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**Tulsa Symphony announces 2019-20 season**

*Season programs feature big names including violinist Rachel Barton Pine, Star Wars, and folk singer-songwriter Arlo Guthrie*

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Tulsa Symphony unveils its 2019-20 season, in the exciting tradition of providing diverse, entertaining, and inspiring programming to the Tulsa community and beyond. The 14<sup>th</sup> season includes timeless masterworks, intimate and informal chamber music performances, and a blockbuster live orchestra soundtrack movie. The spectacular season finale is all *Peace, Love, and Arlo Guthrie*, prolific hero and musical story teller of the “Folk Boom” era, performing live with Tulsa Symphony!

The season begins on Friday, Sept. 6, with a fun Tulsa tradition 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 six dynamic concerts showcasing prominent guest conductors on the Tulsa Symphony podium interpreting music by sixteen different composers: Rossini, Barber, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mozart, Debussy, Beethoven, Berlioz, Brahms and many more! (Torke, Mussorgsky, Grieg, Bach, Schumann, Bloch, and Lutoslawski) The PAC season opens with the annual *Opening Night Gala Concert* on Saturday, September 14, 2019, featuring world-renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine. Heralded as “an exciting, boundary-defying performer” by the *Washington Post*, Pine will perform the soulful Violin Concerto by Samuel Barber. The orchestra will also present Mussorgsky’s iconic Pictures at an Exhibition.

Continuing highlights of the 2019-2020 Classics Series include Claude Debussy’s whirling *Images*, conducted by Ron Spigelman; Principal Guest Conductor Daniel Hege leading the orchestra in a concert featuring Brahms’ regal First Symphony and selections from Schumann’s tragically expressive Second Symphony. Also, in celebration of the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tulsa Symphony will present the sonic Olympiad that is Michael Torke’s *Javelin*.

The intimate and informal **Fridays in the Loft** presents four warm and welcoming evenings in the heart of the Arts District where audiences enjoy Q&A sessions with Tulsa’s finest musicians, wine, hors d’oeuvres, and innovative chamber music programming. This series is an annual sell-out this year offers a special bonus chamber event featuring pianist Robin Sutherland (San Francisco Symphony) and clarinetist Carlos Ortega scheduled for late November.

Star Wars fans, rejoice! The magnificent galaxy of Star Wars soars to the big screen with Tulsa Symphony musicians onstage performing the iconic Academy Award® winning John Williams score. Experience the thrill of *Star Wars: In Concert™* with Tulsa Symphony in mid-March 2020.

Capping the Tulsa Symphony 2019-2020 season is another special event spotlighting Arlo Guthrie, son of American Folk icon Woody Guthrie performing live onstage with Tulsa Symphony at the PAC in mid-May. Music fans of all ages will love *Peace, Love, and Arlo*, a colorful celebration of the anti-war music of the 60's and 70's.

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Renewals for Tulsa Symphony season subscriptions begin April 8 by calling (918) 584-3645. New subscribers can purchase all tickets for the season starting May 27. Subscribers choose from full subscription packages for the entire season or opt to mix-and-match to create their own personal season using the FLEX package. Tickets for single concerts are available for purchase in July.

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Tulsa Symphony 2019-20 Season:

**Symphony in the Park**

Friday, September 6, 2019 | Guthrie Green

**Classics I: Opening Night Gala Concert**

with violinist Rachel Barton Pine

Saturday, September 14, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music I**

Friday, September 27, 2019 | Fly Loft

**Classics II: Debussy's Images**

Sunday, October 5, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Classics III: Mozart's Piano Concerto**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 | Tulsa PAC

**Robin Sutherland and Carlos Ortega**

Friday, November 22, 2019 | Fly Loft

**Classics IV: Strauss and Schumann**

Saturday, January 11, 2020 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music II**

Friday, January 24, 2020 | Fly Loft

**Classics V: Mozart and Grieg**

Saturday, February 8, 2020 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music III**

Friday, March 6, 2020 | Fly Loft

**Star Wars: In Concert<sup>TM</sup>**

Saturday, March 14, 2020 | Tulsa PAC

**Classics VI: Bloch and Brahms**

Saturday, April 18, 2020 | Tulsa PAC

**Fridays in the Loft Chamber Music IV**

Friday, April 24, 2020 | Fly Loft

**Peace, Love, and Arlo**

Friday, May 15, 2020 | Tulsa PAC