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Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Performs Aretha Franklin Tribute Concert Oct. 8

Capathia Jenkins and Ryan Shaw join the Knoxville Symphony at the Tennessee Theatre

Join the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra on Friday, Oct. 8, at 8 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre for a high-energy tribute to Aretha Franklin, featuring Broadway star Capathia Jenkins and GRAMMY® nominated R&B artist Ryan Shaw. KSO Resident Conductor James Fellenbaum will lead the orchestra in its 2021-22 Knoxville News Sentinel Pops Series opening concert. The concert is sponsored by the [KSO Pops Circle of Friends](#). [View ticket and general information here.](#)

The performance will include notable songs by the “Queen of Soul,” including “Respect,” “Chain of Fools” and “I Say a Little Prayer,” featuring Jenkins as the voice of Aretha. Other popular hits include “Amazing Grace,” “Isn’t She Lovely,” “Birth of the Blues” and much more!

Tickets may be purchased by calling 865-291-3310 or visiting the [KSO website](#). Single tickets range from \$22-\$64. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at a discounted rate by calling 865-521-2337.

The 2021-22 lineup for the Knoxville News Sentinel Pops Series also includes:

- **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony**
Saturday, January 15, at 8 p.m., Knoxville Civic Auditorium
- **Bernadette Peters**
Saturday, February 12, at 8 p.m., Knoxville Civic Auditorium
- **Revolution: Music of the Beatles. A Symphonic Experience.**
Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m., Knoxville Civic Auditorium
- **Hotel California: The Music of the Eagles**
Saturday, April 9, at 8 p.m., Knoxville Civic Auditorium
- **One Singular Sensation: A Tribute to the Music of Marvin Hamlisch**
Saturday, May 14, at 8 p.m., Knoxville Civic Auditorium

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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 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 Posts:

@knoxsymphony presents a high-energy tribute to the “Queen of Soul” on Oct. 8 at 8pm at the Tennessee Theatre, featuring Capathia Jenkins and Ryan Shaw. Tickets are on sale now at knoxvillesymphony.com or 865-291-3310.