

NEWS RELEASE Wichita Symphony Orchestra

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BOTANICA AND THE WICHITA SYMPHONY EXPAND THEIR COLLABORATION

Symphony on the Grand Lawn Introduced as a Major Fall Event

WICHITA, KS – The Wichita Symphony and Botanica, The Wichita Gardens proudly announce their newest collaboration – *Symphony on the Grand Lawn*. This inaugural fall concert event takes place on Friday, September 30, on the Grand Lawn's Dr. David & Mickie Brown Stage at the Koch Carousel Gardens.

Enjoy a pleasant evening under the stars with the Wichita Symphony, conducted by Music Director Daniel Hege, at Botanica's Grand Lawn, Wichita's newest stunning outdoor venue. Botanica's South Gate opens at 6:30, and the concert begins at 7:30. Cash bars will be available for this performance, but not food service.

This concert is suitable for all ages. A limited number of student and child tickets are available. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$10 for students and children, and the ticket includes a chair on the Grand Lawn. Purchase tickets online at <u>wichitasymphony.org</u> or <u>botanica.org</u>, or call the Symphony Box Office at (316) 267-7658.

The concert's first half embraces the botanical surroundings with symphonic music about flowers, the Bee House, the Chinese Garden, the Carousel, and more. After intermission, Maestro Hege conducts familiar music from Broadway and Hollywood, including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Jurassic Park*, *Apollo 13*, *Gladiator*, and (of course) *Star Wars*.

Symphony on the Grand Lawn is made possible by the support of the DeVore Family Foundation and many other businesses, families, and individuals in Wichita. This event is a continuation of 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. Repeated in May 2022, the event has become one of Wichita's most sought-after springtime activities.

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.