

The **Starkville/MSU Symphony Association (SMSA)** was established on March 2, 1969. Under its leadership, the Symphony's program of work has grown to support the community orchestra, chorus, and its yearly education initiative, Programs for Children.

### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Starkville/MSU Symphony Orchestra performed its premiere concert on November 24, 1969. Conducted by Dr. Barry Kopetz, today's Orchestra presents an eclectic array of traditional, contemporary, and emerging compositions each concert season.

### SYMPHONY CHORUS

The Symphony Chorus performed its first concert on February 10, 1973. Under the direction of Dr. Doug Browning, the Chorus presents two concerts per year, featuring thematic choral arrangements, guest instrumentalists, and vocal soloists.



### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning in 1975, SMSA has presented this unique education initiative aimed at encouraging school children in their appreciation of symphonic music. In addition to a concert experience, the program includes curriculum for teachers, a student art competition, and the opportunity for 5th graders to learn to play an instrument and perform with the Orchestra. Over 3000 children from across the Golden Triangle attend Programs for Children concerts each year.

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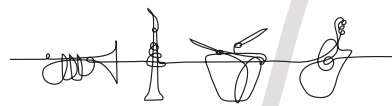
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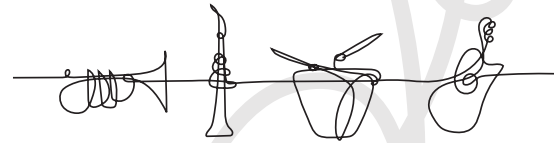
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**50** **2018-2019**  
**CONCERT SEASON**

Since 1969, the Starkville/MSU Symphony has provided the greater Starkville area and the Golden Triangle region with a true **community grown** experience of classical music. With the goal of introducing this vibrant genre to an audience reflecting the entire Starkville community, every concert has remained **free and open to the public** throughout the Symphony's entire 50-year history.

As a testament to the community's commitment to exceptional music, Starkville stands as one of the only cities of its size in the nation to support a continuing symphony orchestra for fifty years.

Each year, the Symphony Concert Season showcases the talents of musicians from Mississippi State University, Starkville, and surrounding communities, along with guest musicians from across the state.



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## MILESTONES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Sat, September 15**

Rent Auditorium  
Mississippi University for Women  
7:30 p.m.

Commemorating the landmark 50th season of the Starkville/MSU Symphony, our 2018 opening concert features works representing milestones for their composers.

**Nabucco Overture**

by **Giuseppe Verdi**

**Norfolk Rhapsody No. 1**

by **Ralph Vaughan Williams**

**Sixth Symphony**

by **Pyotr Tchaikovsky**

## FAMILY CONCERT

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA + GUEST VOCALIST

**Fri, November 9**

Lee Hall Auditorium  
Mississippi State University  
7:30 p.m.

Culminating our annual week-long Programs for Children, the Family Concert expands on the patriotic focus area school children will explore.

**Summon the Heroes** by **John Williams**

**American Patriotic Songs** by **Michael Brown**

**American Salute** by **Morton Gould**

**Variations on a Shaker Melody**

"Hoe Down" from **Rodeo** by **Aaron Copland**

Special Feature: "Signore, ascolta!" from **Turandot** by **Giacomo Puccini**  
performed by **Haylee Glenn, winner of the 2018 MSU Concerto Competition**

## OUR AMERICA

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Sat, January 19**

Lee Hall Auditorium  
Mississippi State University  
7:30 p.m.

The Symphony Orchestra opens 2019 with a concert celebrating both new and historic works of American music.

**Afro-American Symphony**

by Mississippi native, **William Grant Still**

Still's symphony was the first composed by an African American composer and premiered by a major orchestra.

**Candide Overture**

by **Leonard Bernstein**

**Americana Folk Suite**

by Starkville-MSU Symphony's own **Barry Kopetz**



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## JAZZ AT RENASANT

SYMPHONY JAZZ COMBO

**Tue, October 9**

Renasant Plaza  
Downtown Starkville, MS  
6:00 p.m.

In our annual outdoor concert, sponsored by **Renasant Bank**, the Symphony Jazz Combo brings toe-tapping favorites to Downtown Starkville with a selection of jazz, swing, and popular ballads.

## SALUTE TO THE BEATLES

SYMPHONY CHORUS

**Sun, November 11**

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
607 Hospital Road  
Starkville, MS  
3:00 p.m.

In its 2018 Fall concert, the Symphony Chorus celebrates the Fab Four with choral selections written and produced by members of The Beatles. Music lovers of all ages will enjoy a repertoire showcasing the impact of this iconic rock band.

## MASTERWORKS

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA + CHORUS

**Sat, March 2**

Lee Hall Auditorium  
Mississippi State University  
7:30 p.m.

The centerpiece of our 50th season includes a rare live performance of perhaps the most famous of all symphonies, an iconic Beethoven masterpiece.

**Roman Carnival Overture**

by **Hector Berlioz**

**Ninth Symphony**

by **Ludwig van Beethoven**

performed with the MSU Chorus

## EPIC MOVIE THEMES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Sat, April 13**

Lee Hall Auditorium  
Mississippi State University  
7:30 p.m.

The 2018-2019 season culminates in true cinematic flair with our selection of epic movie themes that are sure to be familiar to most audiences.

**Also Sprach Zarathustra** by **Richard Strauss**

from 2001: A Space Odyssey

**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring Score** by **Howard Shore**

**Gladiator Theme** by **Hans Zimmer**

**Star Wars Theme** by **John Williams**