



# THE VENICE SYMPHONY

## *A Sensational Season of Music & More*

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The Venice Symphony celebrates its 49th season with a series of concerts, seamlessly blending epic masterworks with popular film music, opera overtures, Broadway showstoppers, and more.

The reputation and programming of Music Director Troy Quinn, who is in his fifth season with The Symphony, has attracted musicians from all over the United States, creating a world-class orchestra that Troy says rivals any in Florida.

The Symphony presents a seven-concert series at the Venice Performing Arts Center on the campus of Venice High School. This state-of-the-art facility features superior acoustics, accessible seating, and, as The Symphony says, “not a bad seat in the house.” Several concerts, including this past December’s Holiday Season Spectacular and the upcoming Celtic Celebration, sold out well in advance of the performances.

“The Venice Symphony is fortunate to have a very loyal audience who return year after year,” says President and CEO Christine

Kasten. “The reputation of our amazing orchestra continues to attract new patrons and Troy Quinn’s programming keeps them coming back.”

Highlights for the rest of the year include *Night at the Museum* (Jan. 6-7) which Troy calls “the blockbuster of the season.” In this concert, he will share stories of working in Hollywood, treating the audience to film favorites and a showpiece of the season, Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

February is the busiest month for the Symphony, kicking off February 3 through 4 with *Cinematic Romance* featuring superstar violinist Sandy Cameron, a frequent collaborator of composer Danny Elfman, and romantic film music including the Symphony premiere of *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side*



*Story. The Movie Maestro: A Tribute to John Williams* (Feb. 24 and 25) honors our greatest living composer who has inspired generations of movie fans with his iconic Oscar-winning film scores from *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter*, to *Far and Away* and *Lincoln*.

On February 18 at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, it’s The Venice Symphony Ball: “Imagine,” the organization’s social event of the season and a major fundraiser for the Symphony’s prestigious music education programs. Event Chair and Board Trustee Barbara Jackson invites you to an “elegant evening of gourmet dining, cocktails, music, and dancing to our own 17-piece orchestra.” Barbara says, “I look forward to celebrating the Symphony with everyone at Plantation on February 18.”

Vocalist and harpist Orla Fallon joins the orchestra for St. Patrick’s Day weekend and the sold-out *A Celtic Celebration*. You can still get tickets for the April 21-22 finale, *Fairytales and Flutes*, featuring Jim Walker, former principal flute of the L.A. Philharmonic.

For its final performance of the season, The Venice Symphony moves to CoolToday Park, the Spring Training home of the Atlanta Braves, for its annual Patriotic Pops Concert, featuring guest vocalists and spectacular fireworks.

You can also catch Symphony musicians performing throughout the year at smaller venues, including Wellen Park and Historic Spanish Point. This popular chamber ensemble program is available to all by contacting the Symphony.

The Venice Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearses weekly and performs free concerts for the community during the school year. In June, the Symphony holds its popular Summer Music Camp led by Director of Education Tim Ferguson.

And the best is yet to come! Christine says, “We are so grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm of this community and can’t wait to celebrate our 50th season with phenomenal concerts, special events, and so much more.”

For more information about this advertorial, log on to [TheVeniceSymphony.org](http://TheVeniceSymphony.org) or call 941.207.8822. Located at 700 U.S. Highway 41 Bypass North, Suite 4, in Venice, The Venice Symphony box office is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Symphony’s venue is The Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, on Venice Island.

