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Wilmington Pops 4th of July Celebration

Wilmington Symphony Orchestra (WSO) to Headline 4th of July Festivities Monday, July 4 Cost: Free Tickets are not required. Location: Live Oak Bank Pavilion, 10 Cowan Street in Wilmington

The City's annual 4th of July celebration this year will feature the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. The WSO program will include patriotic favorites, classical selections and current pop songs. Over 100 local musicians will perform including WSO musicians, guest artist Alexis Reanna, Opera Wilmington artists John and Shannon Dooley, and a quartet from Wilmington Voices. The WSO will be led by guest Conductor Dominic Talana, UNCW Faculty member.

The event named, Wilmington Pops will also include other music, entertainment and food vendors. Fireworks will take place in downtown Wilmington beginning at 9:05 pm. Fireworks will be shot from a barge located at the convergence of the Cape Fear & Northeast Cape Fear Rivers, just north of the USS Battleship North Carolina. Fireworks will be viewable along the downtown Riverfront.

Funding for the event is made possible by City of Wilmington, New Hanover County and the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

Mayor quote:

The 4th of July in Wilmington is a time-honored tradition that brings tens of thousands of people to downtown Wilmington. This year, a new tradition is born with the addition of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra as featured entertainment. I am honored to be asked to guest conduct for Stars & Stripes Forever performance and look forward to celebrating with the community.

Symphony Quote:

"An annual 4th of July POPS concert is a cornerstone for a fourth of July celebration, and we are excited to be a part of creating a new tradition for our region.

POPS concerts add so much to a community by bringing people and families together to enjoy music, introduce people of all ages to a symphony orchestra and celebrate in a city we are proud to call home.

I'm so thankful for all of the support we have received from our city departments and sponsors so that our community has a new beloved tradition to enjoy on the fourth of July."

– Liz Scanlon, Wilmington Symphony Orchestra executive director

Schedule:

4:00 p.m. - Gates Open

5:00 p.m: - The School of Rock House Band

6:45 p.m. - Rockestra (Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra)

7:30 pm - Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

9:05 pm - Fireworks will take place at 9:05 pm

About the Symphony:

The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra provides symphonic music at the highest degree of excellence through performance opportunities for regional musicians and educational programs for our community's youth. For information about WSO, Inc., visit www.wilmingtonsymphony.org.

Cumulus Media is the media sponsor for this event!

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