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Knoxville Symphony Orchestra opens 2021-22 Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series with “The Four Seasons”

The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra presents Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons” at the Tennessee Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 23, and Friday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. KSO Music Director Aram Demirjian will lead the orchestra in its 2021-22 Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series opening concert. The concert is sponsored by [Twin City Dealerships](#). [View ticket and general information here.](#)

Celebrating the return to full capacity performances at the Tennessee Theatre for the first time since February 2020, the concert program was curated with the themes of friendship, fellowship and community in mind. Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons” features Knoxville Poet Laureate Rhea Carmon and her poetry collective The 5th Woman, along with returning guest violinist Robyn Bollinger. Valerie Coleman’s “Umoja: Anthem of Unity” and Edward Elgar’s “Nimrod Variations” bookend Vivaldi’s piece.

“Rhea Carmon is a great friend and frequent collaborator with the KSO, and I am so happy she is finally making her Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series debut with the inspiring spoken word artists of The 5th Woman plus Robyn Bollinger for a poetic reimagining of Vivaldi’s classic ‘The Four Seasons,’ along with Coleman’s uplifting ‘Anthem of Unity’ and Elgar’s poignant ode to his friends and family,” said Demirjian. “And to do so with our audience — our KSO family — back together again will make this a truly memorable experience.

“It is in this same spirit of friendship, fellowship and community that we appreciate everyone’s considerate adherence to our safety protocols, so that we can enjoy music while looking out for the health and safety of each other,” said Demirjian, referencing the [Tennessee Theatre’s latest COVID-19 safety protocols](#) required for concert attendance. All audience members, staff and musicians will be required to provide proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result administered within 72 hours prior to the performance. Masks will be required regardless of vaccination status at all times except for while eating and drinking.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 865-291-3310 or visiting the [KSO website](#). Single tickets range from \$16-\$90. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at a discounted rate by calling 865-521-2337.

The 2021-22 lineup for the Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series also includes:

- **Symphonie Fantastique**
Thursday, Oct. 21, & Friday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique"**
Thursday, Nov. 18, & Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **William Shaub & The Pines of Rome**
Thursday, Jan. 20, & Friday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **Mozart Piano Concerto No. 25**
Thursday, Feb. 17, & Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **Brahms Symphony No. 2**
Thursday, Mar. 17, & Friday, Mar. 18, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **The Cycle of Life: World Premiere**
Thursday, Apr. 21, & Friday, Apr. 22, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre
- **Beats & Bolero**
Thursday, May 19, & Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Theatre

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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.

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@knoxsymphony returns to full capacity performances at the Tennessee Theatre on Sept. 23 and 24 with Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons." Tickets are on sale now at knoxvillesymphony.com or 865-291-3310.