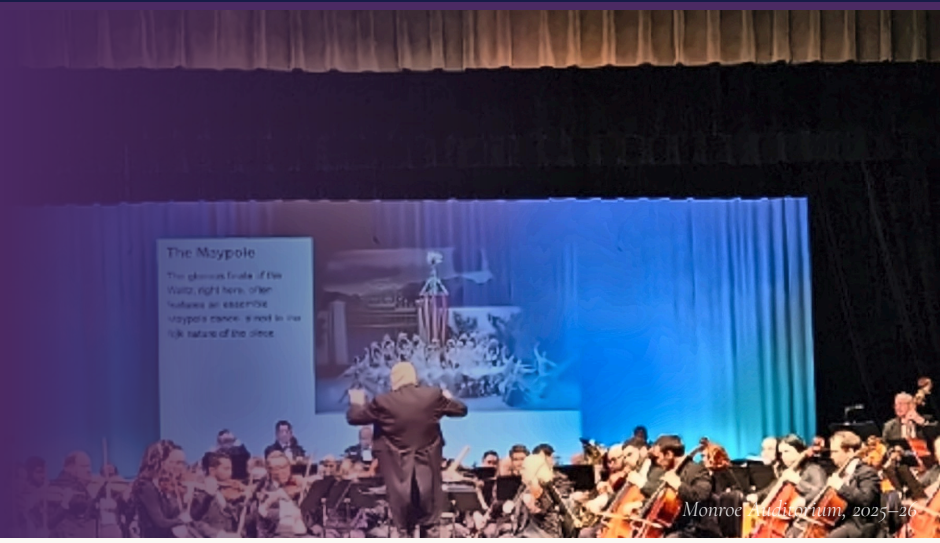


Monroe Auditorium, 2025–26

A SEASON OF HEROES

Season Five

2025–26 · Repertoire by Concert

The FSO's fifth season opened with Holst's complete The Planets and two world premieres by composer Matt Riley, including his arrangement of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, commissioned by Dr. Kevin P. Bartram with special support from Richard and Patricia Frazer. The premiere featured FSO Concertmaster Robyn Bauer, Richard Frazer's daughter, on violin and Shawn Purcell on electric guitar. Morgan James returned for Holiday Pops, Elvis came to Valentine's, and the season honored hometown heroes and America's fallen.

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Flights of Fancy
October Masterworks

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Season Finale

Dr. Kevin P. Bartram, Founder and Music Director · Concerts at Monroe Auditorium, Fredericksburg, Virginia


Monroe Auditorium, 2025–26 season

OCT 25, 2025

Flights of Fancy

October Masterworks

The Planets, Op. 32 — Gustav Holst

With the Chamber Chorale

I. Mars, the Bringer of War
II. Venus, the Bringer of Peace
III. Mercury, the Winged Messenger
IV. Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age
V. Uranus, the Magician
VI. Neptune, the Mystic
VII. Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity

— INTERMISSION —

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor — J. S. Bach, arr. Matt Riley

World premiere · Robyn Bauer, violin; Shawn Purcell, guitar

Scherzo for Motorcycle and Orchestra — John Williams

Sogno di Volare "The Dream of Flight" — Christopher Tin

The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg

Flying — Matt Riley

World premiere

Ode to Joy — Beethoven, arr. Matt Riley

Matt Riley, piano; The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg

Guest artists: The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg, Joe Eveler, Artistic Director; Matt Riley, composer and piano

Sponsor: Mary Wynn Richmond McDaniel and Charles Griffin McDaniel

DEC 17, 2025

All I Want for Christmas Is You

Holiday Pops

Christmas Fantasy	Dan Goeller
All I Want for Christmas Is You Morgan James	Carey & Afanasieff
The Christmas Song / Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Morgan James	Wells & Tormé / Martin & Blane, arr. Waldin
I'll Be Home for Christmas Morgan James	Kent & Gannon, arr. Barton
Angels We Have Heard on High James Pitts, piano	arr. Dan Goeller
Amazing Grace Morgan James	Newton, arr. Berens
Let It Snow Morgan James	Styne & Cahn, arr. Blank
Russian Christmas Music	Alfred Reed

— INTERMISSION —

Comfort and Joy John Lee, guitar	Aaron Stewart
Carol Concertante for Horn and Orchestra Damien Bollino, horn	arr. Dan Goeller
Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Morgan James	Coots & Gillespie, arr. Holcombe
Cool Yule Morgan James	Allen, arr. McKenzie
Winter Wonderland Morgan James	Bernard, adapted by Cy Payne
O Magnum Mysterium The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg	Ivo Antognini
O Holy Night Morgan James	arr. Clydesdale
Lotta Drummer Boyz World premiere · Liberty HS Drumline	Katherine Davis, arr. Zach Smith

Guest artists: Morgan James; The Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg; John Lee, guitar

Sponsor: The Essig Family & Anna and Robert Billingsley

FEB 14, 2026 Love Me Tender

Valentine's Romantic Classics

I Could Have Danced All Night from My Fair Lady — Lerner & Loewe, arr. Martel

Symphony No. 8 in B Minor "Unfinished" — Franz Schubert
- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante con moto

Also sprach Zarathustra: Introduction ("Sunrise") — Richard Strauss

A Tribute to Elvis: Burning Love; Love Me Tender; Can't Help Falling in Love — arr. Smith
Tim Beasley

— INTERMISSION —

A Tribute to The Beatles — arr. Manny Mendelson

The Olympic Spirit — John Williams
John-Rine Zabanal, conductor

Suite from Swan Lake, Op. 20a — Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Guest artists: Tim Beasley as Elvis Presley; John-Rine Zabanal, guest conductor

Sponsor: Sharon & Ed Minniear, Heather & Christopher Newman, and Mary & Howard Owen

MAR 14, 2026 A Salute to Our Hometown Heroes

Lolli-Pops! Concerts for Kids

SELECTED REPERTOIRE

Summon the Heroes — John Williams

Theme from Rocky — Bill Conti

For Good from Wicked — Stephen Schwartz
Raina Chan

Superman March — John Williams

How to Train Your Dragon Symphonic Suite — John Powell
Kahuna Pereyra, conductor

Defying Gravity from Wicked — Stephen Schwartz
Raina Chan

Guest artists: Raina Chan as Glinda the Good; Kahuna Pereyra as Stoic the Vast

Sponsor: Mary Jane O'Neill



Lolli-Pops! with Raina Chan as Glinda

MAY 23, 2026

Summon the Heroes: The Memorial Concert

Season Finale · America's 250th

Summon the Heroes — John Williams

The Generals — Jerry Goldsmith

I. MacArthur
II. Patton

Hymn to the Fallen from Saving Private Ryan — John Williams

Col. Colegate, narrator, with text and images by John Hennessy

A Lincoln Portrait — Aaron Copland

Col. Jenny Colegate, narrator

— INTERMISSION —

Symphony No. 9 in E Minor "From the New World" — Antonín Dvořák

I. Adagio – Allegro molto
II. Largo
III. Molto vivace
IV. Allegro con fuoco

Guest artists: Col. Jenny Colegate, Commander, Marine Corps Base Quantico, narrator; John Hennessy, historian