

Signature POPS



Cirque de la Symphonie September 23 & 24, 2011

Pops 1, featuring **Cirque de la Symphonie**, will bring the magic of cirque to the music hall. It is an exciting adaptation of artistic performances widely seen in theaters and arenas everywhere. Artists include veterans of exceptional cirque programs throughout the world – aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers, and strongmen. These artists are among the best in the business and include world record holders, gold-medal winners of international competitions, and some of the most original talent seen anywhere. Their performances are uniquely adapted to the musical program of the Signature Symphony, with each artist’s performance professionally choreographed to classical masterpieces and popular contemporary music. This will be an amazing evening for the entire family.

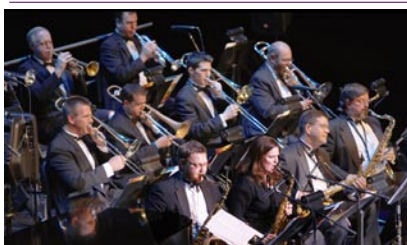
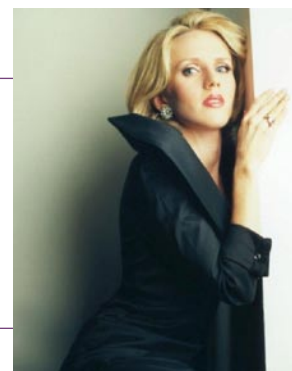


Donald & Barron Ryan October 14 & 15, 2011

Pops 2 highlights a father/son duo – Steinway artist **Donald Ryan** and his phenomenal pianistic son, **Barron**. In addition to the ever popular Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals, the two will explore ragtime from Scott Joplin’s Red Back Book, as well as selections that made the piano duo of Ferrante and Teicher household names from 1950-1980.

Christmas with Sarah Coburn December 9 & 10, 2011

Pops 3, our annual Christmas concert, will feature our own beautiful Oklahoma opera diva – **Sarah Coburn**. The Signature Symphony will partner with Sarah to present an elegant evening of Christmas memories and enchanting holiday scenes from around the world. If you have already heard and seen Sarah you know the essence of her charm. If you haven’t experienced that phenomenon you will want to be in attendance even more.



Signature Big Band February 24 & 25, 2012

Pops 4 will step outside our usual pops orchestra format when the **Signature Big Band** returns for the spring concert. Received enthusiastically during the 2009-2010 season, the Big Band will again feature the music from the Golden Years of Big Band, when groups as Basie, Ellington, the Dorsey Brothers and Benny Goodman traveled the back roads to entertain throughout Oklahoma.



Signature Symphony Reflections March 16 & 17, 2012

Pops 5 returns the orchestra to the stage for the close of our 33rd season, when we will reflect on our most popular presentations of the past 33 years – and focus on the many local and international artists that have graced our stage and helped to define the Signature Pops concerts and sound. One special segment will celebrate some of **Larry Dalton’s** best arrangements from 25 years with the Signature Symphony.

Reserve your seats now for next season's exciting

Signature Pops and Classics Series!

Signature Classics

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Tchaikovsky Piano Competition Winner October 1, 2011

Classics 1 will feature the **Gold Medal winner** from this June's **Tchaikovsky Piano Competition** in Moscow. We anticipate that this will be the first appearance of the pianist as the Tchaikovsky Gold Medalist in the U.S. The Tchaikovsky program will also feature the Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, the 1st Piano Concerto, and the 5th Symphony.

Signature Symphony and Chorale November 5, 2011

Classics 2 features a new commission from a Tulsa composer and four soloists from the orchestra, as well as the **Signature Chorale**, in Randall Thompson's Frostiana, set to the poetry of Robert Frost. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante will feature the principal winds from the orchestra. Local composer and University of Tulsa faculty member **Joseph Rivers** has been commissioned to write a new symphonic work for this concert based on five characters from Oklahoma history. It is anticipated that guests from Tulsa, Ponca City, and Oklahoma City related to the events and persons depicted will be part of the concert experience.



Tchaikovsky Gold Medal Cellist February 11, 2012

Classics 3 brings the second newly selected **Tchaikovsky Gold Medalist** for the season – this time, the winning cellist from the June competition. The program will feature the music of British composer **Edgar Elgar**. The compelling cello concerto will allow the new winner to stretch his/her skills. The closing work will be Elgar's "Puzzle of Initials" – Enigma Variations.

Bella Hristova, Violin March 10, 2012

Classics 4 brings the return of the Signature Principal Guest Conductor, **Piotr Sulkowski**, new recipient of a Doctorate for Krakow Conservatory of Music Program. The concert will feature the music of **Felix Mendelssohn**, including his popular violin concerto, and the rarely heard but incredible 5th symphony – THE REFORMATION. Violinist **Bella Hristova**, first prize winner of the 2008-09 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, will be the soloist for the concerto.



Gustav Holst – The Planets April 21, 2012



Classics 5 concludes the season in a large scale – **John Adams** Short Ride on a Fast Machine, the **Mahler** Kindertotenlieder, and **Gustav Holst's** Planets (with the addition of the **Colin Matthews** additional final movement "Pluto"). With these selections, the final concert of the season will be not only memorable, but a unique experience for the Tulsa audience.