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## **BOTANICA AND THE WICHITA SYMPHONY RENEW THEIR FALL COLLABORATION**

### ***Symphony on the Grand Lawn* Features Music from Superhero Movies**

(Wichita, KS) Calling all lovers of movie music! The Wichita Symphony and Botanica, The Wichita Gardens renew their fall collaboration, ***Symphony on the Grand Lawn***, on Friday, September 29, on the Dr. David & Mickie Brown Grand Lawn & Stage at the Koch Carousel Gardens. The ***Superhero Soundtrack*** program features music from popular movies like *Batman*, *Superman*, *Wonder Woman*, and many more.

Enjoy a pleasant evening under the stars with the Wichita Symphony and Guest Conductor Stuart Chafetz at Botanica's Grand Lawn, Wichita's stunning outdoor venue. Botanica's South and Main Gates open at 6:30, and the concert begins at 7:30.

This concert is suitable for all ages. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$10 for students and children. Patrons should bring lawn chairs. Blankets, which take up too much real estate, are not permitted. Concertgoers may bring snacks and water. Cash bars will be available. Purchase tickets online at [wichitasymphony.org](http://wichitasymphony.org) and [botanica.org](http://botanica.org), or call the Symphony Box Office at (316) 267-7658.

The Symphony welcomes the distinguished Pops conductor Stuart Chafetz for his Wichita Symphony debut. Chafetz is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Columbus Symphony and Principal Pops Conductor of the Chautauqua and Marin Symphonies. Celebrated for his dynamic and engaging podium presence, Chafetz is in demand with orchestras across the continent. This season, he will be on the podium with the symphonies of Detroit, Ft Worth, Naples, Buffalo, North Carolina, and Seattle. He enjoys a special relationship with The Phoenix Symphony, where he leads multiple programs annually.

The program includes film scores by noted composers active on today's Hollywood sound stages, including John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Danny Elfman, and Alan Silvestri, as well as earlier composers like Erich Wolfgang Korngold's Academy Award-winning score for the 1938 Warner Bros. epic swashbuckler *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. Music by Rossini (The *William Tell Overture* recognizable as the *Lone Ranger* Theme) and Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries* also appear.

*Symphony on the Grand Lawn* continues the acclaimed collaboration between two of Wichita's leading cultural organizations. In May 2021, the Symphony and Botanica introduced *Symphony in the Gardens* as a fundraiser for both organizations. The event has become one of Wichita's most sought-after springtime activities. *Symphony on the Grand Lawn* was introduced last year, and the two organizations recently collaborated on a Young People's Concert video, *Rosa's Garden*, seen on PBS Kansas.

***An important caveat: If *Symphony on the Grand Lawn* is canceled due to inclement weather, the ticket price will be converted into a tax-deductible donation for Botanica and the Wichita Symphony. No refunds will be issued. Fortunately, September is usually Wichita's driest month of the year.***

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