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## **"POP-POURRI"**

**(KY Derby Party & Nostalgia for Boomers to Centennials)**

**Party 6:00 p.m. / Concert 7:30 p.m. September 5, 2020**

**Tower Park Amphitheatre, Fort Thomas, KY**



The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra concludes its 26th free summer series in Tower Park with "Pop-Pourri," featuring seven decades of pop hit favorites of Boomers to Centennials. Prior to the show the City of Fort Thomas is holding a **Kentucky Derby Party** beginning at 6:00 p.m., where folks can don their hats and watch the two-minute race at the Mess Hall (6:50), or watch by phone and hear the race and festivities live on their blanket while sipping mint-julips at the amphitheater in Tower Park.

Creating the live studio sound heard on radios, phones or favorite recordings (45 rpm to mp3) is the experience that the KSO's Boogie Band seeks to emulate each time it assembles its 19 musicians and 8 vocalists. Nostalgia is the sentiment that takes people of all ages back to a "happy place." "Pop music is an amazing time travel vehicle, which takes everyone back to fond youthful years to recall the car they were driving, who they were dating, and what was happening at the time" says KSO music director James Cassidy, who started this KSO subsidiary group 21 years ago.

The band — 5 piece rhythm section, 7 horns, 8 strings are comprised of some of the most talented musicians from across the Tristate, together with vocalists, who have sung Broadway tours, studio sessions, and with local bands. Arranger Terry LaBolt (IU Theater Music Director) has written nearly 300 authentic orchestrations for this group.



The evening playlist runs the gamut of style and genre, with **rock, soul, country, pop, Latin** and **disco** from Chuck Berry through Camila Cabello (1956-2018). People are always encouraged to sing along or get up and dance, but this year, we'll need to do so cautiously to respect others. So, call up your friend and "Tell Her About It" and say "Hey, Soul Sister," let's head to the Derby party in Tower Park for some "Fun, Fun, Fun" with the KSO, where we can "Shake, Rattle and Roll" to some "Uptown Funk." Oh, and don't forget your hat and mask." The KSO will also perform the "Devil Went Down To Georgia" as a tribute to country legend, and former Newport resident, Charlie Daniels. (See the complete playlist and personnel attached)



The KSO and the City of Fort Thomas are continuing to closely follow the Kentucky "Healthy at Work" requirements to advise both performers and attendees of ways to safely gather and perform outdoors.

**Open dress rehearsals for seniors (10:00 a.m.)** and **Facebook Live** streaming of the concerts allow those at risk to participate, whereas distancing, masking, hand sanitizing stations will be promoted for those attending from the stage, signage, musical cues and video as reminders. The Derby Party / KSO concert is a safety first event. Given our intelligence and respect for our neighbors and fellow citizens, we can still hold outdoor events while following protocols.

The KSO again thanks the City of Fort Thomas for hosting its summer (3 concert) series, together with our wonderful and generous sponsors and supporters — St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Duke Energy, Fischer Homes, Schneller & Knochelmann, The Milburn Family and Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundations, ArtsWave and the KY Arts Council — who also braved the pandemic to help provide the community with family-friendly music, and the opportunity to gather responsibly.

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Join the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra **Saturday at 7:30 p.m. — September 5** at **Tower Park (or 6:30 for the Derby Party)** in Fort Thomas. Food trucks will be on-site. Bring your Derby hats, masks, blankets, picnics or lawn chairs. For more information, registration (needed for health guidelines and arts funding demographics) and directions, visit [kyso.org](http://kyso.org) or call **(859) 431-6216**. Admission is free but please consider a **\$5** (per person) **suggested donation**. **Free parking** in Tower Park (though it is limited). Dress rehearsal for seniors is Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The concert will be streamed on *Facebook Live* at 7:30 p.m.

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Song

“Tell Her About It”  
 “Who Loves You Pretty Baby”  
 (“You’re) Still the One”  
 “Hey, Soul Sister”  
 “Gonna Make you Sweat”  
 “Unchained Melody”  
 “Havana”  
 “Smooth”  
 “Billie Jean”  
 “Somebody to Love”  
 “All Night Long”

As performed by:

Billy Joel  
 Frankie Valli / The Four Seasons  
 Shania Twain / Orleans  
 Train  
 C&C Music Factory  
 The Righteous Brothers  
 Camila Cabello  
 Santana / Rob Thomas  
 Michael Jackson  
 Queen  
 Lionel Ritchie

— *Intermission* —

“Here for the Party”  
 “It’s Not Unusual”  
 “Superstition”  
 50s Rock & Roll Medley

Gretchen Wilson  
 Tom Jones  
 Stevie Wonder  
 Chuck Berry/Little Richard/Bill Haley  
 (Roll Over Beethoven, Tutti Frutti, Shake Rattle & Roll)  
 Beach Boys  
 Charlie Daniels  
 Patsy Cline  
 Pharell Williams  
 Isley Brothers  
 KC & the Sunshine Band  
 Bruno Mars

“Fun Fun Fun”  
 “The Devil Went Down to Georgia”  
 “Walkin’ After Midnight”  
 “Happy”  
 “Shout”  
 “Shake Your Booty”  
 “Uptown Funk”

*Saxophones*

Hal Melia, *alto & fl*  
 Rick Van Matre, *tenor*,  
 Paul Glader, *bari*

*Trumpets*

Matt Anklan  
 John Zappa  
 Kyle Knepper

*Trombones*

Jason Branscum

*Guitar*

Brian Deyo

*Bass*

Adam Scovanner

*Keyboard*

Steve Goers

*Drums*

Adam Wheeler

*Percussion*

Brian Malone

*Violin*

Manami White  
 Jacquie Fennell  
 Maggie Niekamp  
 Lucy Lutz  
 Jude Jones  
 Lesley Cissell

*Cello*

Tom Guth  
 Kat Aguiar

*Vocals*

Steve Brun  
 Heather Hale  
 Josh Steele  
 Zack Steele  
 Becca Strand  
 Ryan Strand  
 Corey Tucker  
 Michelle Wells  
 Adam Wheeler



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