FREDERICKSBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA · 2021–2026

Milestones

> *From a written plan in the summer of 2021 to a full season of guest artists, premieres and programs for young musicians.*

SUMMER 2021	Dr. Kevin P. Bartram writes the first plan for a Fredericksburg Symphony Orchestra.
JUNE 30, 2021	The first letter to supporters announces the new orchestra and its home at Lifepoint Auditorium.
OCTOBER 29, 2021	Inaugural concert, “On Top of the World,” at Lifepoint Auditorium.
DECEMBER 3, 2021	First Holiday Pops concert, “A Season of Giving.”
EARLY 2022	First sold-out concerts.
OCTOBER 21, 2022	FSO commission: Brian Balmages’s *Through Waterless Places*, conducted by the composer.
OCTOBER 20, 2023	World premiere of Balmages’s *Ode to a Joyride*, performed with the James Monroe High School Orchestra.
2023–24	The FSO Student Intern Program launches.
MAY 24, 2024	The Guest Artist Series debuts with “Broadway Legends”: Hugh Panaro, Dee Roscioli and Morgan James.
OCTOBER 26, 2024	Concerts move to Monroe Auditorium at James Monroe High School.
MARCH 15, 2025	First Lolli-Pops! Concert for Kids, “A Salute to Mother Earth.”
OCTOBER 25, 2025	Two world premieres by Matt Riley, including *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*, written to feature FSO Concertmaster Robyn Bauer.
MAY 23, 2026	“Summon the Heroes: The Memorial Concert” marks America’s 250th anniversary.
OCTOBER 23–24, 2026	Violinist Timothy Chooi gives a masterclass at James Monroe High School, then performs the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the FSO.