

CLASSICS SERIES



EVANSVILLE
PHILHARMONIC
2026-2027 Concert Season
Roger Kalia, Music Director



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Classics & Pops concerts take place
at the Victory Theatre

Saturday
SEPT
19
7 p.m.

OPENING NIGHT!

INSPIRATION! A FESTIVE OVERTURE FOR ORCHESTRA by Quinn Mason
SYMPHONY NO. 2, "ROMANTIC" by Howard Hanson
DOUBLE CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN & VIOLONCELLO by Johannes Brahms

A program of vibrant rhythms, sweeping melodies and warm harmonies. Featured soloists are husband-and-wife duo Lucia Micarelli, violinist, and Eric Byers, cellist, whose artistry brings passion and intimacy to Brahms' dramatic Double Concerto. Audiences may recognize Micarelli from her starring role in the Hallmark holiday film *The Christmas Bow*.



Saturday
NOV
14
7 p.m.

CLASSICAL JUKEBOX

ALLEGRO FROM SYMPHONY NO. 5 by Ludwig van Beethoven
POCO ALLEGRETTO FROM SYMPHONY NO. 3 by Johannes Brahms
MOLTO ALLEGRO FROM SYMPHONY NO. 40 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

A high-energy tour of orchestral favorites, bringing together some of the most powerful and recognizable music ever written. The concert includes Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and works by Haydn, Verdi, Handel, and John Williams. This performance welcomes Orchestra alumni to the stage and honors the memory of former Music Director, Stewart Kershaw.



Saturday
JAN
16
7 p.m.

SANDOVAL & SCHEHERAZADE

DANSE BACCHANALE FROM SAMSON ET DALILA by Camille Saint-Saëns
TRUMPET CONCERTO NO. 2 by Arturo Sandoval
SCHEHERAZADE by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Trumpet legend Arturo Sandoval, a 10-time Grammy Award winner and celebrated collaborator with the Buena Vista Social Club, takes center stage in his electrifying Trumpet Concerto No. 2, showcasing dazzling virtuosity and Latin flair. The fiery *Danse Bacchanale* opens with exotic energy, while the lush, colorful *Scheherazade* brings the evening to a thrilling close.



Saturday
FEB
27
7 p.m.

WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

VETRATE DI CHIESA (CHURCH WINDOWS) by Ottorino Respighi
EXSULTATE, JUBILATE by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
GLORIA by Francis Poulenc

Respighi's *Church Windows* opens with rich orchestral color, evoking radiant stained glass scenes. Mozart's joyful *Exsultate, jubilate* features rising star soprano, Catherine Creed, in music that sparkles with grace and virtuosity. The program concludes with Poulenc's exuberant *Gloria*, a powerful work featuring the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus, that celebrates the beauty, joy, and grandeur of sacred music.



Saturday
APR
3
7 p.m.

GRIEG & RACHMANINOFF

BAIÃO 'N' BLUES by Clarice Assad
PIANO CONCERTO IN A MINOR by Edvard Grieg
SYMPHONIC DANCES by Serge Rachmaninoff

An exciting musical journey from contemporary sounds to passionate lyricism. Clarice Assad's *Baião 'N' Blues* opens the concert with irresistible rhythm, blending Brazilian dance and jazz flair. Pianist Vijay Venkatesh spotlights Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, a romantic work of sweeping melodies and dramatic power. The evening concludes with Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, rich in bold rhythms, haunting nostalgia, and lush orchestration.



POPS SERIES



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Saturday
OCT
24
7 p.m.

HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR

"HEDWIG'S THEME" FROM HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE by John Williams
PSYCHO SUITE by Bernard Herrmann
A NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS by Danny Elfman

This electrifying Halloween program blends cinematic suspense with symphonic drama. From the diabolical energy of "Devil's Dance" from *The Witches of Eastwick* to the gothic power of *A Night on Bald Mountain*, the concert creates an atmosphere of mystery and intrigue. With *Danse Macabre*, music from *Jaws*, and more, this program is both haunting and exhilarating.



Sat/Sun
DEC
5/6
7 p.m./2 p.m.

PEPPERMINT POPS

RACHEL POTTER, VOCALIST • EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS
EVANSVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL HUSKETTES • STUDENT CONDUCTORS

This heartwarming program captures the spirit of celebration and togetherness—from the playful energy of *Sleigh Ride* and the elegance of *The First Noel* to the joyful rhythms of *Dancing Dreidel* and the Theme from *Elf*. Rachel Potter, who delighted Pops audiences in 2015 and 2019, joins the celebration, adding her radiant voice to this festive event that brings friends and families together year after year.



Sunday
FEB
7
2 p.m.

THE MUSIC OF EARTH, WIND & FIRE

BOOGIE WONDERLAND • **LET'S GROOVE** • **AFTER THE LOVE HAS GONE**
GETAWAY • **IN THE STONE** • **SUN GODDESS** • **THAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD**
SHINING STAR • **SEPTEMBER** • **GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE** • **FANTASY** • **MORE!**

Tyriq Johnson, a Las Vegas headliner with a soaring multi-octave voice, leads Serpentine Fire in a dynamic tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire. With a powerhouse band and full orchestra, this high-energy concert blends iconic hits with rich symphonic arrangements. A vibrant journey through the 70s and 80s filled with groove, soul, and unforgettable melodies.



Saturday
MAR
20
7 p.m.

BROADWAY ROCKS

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY • **SWEET CAROLINE** • **MAN IN THE MIRROR**
I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY • **SEASONS OF LOVE** • **PROUD MARY**
GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN • **MORE!**

Renowned Broadway stars perform iconic rock anthems, bridging the gap between musical theater and classic rock. The concert features exceptional vocalists from the Broadway stage—Lakisha Jones, an American Idol finalist, along with returning favorites Chloe Lowery and Dan Domenech, who brought the house down in the EP's James Bond Pops.



Saturday
APR
24
7 p.m.

STAR WARS THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

FULL FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

"You must feel the Force around you..."

The battle for the galaxy intensifies!. As Imperial Forces attack the Rebel Alliance, Han Solo and Princess Leia flee to Cloud City, where they are captured by Darth Vader. Luke Skywalker trains with Yoda on Dagobah, facing a stunning revelation and life-or-death duel.

