



**KNOXVILLE
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KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA POPS PRESENTS

Leslie Odom, Jr. in concert

Tony and Grammy Award Winner, Leslie Odom, Jr. originated the role of Aaron Burr in the smash-hit 'Hamilton' and will make his Knoxville Symphony debut with a feel-good program of jazz standards and familiar Broadway hits on May 11th.

Knoxville, TN – April 29, 2019– The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra concludes its Pops Series with **Leslie Odom, Jr.** This concert will take place on **Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.** [View seats and purchase tickets.](#) This concert is sponsored by Regal.

Tony and Grammy Award- winning performer, Leslie Odom Jr., has taken the entertainment world by storm across a variety of media – spanning Broadway, television, film, and music. Best known for his breakout role as ‘Aaron Burr’ in the smash hit Broadway musical, *Hamilton*, Odom Jr. received a 2015 Drama Desk Award nomination and won the Tony Award for “Best Actor in a Musical” for his performance. He also won a Grammy Award as a principal soloist on the original cast recording. Odom, Jr. made his Broadway debut at the age of 17 in “Rent” before heading to Carnegie Mellon University’s prestigious School of Drama, where he graduated with honors. On the small screen, Odom, Jr. is best -known for his portrayal of ‘Sam Strickland’ in the NBC musical series, “Smash,” and his recurring role as ‘Reverend Curtis Scott’ on “Law & Order: SVU.” He’s also appeared in episodes of “Gotham,” “Person of Interest,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” “House of Lies,” “Vanished” and “CSI: Miami.” On the big screen he starred in the 2012 film, “Red Tails,” opposite Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., and David Oyelowo. Odom Jr. was raised in Philadelphia and currently resides in NYC.

When: Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m.

Where: Civic Auditorium, 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave

Tickets: Tickets may be purchased by calling 865-291-3310 or [visiting our website](#) here. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at a discounted rate. Ticket prices vary depending on seat level. Ticket levels are \$50, \$75, and \$100; Student tickets are \$26, \$38.50, and \$51.

About the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra

Led by Music Director Aram Demirjian, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than 200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre and the Civic Auditorium as well as non-traditional places like hospitals, schools, city parks and churches. For more information regarding the KSO, please visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com or call 865-291-3310.

Social Media: @KnoxSymphony performs with Broadway star *Leslie Odom, Jr.* Saturday, May 11, 8PM at @thekcac. Join us for an evening of Broadway favorites, jazz standards and song. 865.291-3310. [Follow @knoxsymphony on Twitter](#) and [Like KSO on Facebook](#).
