

# TICKETS

ITEMS	PRICES	
	GEN ADMISSION	17UND
SEASON TICKETS	\$125	\$40
SINGLE TICKETS		
Violins of Hope Sep. 18, 2025	\$25	\$10
Jazz at Renasant Sep. 25, 2025	FREE	FREE
Dance to the Music Nov. 9, 2025	\$25	\$10
The Spirit of Christmas Dec. 6, 2025	\$25	\$10
Baroque Splendor Jan. 24, 2026	\$25	\$10
Echoes of Elegance Mar. 28, 2026	\$25	\$10
<i>Wingo Pops</i> Swing, Strings, and All that Jazz! May 2, 2026	\$25	\$10
<b><u>SPECIAL EVENT</u></b> Symphony Gala Feb. 28, 2026	\$75	n/a

All tickets are general admission for the 2025-2026 season.

MSU faculty and staff can purchase up to 2 seasons or single tickets for individual performances at 50% off the base price.

MSU students can claim a free ticket to each individual performance by showing student ID at the concert Box Office.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.starkvillesymphony.org](http://www.starkvillesymphony.org) or by scanning the QR code below. Tickets will also be available at the door.



For ticketing assistance, please contact the MSU Department of Music Box Office at 662.325.5000



Starkville-MSU Symphony Association

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Starkville, MS 39759

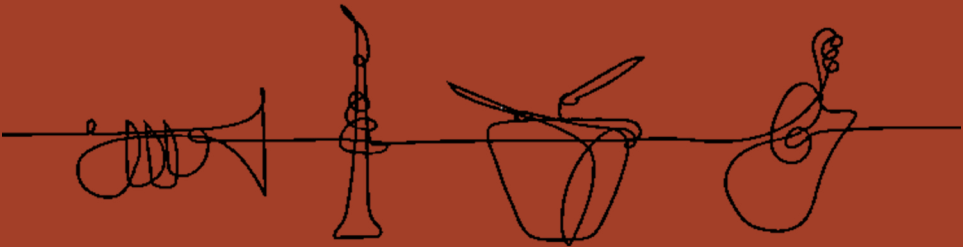
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## STARKVILLE-MSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

DANIEL STEVENS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
PETER INFANGER, CHORUSMASTER



57TH SEASON  
2025-2026



### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Daniel Stevens and presents an eclectic array of traditional, contemporary, and emerging compositions each season.

### COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Community Chorus is directed by Peter Infanger and presents concerts each year featuring thematic choral arrangements, guest instrumentalists, and vocal soloists.

### CREATIVITY IN MUSIC

The Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra programs a wide variety of repertoire for every imagination and taste. From the masterworks of the standard classical canon, to family pops and patriotic favorites, to the very best of jazz, you are sure to find favorite music across multiple events. In addition, new for the 2025-2026 season, the Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra will feature a powerful appearance of the **Soldier's Violin**, on loan from the Alabama Holocaust Education Center.

### PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Since 1975, the Starkville-MSU Symphony Association (SMSA) has presented a unique education initiative aimed at providing K-12 students the experience of live symphonic music. The program includes pre-concert curriculum for area teachers to use in the classroom, culminating in a field-trip to the professional hall to hear a featured performance of the orchestra. Over 3,000 youth from across the Golden Triangle region attend Programs for Youth concerts each year.

The Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra, Community Chorus, and Programs for Children have been made possible in part through grants and partnerships with Mississippi State University, J.Q. Criss Foundation, Mississippi Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, Renasant Bank, City of Starkville, Starkville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greater Starkville Development Partnership, the Gildea Family Foundation, and Turner Wingo.

Starkville-Mississippi State University Symphony Orchestra

2025-2026 | 57th Season

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TICKETED EVENTS

The Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra continues with the goal of introducing vibrant genres of music to the entire Starkville community.



Experience a powerful evening of remembrance and reflection honoring the lives, stories, and enduring spirit of those affected by the Holocaust. Through a compelling collection of chamber music, narration, and historical imagery, this program illuminates voices silenced by tragedy and celebrates the resilience of the human soul. The evening features one of the Violins of Hope instruments, a poignant tribute to all restored instruments once played in ghettos and camps, followed by Memory and Violets, an original readers theatre piece inspired by survivor testimony.



Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, a delightful set of romantic miniatures for choir and piano four-hands accompanied by live dancing that brings the rhythms to life. This spirited program also includes a curated selection of choral works celebrating the joy, passion, and elegance of dance across cultures and centuries. Under the direction of Peter Infanger, the dynamic blend of voice, piano, and dance creates a celebration of musical motion.



Celebrate the season with festivities featuring cherished carols, beloved classics, and joyful holiday music. Enjoy favorites Sleigh Ride and The Polar Express, global selections Around the World at Christmastime and African Holy Night, and stirring choral works of White Christmas and Do You Hear What I Hear?, all within a heartwarming evening.

McMullan O'Connor Fund Presents  
**VIOLINS OF HOPE**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
**Thursday, September 19, 2025** \$  
**6:00pm & 7:30pm**  
Recital Hall / Music Building  
Mississippi State University

**DANCE TO THE MUSIC**  
COMMUNITY CHORUS  
**Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 2:00pm** \$  
First Baptist Church of Starkville

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon where music and movement come alive in perfect harmony, featuring Johannes Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, a delightful set of romantic miniatures for choir and piano four-hands accompanied by live dancing that brings the rhythms to life. This spirited program also includes a curated selection of choral works celebrating the joy, passion, and elegance of dance across cultures and centuries. Under the direction of Peter Infanger, the dynamic blend of voice, piano, and dance creates a celebration of musical motion.

Castleberry Family & East Mississippi Lumber Company Presents  
**THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & COMMUNITY CHORUS  
**Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 7:30pm** \$  
Bettersworth Auditorium / Lee Hall  
Mississippi State University



Encounter the brilliance of Johann Sebastian Bach! This vibrant concert features the lively Orchestral Suite No. 1, the energetic Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, the elegant Wedding Cantata (BWV 202), and the radiant Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 42. From graceful dances to lyrical arias, you are in store for an evening of Baroque beauty and boundless delight.



Participate in an evening of radiant music showcasing the expressive breadth of orchestral and choral masterworks. The program opens with Johannes Brahms' Serenade No. 2 in A major, a warm and lyrical work that reveals the composer's deep love for songlike melodies and pastoral charm, followed by the exceptional talent of MSU's Solo Artist Competition Winner(s). After intermission, the concert culminates in Mozart's joyful Missa Brevis in C Major, K. 220 ("Sparrow Mass"), a sparkling gem of the Classical sacred repertoire featuring chorus, orchestra, and the unmistakable fluttering motifs that give the work its nickname, featuring MSU's Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Nicholas Cummins.



Turner Wingo Family Presents  
**SWING, STRINGS, AND ALL THAT JAZZ**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & COMMUNITY CHORUS  
**Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 7:30pm** \$  
Bettersworth Auditorium / Lee Hall  
Mississippi State University

Get ready to groove as we take you on a stylish, toe-tapping journey through America's most iconic jazz and big band hits! This concert features the electrifying rhythms of Duke Ellington, the irresistible charm of Gershwin, and the suave sophistication of Cole Porter, alongside unforgettable melodies from Louis Armstrong, Michel Legrand, Henry Mancini, and more. From the sultry samba of Desafinado to the smoky blues of Skylark and the playful swagger of The Pink Panther, this concert celebrates the golden age of jazz with full symphonic color!

\$ - standard ticket pricing      \$\$ - special event pricing

BAROQUE SPLENDOR: AN EVENING WITH J.S. BACH  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Saturday, January 24, 2026** \$  
**6:00pm & 7:30pm**  
Recital Hall / Music Building  
Mississippi State University

ECHOES OF ELEGANCE  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & COMMUNITY CHORUS

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 2:00pm** \$  
Bettersworth Auditorium / Lee Hall  
Mississippi State University

Turner Wingo Family Presents  
**SWING, STRINGS, AND ALL THAT JAZZ**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & COMMUNITY CHORUS

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 7:30pm** \$  
Bettersworth Auditorium / Lee Hall  
Mississippi State University

FREE EVENTS

Renasant Bank Presents  
**JAZZ AT RENASANT**  
SYMPHONY JAZZ COMBO

**Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 7:30pm**  
Renasant Plaza  
Downtown Starkville



As an annual favorite and gift back to the Starkville community, the musicians of the Starkville Symphony Orchestra present an evening of jazz on the Renasant Bank plaza. There is no better way to kick off a football weekend than with dining and a concert in downtown Starkville.

**YOUTH CONCERTS**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Friday, September 19, 2025**  
VIOLINS OF HOPE

**Friday, December 6, 2025**  
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



The Starkville-MSU Symphony Association is committed to inspiring the next generation of musicians through reduced-length, school-only concert events. If your school district is interested in participating, please contact the MSU Department of Music at 662.325.5000.

SPECIAL EVENT



**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**  
A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION - SYMPHONY GALA  
**Saturday, February 28, 2026 | 7:30pm** \$\$  
Gathering Starkville  
1437 Fire Station Road

Laissez les bons temps rouler at this unforgettable Mardi Gras-themed evening, where elegance meets purpose in a vibrant celebration of music's power to unite, uplift, and inspire. As we come together in support of the symphony's mission, we honor the profound impact of music education, live performances, and community outreach across all ages and walks of life. Your participation in the Gala helps expand access to high-quality musical experiences, supports educational programs for young learners, and ensures that the spirit and joy of live music continue to flourish in our region. Indulge in a night where every contribution helps keep our cultural legacy alive — with all the color, energy, and rhythm of Mardi Gras.

STARKVILLE-MSU  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Since 1969, the Starkville-MSU Symphony Association has provided 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, each Symphony season offers a combination of ticketed and free concerts.

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

It takes a community to grow exceptional music experiences.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ANNUAL DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
Diamond Baton Grande (4 Season Tickets Included)	\$5,000 or greater
Golden Baton (2 Season Tickets Included)	\$4,000 to \$4,999
Silver Baton (2 Season Tickets Included)	\$2,500 to \$3,999
Patron (2 Season Tickets Included)	\$1,000 to \$2,249
Benefactor	\$500 to \$999
Friend	\$250 to \$499
Member	\$100 to \$249
Associate Member	\$25 to \$99

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