

Beaufort Symphony Celebrates Silent Film

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For its fourth concert of the season, The Beaufort Symphony Orchestra will present 'Hollywood Extravaganza - Film Score in Reverse' on Thursday Evening, April 18th, and a Sunday Matinee, April 21st at the USCB Center For The Arts in Beaufort.

This unique program will feature the full orchestra on stage, while scenes from the silent film era are projected on the big screen behind the orchestra! This concept is the opposite of what usually happens when we go to the theatre to view a movie. In that case, a sound design person has adapted the music to the scenes which will appear on the screen. With 'Film Score In Reverse,' a computerized program coordinates scenes from movies while the orchestra plays. The conductor is free to interpret the music as he wishes. We think this marks the first time this special technique has been offered to audiences in the Lowcountry! Beaufort Symphony Orchestra's Maestro Frederick Devyatkin will be at the podium as usual.

During the performance of 'Flicker, A Celebration of the Silent Age,' you will be able to delight in viewing classic examples of Horror, Melodrama, and Spectacle in some of the finest films ever made. It will be a unique opportunity to recall celebrated performances by Lon Chaney, John Barrymore, Buster Keaton, Roscoe "Fatty Arbuckle" and Charlie Chaplin in their timeless silent film roles. Among the film clips represented are 'Phantom of the Opera,' 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,' the 1923 'Hunchback of Notre Dame,' and 'The Tramp.'

Our own BSO provides the live music on stage! Mussorgsky, Saint-Saens, Grieg, Sibelius, and Stravinsky are among the composers represented. Selections include 'Night on Bald Mountain,' 'Danse Macabre,' 'Peer Gynt,' 'Finlandia,' and 'The Firebird. These pieces are among the most recognizable and well-loved in musical repertoire today.

The BSO invites you to come see and hear this extremely different and special concert experience. They are grateful for your support as they continue to grow our audiences and 'KEEP THE MUSIC LIVE' here in Beaufort. Some have suggested they are among the best small orchestras in the country!

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The Beaufort Symphony will end its season with 'Side By Side,' another one of a kind concert, on Sunday afternoon, May 19th. They're proud to showcase the combined talents of their adult and youth orchestras at Beaufort High School Performing Arts Auditorium. This will result in a 100-piece orchestra, as they feature the growing musicianship of their young people sitting alongside the adults. The BSO/BYO 'Side By Side' program is NOT a part of their regular season subscriptions. Tickets for 'Side By Side' must be purchased separately and are now available on the website at www.beaufortorchestra.org.

Together the Beaufort Youth Orchestra, directed by Maestro Devyatkin, and the First Orchestra, led by Amy Rabinowitz, now number more than 100 youth!!! According to BSO Board Member, Ron Maddox, classical music is ALIVE and WELL in our community and the orchestra is growing at an amazing rate. This year its board supported their musicianship with 21 scholarships for college music camps and partial private lesson tuition for 16. Through competitive audition, the orchestra's youth have been selected to participate in State/Regional Honors Orchestras. This year several will join other talented young musicians from around the US for summer-long Music Festivals at Brevard, NC and Meadowmont, NY. Several of high school youth have been offered entrance into the prestigious South Carolina Governor's Schools.

The Details

The Beaufort Symphony Orchestra

'Hollywood Extravaganza – Film Score in Reverse'

USCB Center For The Arts, 801 Carteret Street, Beaufort

Thursday Evening, April 18th - 7:30 P.M. - \$37.50

Sunday Matinee, April 21st - 3:00 P.M. - \$37.50

Youth Through High School - \$5

Tickets may be purchased online at the Beaufort Orchestra's website: www.beaufortorchestra.org

Or Call 1-800-595-4TIX (4849)

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