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SYMPHONY MUSICIANS STEP OUTSIDE OF CENTURY II

The Wichita Symphony Season Begins with Special Events and Collaborations During October

(Wichita, KS) The start of the Wichita Symphony's season in the Century II Concert Hall is less than a month away. But before settling into its usual home, the Symphony announces three events that invite the public to nontraditional venues in the weeks ahead.

Playing Across the Parks

Saturday, October 14, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The collaboration with Wichita Park and Recreation began during the pandemic shutdown when both organizations sought new ways to draw people to events that offered both safety outdoors and an introduction to new experiences that welcomed entire families and all ages.

On Saturday, October 14, two string quartets of Wichita Symphony musicians stagger their start times and move from park to park to perform the music of Walt Disney films in different neighborhoods throughout the city. Audiences will hear music from films like *Frozen*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Encanto*, *Toy Story*, and more. Each concert will last about thirty minutes.

The concerts are free and open to everyone. Bring your morning coffee and donuts, picnic blankets, and lawn chairs. Settle in to enjoy the fall weather and good music surrounded by the beauty of nature at a Wichita neighborhood park. Allow time to park and walk a short distance to the park pavilion for the performance. Concerts start and end promptly. In the event of rain, the performances are canceled.

- 10:00 a.m. – Linwood Park North (1802 E. Harry St.)
- 10:30 a.m. – Central Riverside Park Gazebo (720 Nims N.)
- 11:00 a.m. – West Douglas Park (3201 W. Douglas)
- 11:30 a.m. – Woodland Park (841 W. 21st St. N.)
- 12:00 p.m. – Buffalo Park (500 N. Maize Rd.)
- 12:30 p.m. – Chisholm Creek Park (3228 N. Oliver)

Wichita Symphony Chorus Links Up with Wichita State University Choirs
Saturday, October 21, at 7:30 in Wichita State University's Miller Concert Hall.

Wichitans love their choruses, and as the fall season unwinds, patrons can hear plenty of good choral singing locally, culminating in December's holiday concerts. On October 21, Chorus Director Ryan Beeken brings the Symphony Chorus to the Wichita State Campus to collaborate with his University Choirs in a lush, audience-friendly choral music concert.

The concert's first half presents the WSU Madrigal Singers and the WSU Chorale performing music from the Renaissance through today and includes a few solos representing the opera world. The Wichita Symphony Chorus, a highly regarded community chorus, and Wichita Symphony Orchestra musicians take the stage after intermission to perform Ola Gjeilo's (YAY-loh) acclaimed *Sunrise Mass*. The Norwegian-American composer, born in 1978, cites film music as an important influence on his work.

General Admission tickets for \$30 and \$10 for students are available on the Wichita Symphony's website: <https://wichitasymphony.org/events/sunrise-mass>. Or call the Box Office at (316) 267-7658.

Symphony on the Rocks
Tuesday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at First Mile Kitchen, Bradley Fair Shopping Center

Calling all foodies and music lovers! Experience the culinary imagination of First Mile Kitchen's chef/owner Nick Korbee as he and his team offer a special and unique four-course menu with paired cocktails inspired by the music of the Symphony's opening Masterworks concert.

The WSO's Principal bassist, Mark Foley, curates the evening's musical program. Music Director Daniel Hege and WSO Concertmaster Holly Mulcahy, featured in Jim Stephenson's Violin Concerto, weigh in on the forthcoming weekend's concert.

Tickets are limited and cost \$175, of which \$75 is a tax-deductible contribution to the Wichita Symphony. View the evening's menu and purchase tickets on the Symphony's website: <https://wichitasymphony.org/events/symphony-on-the-rocks>. Or call the Box Office at (316) 267-7658.

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