



**FORT WORTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ANNOUNCES
2017 CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN SCHEDULE
17 Nights of Music Under the Stars with Fireworks
Every Night**

FORT WORTH, TX – March 13, 2017 – The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra is delighted to announce the 27th annual Concerts In The Garden Summer Music Festival, offering 17 outdoor concerts at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden **June 2–July 8, 2016** with fireworks every night.

- **Festival dates:** June 2–July 8, 2017
- **Location:** Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- **Times:** Gates open at 6:30 PM, concerts begin at 8:15 PM
- **On-sale date:** Monday, March 20 for FWSO Subscribers. Monday; April 10 for the general public.
- **To purchase:** Call the Ticket Office at 817-665-6000 or visit www.fwsymphony.org

THE MUSIC

The series offers a variety of music for every taste, from the Music of Pink Floyd to Star Wars to Asleep at the Wheel, with fabulous fireworks every night and three nights of our Old-Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic on July 2, 3, and 4! The full Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs on 13 of the 17 concerts this summer. The Festival will open with Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Friday, June 2.

New this year:

- **JT Hodges** (Local new-country star makes his CITG debut)
- **RePlay: A Symphony of Heroes** (Video game music from *Halo*, *Kingdom Hearts*, *Final Fantasy*, and much more)
- **The Music of David Bowie** (Tribute to David Bowie’s music with full rock band and orchestra)

Returning favorites:

- **Classical Mystery Tour** (Beatles musical tribute with full orchestra)
- **Music of Pink Floyd** (tribute band with full orchestra)
- **Music of Journey** (tribute band with full orchestra)
- **Star Wars and Beyond** (Full orchestra brings life to music from Star Wars for two nights)
- **Old-Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic** (Celebrate Independence Day with thrilling marches, military salutes, and spectacular fireworks)
- **Asleep at the Wheel** (Kings of Texas Swing with full orchestra)

TICKETS

Lawn tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the gate. Children ages 10 and younger are admitted free on the lawn **with a ticket** if accompanied by an adult. Adult table seats are \$32-62 in advance and \$37-67 at the gate. Children's table tickets are \$16-62 in advance and \$20-67 at the gate. Tickets are available to FWSO Subscribers beginning Monday, March 20. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, April 10. Purchase tickets by calling the ticket office at 817-655-6000 or by visiting www.fwsymphony.org.

-----FULL CONCERT SCHEDULE-----

The 27th Annual Concerts In The Garden Summer Festival

Friday, June 2, 2017

Preservation Hall Jazz Band*

The Big Easy comes to Cowtown once again as the Preservation Hall Jazz Band returns to Fort Worth to open the Concerts In The Garden festival. Established in 1961, this renowned ensemble continues to promote and perform traditional New Orleans jazz all over the world. Don't miss their soul-thrilling show.

Saturday, June 3, 2017

JT Hodges*

We are excited to welcome JT Hodges in his debut performance at Concerts In The Garden. A Fort Worth native, he is known for his original and raucous sound combined with soulful lyrics. Be there for an exciting evening of new country.

Friday, June 9, 2017

A Tribute to Elvis with Kraig Parker*

It's been 40 years since the passing of The King, but our love for his music remains strong as ever. Come hear Kraig Parker and his Royal Tribute Band pay homage to Elvis Presley in his tenth CITG appearance since 2004. Long live the King!

Saturday, June 10, 2017

ABBACADABRA: The Ultimate ABBA Tribute*

The music of ABBA returns to the Garden with timeless favorites like “Super Trooper,” “Dancing Queen,” and “S.O.S.” Break out the bell bottoms and dust off that disco ball. You won’t be able to sit still when ABBACADABRA performs the ultimate ABBA tribute!

**The orchestra will not perform on the first four concerts*

Friday, June 16, 2017

The Music of Pink Floyd
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Martin Herman, conductor

With psychedelic tunes and philosophical lyrics, Pink Floyd exploded onto the scene in the late '60s and became one of the most successful bands in the history of popular music. The FWSO and a full rock band bring back some of the band’s classics from iconic albums like *Dark Side of the Moon*, *The Wall*, *Animals*, and much more. Last year’s show completely sold out, so book early to guarantee your seat.

Saturday, June 17, 2017

RePlay: Symphony of Heros
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Kelly Corcoran, conductor
Nigel Carrington, narrator

Gamers get ready, the FWSO performs music from some of the most popular video game franchises in the world. This show includes music from games like *Final Fantasy*, *Mass Effect*, *Kingdom Hearts*, *Halo*, *Castlevania*, and much more. Nigel Carrington narrates an epic story that takes listeners on a musical quest; a must see event!

Sunday, June 18, 2017

1812 Overture and Symphonic Sparklers°
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Take symphonic masterpieces performed in a beautiful, outdoor setting, and add to that Tchaikovsky’s explosive *1812 Overture*, his *Romeo and Juliet*, and Gershwin’s *An American in Paris* set to breathtaking fireworks! A splendid evening under the stars!

°Donor Appreciation Night

Friday, June 23, 2017

The Music of David Bowie
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Martin Herman, conductor

In a long-awaited tribute to the Star Man himself, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will dazzle with The Music of David Bowie, honoring the legend with a show of his own music and backed by a full rock band. Kick back to some of Bowie's innovative and unforgettable hits, including "Space Oddity," "Changes," "Under Pressure," "Heroes," "China Girl," and more.

Saturday, June 24, 2017

The Music of Journey
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Martin Herman, conductor
Juan Del Castillo, lead vocals

It's quickly becoming a CITG favorite! The Music of Journey will have you rocking out to some of the most legendary anthems of all time. Get out that phone lighter app for anthems like "Faithfully," "Open Arms," and "Don't Stop Believin'."

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Classical Mystery Tour
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Martin Herman, conductor

Ever wondered what the Beatles would sound like with a symphony orchestra? Wonder no more—Classical Mystery Tour and the FWSO present 30 iconic Beatles tunes with four Beatles look- and sound-alikes. This year marks the 50th anniversary of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, and to celebrate, CMT will perform the full album for your entertainment. With more than a dozen performances at CITG, it's no wonder the "Fab Four" keep coming back.

Friday, June 30, 2017

Asleep at the Wheel
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

The Grammy Award-winning country music group Asleep at the Wheel returns to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden to close out June in style. The "Kings of Texas Swing" will be backed this year by your own Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, and they love it when you get out on that lawn and kick up some dust! Don't miss the national "Band of Texas" pay homage to that Western heritage that many of us hold so dear.

Saturday, July 1, 2017

The Music of Led Zeppelin
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Brent Havens, conductor

Come out to hear the FWSO's tribute to one of the most famous bands on the planet: Led Zeppelin. For the first time since 2011, the orchestra will meld with a full rock band in a sonic jam session sure to blow your mind with songs like "Stairway to Heaven," "Black Dog," "All of My Love," and more.

Sunday, July 2-Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Old-Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Conductor

Mark your calendar for another round of the best fireworks in town. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra honors our Independence Day with a bombastic display of musical patriotism including thrilling marches, heartfelt military tributes and more. Pack a picnic, bring the whole family, and join our all-American July 4th celebration at the Old-Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic.

Friday, July 7-Saturday, July 8, 2017

Star Wars and Beyond: A Laser Light Spectacular
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

After two sellout shows last year, Star Wars & Beyond returns to Concerts In The Garden to light up the sky and awaken the force in all of us. Buy and fire up your lightsaber onsite and have your picture taken with some of the franchise's most iconic characters. The first half of the program features music from iconic films like *Harry Potter*, *E.T The Extra Terrestrial*, and more, while in the second half you'll hear your favorite themes from *Star Wars* enhanced with an epic laser show.

About the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Since 1912, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra has educated, entertained and enhanced the cultural life of Cowtown. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs a broad range of symphonic and pops concerts, from August through May. In addition to its own concert series, the Orchestra also collaborates with the Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Southwestern Seminary Master Chorale, and the Children's Education Program of Bass Performance Hall. Concerts in The Garden, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's summer music festival, was launched in 1990 and takes place each June-July at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. For more information about Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, visit www.fwsymphony.org.

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