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#### **Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Performs Free Concert at Knoxville Botanical Garden Sept. 16**

The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform an evening concert at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum on Thursday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Twin City Dealerships, this family-friendly concert is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

“We are thrilled to begin a new partnership with the Botanical Garden with a program featuring a composer whose music is evergreen: Johann Sebastian Bach,” said KSO Music Director Aram Demirjian.

The concert, titled “Bach at the Botanicals,” will feature string and wind ensembles throughout the gardens performing the music of Bach and various contemporary composers. Visitors will be able to walk along the garden pathway and watch the ensembles perform at different landmarks in the garden. The evening will culminate at the Dogwood Center. [Ensemble performance times and locations can be found on the KSO's website along with a map of the gardens.](#)

Dosia McKay’s “Grit and Glitz,” Jessie Montgomery’s “Source Code,” Efraín Amaya’s “Angelica,” and other contemporary works are interlaced between the fugues and canons of Bach’s “A Musical Offering” collection.

“Bach’s ‘A Musical Offering’ has always fascinated me because of the unfiltered spirit of inventiveness that fueled its creation - a spirit of renewing creativity that we doubly celebrate by pairing Bach’s music with a range of incredible pieces composed in the 21st century, featuring the individual talents of so many of our KSO musicians, spread out in small ensembles around the gardens,” said Demirjian.

In case of light rain, the event will take place as scheduled. In case of cold temperatures or thunderstorms, the concert will be relocated to the Dogwood Center. Visit <https://knoxvillesymphony.com> for more information.

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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](http://www.knoxvillesymphony.com) or call 865-291-3310.