

## Press Release

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### **SALINA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING “SEASON FOR ROMANCE”**

The Salina Symphony invites you to experience its 56<sup>th</sup> season, the Season for Romance. An impressive array of guest artists will join the Symphony in presenting an exciting season sure to awaken your sense of romance!

The season will open Oct. 2 with the moving and powerful music of Russia. **“Russian Rendezvous”** will include a performance of Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3 by Yekwon Sunwoo, piano division gold medalist in last year’s King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition. The concert will also feature Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet and Russian Easter Overture by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Sip your way through an afternoon of **“Tea and Symphony”** on Nov. 6 when guest artist Jolyon Pegis of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra performs Elgar’s Cello Concerto in E minor. The orchestra will also perform Elgar’s famous Enigma Variations.

Wrap yourself in music that fills the heart and feeds the soul at the Symphony’s annual **“Christmas Festival”** Dec. 17 and 18. The ever-popular holiday concert will feature more than 100 vocalists as well as the Peggy Simms Center for Theatre Arts Dancers.

Make a **“French Connection”** on Jan. 29 as the Symphony serenades you with popular French favorites. The concert will feature twelve-year-old prodigy Emily Shehi, who will perform Saint-Saens’ Violin Concerto No. 3. The orchestra will also present Debussy’s Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, Liszt’s Les Preludes and Ravel’s Bolero.

The Symphony will bid a fond farewell to the season on May 6 with **“Timeless Romance,”** a collection of love songs from your favorite movies, musicals and operas. Guest soloists will include soprano Leslie Mangrum, assistant professor of music at Kansas Wesleyan University, and tenor Joseph Perniciaro, assistant professor of voice and director of opera at Fort Hays State University. Both have sung throughout the United States in opera, oratorio and recital performances.

Additional offerings this season include an afternoon of **“Disney Magic”** on March 11, the Symphony’s first annual Bank of Tescott Family Concert. Lose yourself in a fairy tale come true when the

Symphony and Kansas Wesleyan University vocalists present music from ~~%~~Beauty and the Beast,~~+%~~The Little Mermaid,~~+%~~Mary Poppins~~+and many other jewels from the Disney vault.~~

Two **Youth Symphony** concerts featuring the 150+ members of the Youth Symphony, Junior Youth Symphony and Preparatory Orchestra will be held Nov. 13 and April 15. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Youth Symphony Program will be celebrated with a special commissioned work at the spring concert.

Season tickets go on sale July 8 at a cost of \$95 for adults / \$50 for students and may be ordered by phone at 785-823-8309 or in person at the Symphony Office, located on the second floor of the Stiefel Theatre. Please visit [www.salinasymphony.org](http://www.salinasymphony.org) for more information.

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