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KSO closes out 21-22 concert season with a bang

The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra closes out the Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series for the 21-22 season with a rhythmically-charged program, featuring Knoxville-based African drum ensemble Indigenous Vibes.

The concerts will take place on Thursday, May 19, and Friday, May 20, at the Tennessee Theatre at 7:30 p.m. and will be led by KSO Music Director Aram Demirjian. The concerts are sponsored by The Swag. Tickets can be purchased through the KSO box office at 865-291-3310 or online at knoxvillesymphony.com.

"I am so excited for the KSO to finally be collaborating with Obayana Ajanaku and his ensemble Indigenous Vibes on DeMars' unique 'SABAR: Concerto for African Drums and Orchestra,'" said Demirjian. "This project, which was postponed by the pandemic, brings together two of Knoxville's most distinctive musical ensembles from two different musical dialects that do not often have occasion to come together. The piece is equal parts energy and elegance, and I promise it will be unlike anything people have ever heard on a KSO concert."

Indigenous Vibes will make their KSO debut performing James DeMars' exhilarating "SABAR: Concerto for African Drums." Matching the high intensity of DeMars' work, the KSO will also perform James Johnsons' "Drums: A Symphonic Poem" and Duke Ellington's "Black, Brown and Beige." Maurice Ravel's infamous "Bolero" concludes the evening.

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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.