

2023 Spring Pops Listings

Ragtime: The Symphonic Concert

Friday, May 12, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.

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Keith Lockhart, conductor

Jason Danieleley, stage director

Alton Fitzgerald White (Coalhouse Walker Jr.)

Elizabeth Stanley (Mother)

John Cariani (Tateh)

Nikki Renée Daniels (Sarah)

David Harris (Father)

A.J. Shively (Mother's Younger Brother)

Klea Blackhurst (Emma Goldman)

***Ragtime* Ensemble**

The Boston Pops performs *Ragtime: The Symphonic Concert*, prepared by the original creators Terrence McNally, Lynn Ahrens, and Stephen Flaherty especially for the Pops. Based on the 1975 novel by E.L. Doctorow, *Ragtime* weaves together the stories of three intersecting groups in the U.S. in the early 20th century: Eastern European immigrants, the African American community in Harlem, and an upper-class white family. Together, they confront history's timeless tensions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair.

Roots of Jazz: Trumpet Titans

Wednesday, May 17, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m.

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Byron Stripling, trumpet

The Pops continues its popular Roots of Jazz series with an exhilarating show focusing on some of the artists who created a brilliantly original American music. Join trumpet virtuoso and master showman Byron Stripling and conductor Keith Lockhart on a journey from the New Orleans roots of Louis Armstrong to the frenetic bebop of Dizzy Gillespie to the cool stylings of Miles Davis. Come hear timeless music like New Orleans staple *When the Saints Go Marching In*, tunes from "Charleston" composer and jazz pioneer James P. Johnson, and the immortal works of jazz royalty Duke Ellington as we tell an extraordinary story you won't want to miss!

Disney Princess—The Concert

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 2 p.m.

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Christy Altomare, vocalist

Susan Egan, vocalist
Arielle Jacobs, vocalist
Syndee Winters, vocalist
Adam J. Levy, vocalist
Benjamin Rauhala, music director

Be our guest as an all-star quartet of Broadway, television and animated film icons sing the music of every Disney Princess in an unforgettable celebration of songs, animation, and stories, alongside their magical Music Director and enchanting Prince.* Relive your VHS tape glory days, dress up in your favorite royal attire, and share the joy with your loved ones at *Disney Princess—The Concert*.

**This production features Broadway performers appearing as themselves. Costumed Disney characters do not appear at this event.*

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi

Thursday, May 25, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 26, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 8 p.m.

Keith Lockhart, conductor

After a quick trip back to Tatooine, Luke Skywalker, Leia Organa, and Han Solo are reunited and join up with the amassing rebel fleet to take down the evil Empire once and for all. But the Empire is plotting too. Emperor Palpatine commands his troops aboard his newly constructed Death Star stationed above the forest moon of Endor, where the rebels - and some unlikely furry friends - make their stand against the Empire. While Luke Skywalker confronts Darth Vader on the Death Star once more, Han leads a team to take out a shield protecting the battle station so that the rebel fleet can destroy it once more and finally put an end to the war...

[Disney Logo]

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Two Pianos: Who Could Ask for Anything More?

Wednesday, May 31, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m.

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano

Michael Feinstein, piano

Two of today's most celebrated artists—Jean-Yves Thibaudet and Michael Feinstein—join forces for the first time in *Two Pianos: Who Could Ask for Anything More?*, an innovative program celebrating the music of George Gershwin and his peers. Be among the first to hear brand-new arrangements that focus this enduring music through a fresh lens, reminding us all that some things will never go out of style. Don't miss this showcase of the Great American Songbook with America's Orchestra!

Video Games Live

Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m.

Emmanuel Fratianni, conductor

Feel the adrenaline with this immersive concert experience featuring music from the most iconic video games of all time, soundtracked by a dynamic symphony orchestra. The award-winning *Video Games Live*, created, produced, and hosted by world renowned game industry veteran Tommy Tallarico brings the energy and excitement of a rock concert mixed with the interactivity, stunning visuals, and fun that only video games can provide. The evening will include a costume contest and a meet-and-greet with top game composers, designers, and industry talent.

Presenting Guster

Tuesday, June 6, 8 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 7, 8 p.m.

Guster

Adam Gardner

Ryan Miller

Luke Reynolds

Brian Rosenworcel

David Butler, auxiliary keys and percussionist

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition winners, special guests (June 6 only)

Boston's own Guster partners with the Pops for an enticing performance of their biggest hits. From their inception 32 years ago in a dorm room at Tufts University, Guster has brought their unique vision and sound to the indie-rock scene. After three decades of creating enduring, quirky pop-rock songs like "Overexcited," "Amsterdam," "Satellite," and "Do You Love Me," their thoughtful, searching tracks and the responsive virtuosity of the Pops makes for the most compelling of collaborations. And a bonus: for one night only you can hear some of Boston's most talented young musicians in the culmination of the Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition!

** Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition Night*

Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey

Thursday, June 8, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 8 p.m.

Keith Lockhart, conductor

Usually you'll find Rick Steves touring the great destinations of Europe for his acclaimed PBS television series. Now you can join him on a different journey: A Symphonic Journey. In this unique concert, Rick Steves teams up with the Boston Pops for a performance that combines Europe's most stirring

Romantic-era anthems with beautiful high-definition cinematography and Rick's insights into European history. Please join us for a 6:30 p.m. pre-concert talk with Rick Steves.

Gospel Night

Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m.

Charles Floyd, conductor

Smokie Norful, special guest

Boston Pops Gospel Choir

Get on your feet and sing along with joy! This annual celebration with the Boston Pops and Boston Pops Gospel Choir features vocalist Smokie Norful, known for his 2002 album *I Need You Now* and 2004 release *Nothing Without You*, which won him a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album. Along with his role as founding Senior Pastor of Victory Cathedral Worship Center in Illinois, Norful has released five #1 Billboard Albums and been named Billboard's "Gospel Artist of the Year" several times. This annual event features many others of Boston's best and brightest Gospel vocal talents.