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2024 - 2025 SEASON



**SPARTANBURG
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For the 24/25 Season, we aimed to put on concerts that everyone in Spartanburg could find something with which to identify. A story, a person, a piece, an event, a tradition, or a feeling. We wanted to weave together a musical story of what a place sounds like - what Spartanburg sounds like. To that end, our season includes performances ranging Baroque, Bluegrass, Blues, a video-game/movie-hero themed "Game Knight", a Holiday special, a partnership with the library and planetarium, Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, and a new piece using texts by local writers like Peter B. Kay, among many others. It's a season we're proud of - and one we think all of Spartanburg will be excited to join.





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Experience the best of classical music with our Zimmerli Series. Enjoy stellar performances by our full orchestra at the historic Twichell Auditorium at Converse University; featuring epic symphonies, talented guest artists and pop favorites that will inspire and invigorate audiences of all ages.

ZIMMERLI SERIES

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**MORE THAN THE
CLASSICS**

SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE



Sept. 14, 2024 - 7 PM

Twichell Auditorium

Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

Piano | Terrance Wilson

Immerse yourself in a world of musical fantasy, featuring the brilliant pianist **Terrance Wilson**. This special evening will showcase a contemporary composition by Reena Esmail, Rachmaninoff's awe-inspiring "Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini," and the mesmerizing grand finale, Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique." Get ready for a night of fantastic music as we kickstart our 96th Season that's sure to rouse your imagination.

FULL PROGRAM

Reena Esmail, RE|Member (7')

Rachmaninoff, Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini (22')

Hector Berlioz, Symphonie Fantastique (49')



POPS: GAME KNIGHT



Oct. 26, 2024 - 7 PM

Twichell Auditorium

Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

Join us for an exciting concert that brings the magical worlds of video games and fantasy films to life through music. Experience iconic melodies from beloved classics like "**World of Warcraft**" and "**Tetris**," along with the spellbinding scores of "**Spiderman**," "**Pirates of the Caribbean**" and more. Immerse yourself in a captivating journey through legendary realms and epic battles, all in one unforgettable evening of music and wonder.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Howard Shore, Symphonic Suite from Lord of the Rings (12')

Various (arr Brubaker), World of Warcraft (6')

Gregson-Williams/Barton (arr Bulla), Chronicles of Narnia (8')

Hans Zimmer, The Dark Knight Trilogy (8-12')

... and more!



HUB CITY HOLIDAY

Dec. 7, 2024 - 7PM

📍 Twichell Auditorium



Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

Celebrate the joy of the season with our enchanting holiday-themed concert, featuring beloved classics that will warm your heart and fill you with holiday spirit. From the lively "**Sleigh Ride**" to the serene beauty of "**Stille Nacht**" (Silent Night) and the delightful "**Hanukkah Suite**," this concert is a festive journey through the most cherished melodies of the holidays. Join us for a magical evening of music that captures the essence of the season and fills the air with warmth and cheer. Plus, don't miss the special sing-along with local Spartanburg vocalists, making it a truly interactive and heartwarming experience!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Bill Holcombe, Twas the Night Before Christmas (9')

Leroy Anderson, Sleigh Ride (4')

Alan Silvestri, Polar Express Suite (6')

Bob Krongstad, Music from Frozen (8')

... and more!



BLUES DELL'ARTE

Feb. 15, 2025 - 7PM

📍 Twichell Auditorium



Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

Trumpet | Jens Lindemann

A captivating night that explores the beauty of classic and contemporary compositions inspired by Carnival, soul, blues and the Caribbean. Immerse yourself in the playful rhythms of Stravinsky's "Pulcinella Suite" followed by a soulful fusion of worlds and cultures with "Baião 'N' Blues" by Clarice Assad. We are thrilled to showcase the exceptional virtuoso **Jens Lindemann** as our featured guest artist on trumpet in "Trumpet Concerto" by the esteemed **Wynton Marsalis**. Don't miss this soul stirring performance that promises a symphony of emotions and musical brilliance.

FULL PROGRAM

Stravinsky, Pulcinella Suite (24')

Clarice Assad, Baião 'N' Blues (9')

Wynton Marsalis, Trumpet Concerto (35')



THE PLANETS

Apr. 26, 2025 - 7 PM

📍 Twichell Auditorium



Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

A season finale unlike any other as The Philharmonic partners with **Spartanburg County Public Libraries** to celebrate their new planetarium, set to open in the Spring of 2025. This special occasion will feature the world premiere of a commissioned piece by our local composer-in-residence, **Peter B. Kay**, created especially for this momentous event. To cap off this celestial celebration, we will embark on a musical journey through the cosmos with Gustav Holst's timeless masterpiece, "**The Planets.**" Prepare to be enchanted by a night of music that blends art and science in perfect harmony, promising a memorable and celestial experience.

FULL PROGRAM

Lili Boulanger, D'un matin de printemps (5')

Peter B. Kay, The Moons (15 - 20')

Gustav Holst, The Planets (51')





**MORE THAN A
CONCERT**

Rev up your weekend with our Espresso Series - your ultimate live music fix paired with complimentary food and beverages, all in a chill and laidback setting. Dive into a relaxed "happy hour" experience before a short concert that spans eclectic genres, from music's legendary composers to lesser-known hidden gems that promise delightful surprises. Kickstart your weekend in style with a musical adventure that's both cool and delicious.

ESPRESSO SERIES



**NOSFERATU : A SYMPHONY
OF HORROR**

Oct. 4, 2024

Happy Hour | 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Screening | 6:30PM – 7:30PM (59min runtime)



Chapman Cultural Center

NO. 1



“Blood! Your precious blood!” Take it easy, Orlok. First screened in 2016 and then again in 2018, fan favorite “Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror” (yes that’s the real title) makes its return to the Espresso stage with the Spartanburg Philharmonic chamber ensemble.

Just in time for Halloween and the highly anticipated 2024 remake of this classic vampire tale, this concert promises to be a spine-tingling experience. With a hauntingly evocative score arranged almost entirely of Johannes Brahms’s chamber music along with incidental music by our own Peter B. Kay, “Nosferatu” is a crowd favorite that will immerse you in the eerie world of Count Orlok. Get ready for an unforgettable night of suspense, horror, and exceptional music.



**JAZZ NIGHT: JONATHAN
SCALES FOURCHESTRA**

Nov. 15, 2024

Happy Hour | 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Concert | 6:30PM – 7:30PM



Chapman Cultural Center

NO. 2



Jonathan Scales Fourchestra defies description, blending jazz, classical, and progressive rock with Latin rhythms and funk. With electric bass, drums, and steel pans, they create captivating soundscapes, mesmerizing audiences worldwide. Evolving from a fluid lineup to a tight-knit trio, they’re now fully embracing their identity as a band, with Jonathan composing specifically for the group.

From club stages across North America and Europe to tours of Africa, Southeast and Central Asia, their performances transport listeners, momentarily erasing their surroundings. Despite past collaborations with renowned musicians like MonoNeon and Sput Searight, the Fourchestra now stands as an indivisible unit, honing their craft as a cohesive ensemble under Jonathan’s direction.



GO FOR BAROQUE

Jan. 31, 2025

Happy Hour | 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Concert | 6:30PM – 7:30PM

NO. 3



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Jointly curated by our Concertmaster, Joanna Mullfinger, 'Go For Baroque' will shine a spotlight on the remarkable talent of our musicians. Step into a musical time capsule as our ensemble transports you to opulent sounds of the Baroque era, where composers like Bach, Purcell, and Corelli reign supreme. The concert promises a rich tapestry of melodies and harmonies that will transport you to a time when the world of classical music was the height of luxury.

* PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS :

Henry Purcell, Pavanne and Chaconne (7')

Johann Sebastian Bach, Orchestral Suite no. 1 (11')

Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber, Battalia a 10 (11')

Arcangelo Corelli, Concerto Grosso in F, op. 6, no. 2(10')

... and more!

* program subject to change



ART OF RHYTHM

Mar. 28, 2025

Happy Hour | 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Concert | 6:30PM – 7:30PM

NO. 4



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Back by popular demand, we present a captivating percussion concert that promises to shake, rattle and roll your soul. In the intimate ambiance of our Espresso Series, our talented percussionists will ignite the stage with their mesmerizing rhythms, creating an electrifying fusion of beats and melodies that will leave you spellbound.

From the primal power of the drums to the delicate resonance of xylophones and chimes, 'Rhythmic Ignition' showcases the sheer dynamism and versatility of percussion, inviting you to experience the art of rhythm like never before.

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THE Nutcracker

PRESENTED BY BALLET SPARTANBURG

DEC. 13 | 7PM

DEC. 14 | 3PM & 7PM

DEC. 15 | 3PM

📍 Twichell Auditorium

Conductor | John Young Shik Concklin

"The Nutcracker" with **Spartanburg Philharmonic** has dazzled audiences of Hub City for more than three decades and is hailed as one of our most beloved holiday traditions. Over the years choreographer and director, **Carlos Agudelo**, has created a multi-faceted artistic masterpiece that delights audiences of all ages. Each season features new choreography and costume additions, as well as a Nutcracker Market located in front of Twichell Auditorium. This market provides families with an ultimate Nutcracker shopping experience, complete with photo opportunities, hot chocolate, music, and more before entering the auditorium. Join in the Christmas tradition with "The Nutcracker."

*The Nutcracker is not included in our Zimmerli Series for the 24/25 season



SPARTANBURG
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2024 - 2025 SEASON

FALL - OCT. 27, 2024

WINTER - FEB. 16, 2025

SPRING - APR. 27, 2025

📍 Twichell Auditorium

ABOUT SPYO

Step into the world of SPYO Concert Series, where the Spartanburg Philharmonic Youth Orchestra showcases the exceptional talent of young musicians from across the Upstate!

Founded in 2019, SPYO offers budding virtuosos a platform to refine their skills and collaborate in producing three unforgettable performances annually. Join us for an experience where passion meets precision, and witness the future stars of classical music shine bright on stage!

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Founded in 2015 by a dedicated circle of local bluegrass enthusiasts, the mission of Bluegrass Spartanburg was to introduce nationally acclaimed and award-winning bluegrass performances to our community. Today, Bluegrass Spartanburg hosts an array of bluegrass bands, spanning from traditional to contemporary, as they blend their authentic southern roots with rock-infused melodies and jams for all to enjoy.

BLUEGRASS SPARTANBURG


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**MORE THAN
TRADITION**

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

Sept. 27, 2024 | 8:00PM

 Chapman Cultural Center



Chatham County Line's tenth studio release, 'Hiyo,' marks a fresh start for the North Carolina roots band. Recorded at Asheville's Echo Mountain studio with co-producer/engineer Rachael Moore, the album sees the band embracing change, experimenting with new sounds, and adding synthesizers, drum machines, and more electric guitar and percussion to their traditional instrumentation. This evolution injects their classic songwriting with new vitality.

Established over twenty years ago in Raleigh, North Carolina, Chatham County Line has built a devoted following with their genre-blending live shows and a string of critically acclaimed albums. While 'Hiyo' signifies a new chapter for the band, it's worth noting that 2020's 'Strange Fascination' was their last album with banjo player Chandler Holt.

TOWN MOUNTAIN

Nov. 23, 2024 | 8:00PM

 Chapman Cultural Center




Hailing from Asheville, North Carolina, Town Mountain is the sum of all its vast and intricate influences — this bastion of alt-country rebellion and honky-tonk attitude pushed through the hardscrabble Southern Appalachian lens of its origin.

Amid a renewed sense of self is the group's latest album, "Lines in the Levee," a collage of sound and scope running the gamut of the musical spectrum in the same template of freedom and focus found in the round-robin fashion of the musical institution that is The Band — a solidarity also found in the incendiary live shows Town Mountain is now revered for from coast-to-coast, this devil-may-care gang of strings and swagger.



FIRESIDE COLLECTIVE

Feb. 28, 2025 | 8:00PM

 Chapman Cultural Center



A quartet who cheerfully disregard every kind of one-dimensional label that might be attached to their music, Fireside Collective has been on a roll since emerging seven years ago from the fertile roots music scene of Asheville, North Carolina. In quick order, the progressive bluegrass group released its debut album, won the 2016 Band Contest at MerleFest, earned an International Bluegrass Music Association Momentum Band of the Year nomination and embarked on an ambitious touring schedule that's earned an enthusiastic reception from traditional bluegrass to wide-ranging, eclectic music festival audiences alike.

Blending the characteristic interplay of bluegrass instrumentation and harmonies with strong original material and exuberant energy, Fireside Collective has drawn on folk, blues, funk and a wide variety of bluegrass sounds to create a distinctive body of work that's all their own.

BLUE HIGHWAY

Apr. 24, 2025 | 8:00PM

 Chapman Cultural Center



In 2023, the highly-esteemed bluegrass band Blue Highway celebrates 29 years of touring, with four of the original members still intact. Its single "On the Roof of the World" was number one on the Bluegrass Today National Airplay chart for 4 weeks from July to August 2022, and was the number one song for the month of September while its follow-up "Lonesome State of Mind" was number one five times on the weekly chart and for the months of February, March and May 2023.

The band has earned a collective 33 IBMA Awards, 6 SPBGMA Awards, one Dove Award, plus three Grammy nominations. Most recently, the band was nominated for IBMA's 2022, 2021 and 2020 Vocal Group of the Year and Song of the Year Awards.



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OUR MISSION

We are an arts organization whose mission is to enrich, inspire, and educate through live performances of high-quality music.

WHO ARE WE?

Recognized as a pillar of creativity, inspiration, and entertainment, the Spartanburg Philharmonic is a modern orchestra with roots in the 1895 May Festival, the precursor of the South Atlantic States Music Festival founded in 1898, one of only four such festivals featuring orchestras in the United States at that time. Almost a century old, Spartanburg Philharmonic is a jewel in the crown of South Carolina's arts scene, presenting popular masterworks, contemporary pieces, chamber music, bluegrass, and rarely performed works. Concerts attract music lovers throughout the Greater Spartanburg area and from around the region.

A 65-member professional orchestra, the Philharmonic's original name at its founding in 1928 was the Spartanburg Symphony Orchestra. The organization has gone through several incarnations since, and took on its current name, Spartanburg Philharmonic, in 2018. Spartanburg Philharmonic offers three music series: Zimmerli (full symphony concerts), Espresso (chamber music), and Bluegrass. Performances are held in Spartanburg's historic 1489-seat Twichell Auditorium in Zimmerli Performance Center at Converse University, and at the Chapman Cultural Center's 476-seat Theater, the premier arts venue in the Greater Spartanburg area.

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Select from one, two or all of our amazing series subscription packages! When you're ready, fill out the form included in your package. Remember, there's no wrong way to experience the Philharmonic!

Zimmerli Series

- **Concert 4 Pack** - Just the classics. All four Zimmerli concerts without "Game Knight."
- **Concert 5 Pack** - Our classic package plus "Game Knight"

SPYO

- Follow the journey of the Upstate's brightest young musicians with a subscription to our Youth Orchestra Series. This package includes a Fall, Winter and Spring concert.

Espresso Series

- Our most dynamic concert experience. Enjoy the journey of all four of our Espresso concerts that feature unique programming, a relaxed pre-show happy hour and an early Friday evening exit. Seats are general admission which makes subscribing to this series sweet and easy.

Bluegrass Spartanburg

- One of our most popular series, this package includes all four concerts and feature some of the biggest names in bluegrass. These concerts tend to sell out so purchasing a subscription will guarantee your seat for the whole season! Yee-haw!

ZIMMERLI SERIES

| Package Type | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
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| Concert 4 Pack | \$162 | \$126 | \$90 |
| Concert 5 Pack | \$212 | \$167 | \$122 |

SPYO

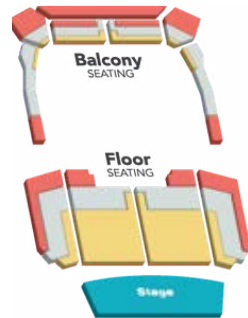
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GENERAL ADMISSION

\$30

**Up to age 22*

TWICHELL AUDITORIUM



Seating Capacity: 1,488

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ESPRESSO SERIES

Includes all **FOUR** concerts at Chapman Cultural Center

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$108

BLUEGRASS SPARTANBURG

Includes all **FOUR** concerts at Chapman Cultural Center

| Gold | Silver |
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| \$162 | \$126 |

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