, *Legend of Zelda*, and *Journey!* We encourage attendees to dress up as their favorite superhero and join in the costume parade.

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PEPPERMINT POPS

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2 p.m.

DAN DOMENECH, VOCALIST
EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS
EVANSVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL HUSKETTAS
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

The holiday season officially begins with the Peppermint Pops and the Evansville Philharmonic featuring dynamic vocalist Dan Domenech joined by the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus and the Evansville Children's Choir to perform holiday favorites, including *Deck the Halls*, *Little Drummer Boy*, *Silent Night*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Bugler's Holiday*, and more! Returning are the North High School Huskettas to entertain the audience with dance and be on the look-out for an appearance by Santa!

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BACK TO THE '80s

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.

ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

Don't miss this power-packed evening of the decade's #1 hit songs such as *The Power of Love*, *Time After Time*, *Material Girl*, *Another One Bites the Dust*, *Footloose*, *Addicted to Love*, and more. Featuring the music of such iconic '80s stars as Madonna, Debbie Gibson, Huey Lewis & The News, Phil Collins, Queen, and Joe Cocker, Back to the '80s contains all-new arrangements by Grammy winner Jeff Tyzik and features three incredible vocalists with a rhythm section.



SIMPLY SWINGIN': GREAT AMERICAN CROONERS

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2 p.m.

STEVE LIPPIA, VOCALIST
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

This sensational show features hit songs made famous by Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, Vic Damone, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Billy Joel. Steve Lippia shows why he is one of our country's most talented vocalists, as he moves effortlessly through hits like *Beyond the Sea*, *Mack the Knife*, *Send in the Clowns*, *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *I've Got the World On a String*, and *I Left My Heart In San Francisco*, as well as his remarkable renditions of Sinatra classics. This performance includes full orchestra and big band.

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LOUIS ARMSTRONG & FRIENDS

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 7 p.m.

CARMEN BRADFORD, VOCALIST
BYRON STRIPLING, VOCALIST & CONDUCTOR

The great Louis Armstrong collaborated with virtually every major musical star of the 20th century, including Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, and many others. With that endearing Satchmo spirit and one-of-a-kind charisma, vocalists Byron Stripling and Carmen Bradford perform famous classics from the Great American Songbook and recreate the magical moments of the greatest legend of jazz.



BYRON STRIPLING

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UNCORKED CONCERT SERIES **Ages 21+**

Friday, October 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Farmer and Frenchman, Robards, Kentucky

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Copper House, Evansville, Indiana

Maestro Kalia will curate innovative chamber orchestra programs to enjoy with spirits in an intimate musical experience. This series will feature EP chamber groups.

BRAVO: GALA HONORING MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Bally's Riverfront Event Center

EPYO/EPYO II CONCERTS

Fall Concert

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Spring Concert

Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

April 2024

CANDY CANE EXPRESS

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 2 p.m.

DAN DOMENECH, VOCALIST
EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS
EVANSVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL HUSKETTES
ROGER KALIA, CONDUCTOR

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 7 p.m. EST

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jasper, Indiana

ALFRED SAVIA, CONDUCTOR LAUREATE
EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS

CHORUS SPONSOR: **Friends of the Chorus**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2023

BRAVO: Gala Honoring Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Saturday, Aug. 19 – 6 p.m.
Bally's Riverfront Event Center

September 2023

Opening Night!

Saturday, Sept. 30 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

October 2023

Universe of Superheroes

Saturday, Oct. 14 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Uncorked Concert Series

Friday, Oct. 27 – 7 p.m.
Farmer & Frenchman

November 2023

Musician Showcase

Sunday, Nov. 5 – 4 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestras Fall Concert

Saturday, Nov. 18 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

December 2023

Candy Cane Express

Saturday, Dec. 2 – 2 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Peppermint Pops

Saturday, Dec. 2 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Sunday, Dec. 3 – 2 p.m.

Victory Theatre

Handel's Messiah

Friday, Dec. 15 – 7 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec. 16 – 7 p.m. EST
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Jasper, Indiana

January 2024

The Three Bs

Saturday, Jan. 20 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

February 2024

Back to the '80s

Saturday, Feb. 17 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

An Evening of Beloved Arias & Songs

Saturday, Feb. 24 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

March 2024

Simply Swingin': Great American Crooners

Sunday, March 17 – 2 p.m.
Victory Theatre

April 2024

Spring Choral Concert

Date, Time, and Location TBD

Louis Armstrong & Friends

Saturday, April 6 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Classics Finale

Saturday, April 27 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

May 2024

Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestras Spring Concert

Friday, May 17 – 7 p.m.
Victory Theatre

Uncorked Concert Series

Thursday, May 23 – 7 p.m.
Copper House

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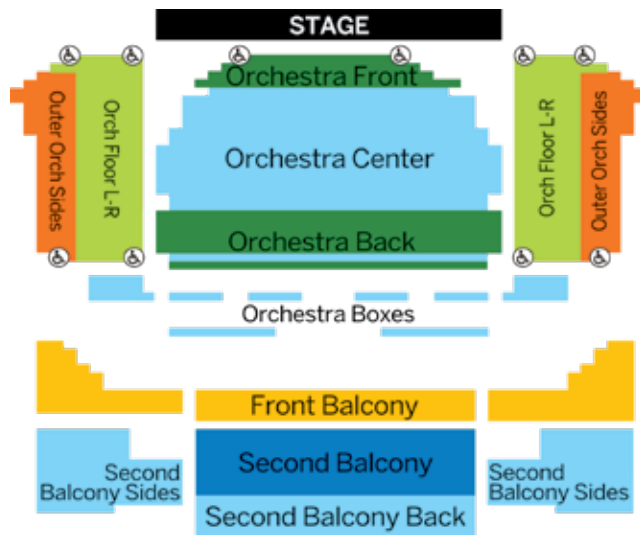


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SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES

Available in a variety of prices and seating levels, season subscription packages can be purchased for CLASSICS and POPS concerts with renewable seats. **Call the EP Box Office for details at 812-425-5050.**

FLEXIBLE subscriptions do not guarantee same seating for each concert, and do not have renewable seating.



	PREMIUM					
FULL SERIES	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3	Tier 4
CLASSICS ~ (5 concerts)	\$375	\$250	\$210	\$185	\$185	\$135
SAT. POPS * (4 concerts)	\$300	\$200	\$168	\$148	\$148	\$108
SUN. SERIES # (3 concerts)	\$225	\$150	\$126	\$111	\$111	\$81
SUN. POPS ± (2 concerts)	\$150	\$100	\$84	\$74	\$74	\$54
SUPER POPS ^ (5 concerts)	\$375	\$250	\$210	\$185	\$185	\$135
COMPOSER ∞ (Choose 4 concerts)	\$300	\$204	\$172	\$152	\$152	\$112
MY EP** (3 concerts, ages 45 and under)	N/A	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$105	N/A

~CLASSICS = 4 Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 1 Sunday at 4 p.m.

***SATURDAY POPS** = 4 Saturdays at 7 p.m. (Does not include Sunday 3/17/24.)

#SUNDAY SERIES = 1 Sunday Classics at 4 p.m. /2 Sunday Pops at 2 p.m.

±SUNDAY POPS = 2 Sundays at 2 p.m. (Does not include any Saturday concerts.)

^SUPER POPS = 5 Pops concerts (Either 4 Saturday/1 Sunday or 2 Sunday/3 Saturday.)

∞COMPOSER = Choose 4 concerts from our Classics and/or Pops selections.

****MY EP** = Choose 3 concerts from our Classics and/or Pops selections. For ages 45 years and under.

Color on seat map corresponds to level on pricing.

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When subscribing to Full Series packages, you can renew the same seats each year as long as you renew on or before the due date.

SINGLE TICKETS

Single tickets start at \$30 for all Classics & Pops events!

Single tickets go on sale **Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m.** You may purchase online by visiting us at evansvillephilharmonic.org or call the **Box Office at (812) 425-5050**. If you choose to visit our office, please note our address is **20 N.W. Third St., Ste. 500 (5th Floor)**. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during the season. We are not open on weekends for ticket sales. For certain special events, please check with the box office, as tickets may only be available for purchase (1) one hour before the concert begins. Please check your tickets for the time, venue name, and address prior to the concert!

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GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are available in any amount and can be used for any concert in the 2023-2024 Season.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Veterans/Military

Special \$25 discounted tickets for all of our **veterans** and **military** are available in select areas of the Victory Theatre for all Classics and Pops concerts. Call the Evansville Philharmonic Box Office at **(812) 425-5050** beginning Sept. 5 to receive your discount.

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\$45/\$55 \$20 EACH (2) Ticket maximum per Classics & Pops concert; tiers 2/3 seating.

Purchase online at evansvillephilharmonic.org and choose "Will Call" as the Delivery Method. Must have a Valid ID to pick-up tickets.



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(Children and Full-time students only)

FREE Child/Student single tickets to all EP concerts (excludes Subscriptions and the Uncorked Concert Series)

Each child/student is eligible for one (1) ticket per EP concert **beginning 2 weeks before each concert date.**

(FREE Tickets based upon availability in select seating.)

To receive your FREE Child/Student single ticket, call the Box Office at (812) 425-5050, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. starting two weeks before each concert event.

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