

Lifepoint Auditorium, 2023–24

THE GUEST ARTIST SERIES BEGINS

Season Three

2023–24 · Repertoire by Concert

In its third season the FSO premiered Brian Balmages's Ode to a Joyride with the James Monroe High School Orchestra, welcomed the Virginia Children's Chorus to Holiday Pops, launched the FSO Student Intern Program, and featured concertmaster Robyn Bauer as the voice of Scheherazade. The season closed with the debut of the Guest Artist Series: three Broadway stars in "Broadway Legends."

OCT 20, 2023
Halloween Classics
October Masterworks

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Home for the Holidays
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Broadway Legends
Season Finale

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


Hugh Panaro, "Broadway Legends," May 24, 2024

OCT 20, 2023 Halloween Classics

October Masterworks

Danse macabre, Op. 40 — Camille Saint-Saëns

Night on Bald Mountain — Modest Mussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov

Ode to a Joyride — Brian Balmages

World premiere · Brian Balmages, conductor, with the James Monroe HS Orchestra

— INTERMISSION —

Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 — Edvard Grieg

Brian Balmages, conductor

I. Morning Mood
II. Aase's Death
III. In the Hall of the Mountain King

Symphonie fantastique — Hector Berlioz

Movements I, IV and V

I. Rêveries – Passions
II. March to the Scaffold
III. Dream of a Witches' Sabbath

Guest artists: Brian Balmages, guest conductor; James Monroe HS Orchestra

Sponsor: Mary Wynn and Charles McDaniel

DEC 15, 2023

Home for the Holidays

Holiday Pops

A Christmas Scherzo	arr. Don Sebesky
Home for the Holidays	Allen & Stillman, arr. Zack Smith
Ukrainian Bell Carol	Wilhousky, arr. Hayman
Parade of the Wooden Soldiers	Jessel, arr. Hermann
A Swingin' Christmas	arr. Althouse
Somewhere in My Memory	John Williams, arr. Snyder/Smith
The Virginia Children's Chorus	
Belle of the Ball	Leroy Anderson
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	arr. Matt Riley
Bruce Middle, guitar	

— INTERMISSION —

Bahn Frei Polka, Op. 45	Eduard Strauss
Pacem Noel	arr. Clark
Festive Sounds of Hanukkah	arr. Holcombe
The Nutcracker Suite: Overture; Waltz of the Flowers	Peter I. Tchaikovsky
Jingle All the Way Medley	arr. Clydesdale
The Virginia Children's Chorus	
Christmas Sing-Along	arr. Cerulli
Do You Hear What I Hear?	arr. Matt Riley
James Pitts, piano	

Guest artist: The Virginia Children's Chorus, Dr. Matthew N. Russell, director

Sponsor: The Essig Family in memory of Ann Crowe Essig





Santa's visit and concertmaster Robyn Bauer, Holiday Pops, December 15, 2023

FEB 9, 2024

Romantic Fantasies

Valentine's Concert

William Tell Overture	Gioachino Rossini
An American in Paris Suite	George Gershwin, arr. Whitney
The Firebird Suite (1911): Infernal Dance, Berceuse and Finale	Igor Stravinsky

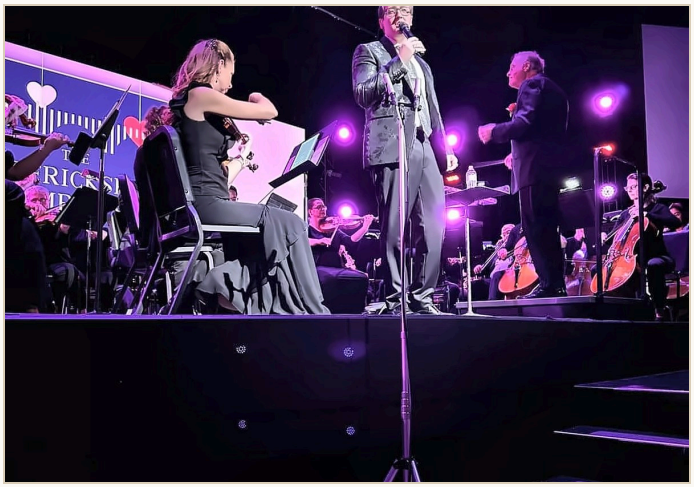
— INTERMISSION —

Fly Me to the Moon Wyatt Michael	Bart Howard, arr. Smith
What Kind of Fool Am I? Wyatt Michael	Anthony Newley, arr. Smith
Unforgettable Wyatt Michael	Irving Gordon, arr. Smith
Scheherazade, Op. 35 Robyn Bauer, solo violin	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Guest artist: Wyatt Michael, vocals

Sponsor: Sharon and Ed Minniear and Mary Washington Healthcare





Wyatt Michael with concertmaster Robyn Bauer, Romantic Fantasies, February 9, 2024

MAY 24, 2024

Broadway Legends

Season Finale · Guest Artist Series

Funny Girl: Overture	Jule Styne
Kiss Me, Kate: Another Opening, Another Show	Cole Porter
Funny Girl: Don't Rain on My Parade	Jule Styne
Sweeney Todd: Not While I'm Around	Stephen Sondheim
My Fair Lady: I Could Have Danced All Night	Lerner & Loewe
Girl Crazy: I Got Rhythm	George & Ira Gershwin
West Side Story: Medley	Leonard Bernstein
A Little Night Music: Send In the Clowns	Stephen Sondheim
Wicked: Defying Gravity	Stephen Schwartz
The Music Man: You Got Trouble	Meredith Willson
Company: Getting Married Today	Stephen Sondheim

— INTERMISSION —

Jesus Christ Superstar: Medley	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Evita: Don't Cry for Me Argentina	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Any Dream Will Do	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Cats: Jellicle Ball; Memory	Andrew Lloyd Webber
The Phantom of the Opera: The Phantom of the Opera; The Music of the Night	Andrew Lloyd Webber

Guest artists: Hugh Panaro; Dee Roscioli; Morgan James

Sponsor: Anna and Robert Billingsley & Mary Jane and Ronald Branscome