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**Tulsa Symphony announces 2018-19 season**

*Season programs feature big names including cellist Lynn Harrell, pop rock band Hanson*

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Tulsa Symphony unveils its 2018-19 season, continuing its mission of providing diverse, entertaining, and inspiring programming to the Tulsa community and beyond. The season includes classical concerts, chamber music concerts, and more movie-music concerts. Finally, the season ends with *Hanson String Theory*, in which the home-grown pop rock band Hanson will perform its hit music in an entire new way — accompanied by a full orchestra!

The season begins on Friday, Sept. 7, with a Tulsa tradition that's fun for the whole family: **Symphony in the Park** at Guthrie Green. This free concert features a mix of pops and light classics conducted by Ron Spigelman. The evening ends with a fireworks finale in downtown Tulsa!

Tulsa Symphony's **Classics Series** includes five dynamic concerts showcasing several prominent conductors on the Tulsa Symphony podium. It includes music by ten different composers: Bernstein, Dvorak, Britten, Mozart, Gandolfi, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Strauss, Piazzolla, and Rachmaninoff. The series opens with the annual *Opening Night Gala Concert* on Saturday, October 6, 2018, featuring world-renowned cellist Lynn Harrell. Heralded as "the dean of American cellists" by the *Washington Post*, Harrell will perform the cello concerto by Antonin Dvorak.

Other highlights of the 2018-2019 Classics Series include Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*, conducted by James Bagwell and performed with Tulsa Oratorio Chorus; Principal Guest Conductor Daniel Hege leading the orchestra in a concert featuring Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*; and guest conductor Gerhardt Zimmerman will join Tulsa Symphony to present *Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7*, a musical testament to Soviet citizens who died in World War II.

Tulsa Symphony continues its **Chamber Music Series**, Fridays in the Loft, with four warm and welcoming evenings in the Fly Loft building, housed in heart of the Tulsa Arts District. Audiences can enjoy question-and-answer sessions with musicians, wine and hors d'oeuvres, and innovative chamber music programming in an intimate setting.

Movie music lovers, rejoice! The wonderful world of Hogwarts returns to the big screen with Tulsa Symphony musicians onstage. Experience the magic of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*™ with a live orchestra for two shows in mid-November. Then, get into the holiday season with family favorite *Home Alone*, featuring music by renowned composer John Williams. Hilarious and heartwarming, *Home Alone* is sure to please everyone in the family!

Capping the Tulsa Symphony 2018-2019 season are brothers Isaac, Taylor, and Zac Hanson of the band *Hanson*, who will perform onstage in their hometown with Tulsa Symphony in mid-May. Music fans of all ages will love *Hanson String Theory*, a fun, high-energy special performance featuring their catchy hit music.

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Those interested in renewing their Tulsa Symphony season subscriptions can do so beginning April 2 by visiting [tulsasymphony.org](http://tulsasymphony.org) or calling (918) 584-3645. New subscribers can purchase their tickets for the season starting April 30. Subscribers may choose a full package to attend every Tulsa Symphony concert, or may decide to mix-and-match to create their own season using the FLEX package. Tickets for single concerts will be available for purchase in July.

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Tulsa Symphony 2018-19 Season:

**Symphony in the Park**

Friday, September 7, 2018 | Guthrie Green

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music I**

Friday, September 21, 2018 | Fly Loft

**Classics I: Opening Night Gala Concert**

with cellist Lynn Harrell

Saturday, October 6, 2018 | Tulsa PAC

**Classics II: Britten's War Requiem**

Sunday, November 11, 2018 | Tulsa PAC

**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™**

Saturday, November 17, 2018 & Sunday, November 18, 2018 | Tulsa PAC

**Home Alone**

Saturday, December 1, 2018 | Tulsa PAC

**Classics III: Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet**

Saturday, January 5, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music II**

Friday, January 18, 2019 | Fly Loft

**Classics IV: Shostakovich's 7th Symphony**

Saturday, February 2, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music III**

Friday, March 15, 2019 | Fly Loft

**Classics V: Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances**

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music IV**

Friday, April 26, 2019 | Fly Loft

**Hanson String Theory**

Friday, May 17, 2019 | Tulsa PAC