



# KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

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## **Randy Newman to Sing with Kansas City Symphony on June 10**

*Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24.*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** | Feb. 23, 2015 — Best known for his Oscar-nominated theme song, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” from the Pixar animated classic “Toy Story,” the singer, songwriter, pianist and composer will perform alongside the Kansas City Symphony at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10 in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

Newman’s music has delighted audiences for multiple decades. His songs have run the gamut from heartbreaking to satirical and a host of unforgettable film scores, including “Ragtime,” “Awakenings,” “The Natural,” “James and the Giant Peach,” “Meet the Parents,” “Seabiscuit” and “The Princess and the Frog.” Additionally, he has scored seven Disney-Pixar films, including “Toy Story,” “A Bug’s Life,” “Toy Story 2,” “Monsters, Inc.,” “Cars,” “Toy Story 3,” and most recently, “Monsters University.”

Beyond film scores, Newman also has an extensive discography, which includes top hits such as, “Sail Away” (from “Sail Away” 1972), “Short People” (from “Little Criminals” 1977), “I Love L.A.” (from “Trouble in Paradise” 1983), “Louisiana” (from “Good Old Boys” 1974) and “Feels Like Home” (from “Harps and Angels” 2008).

Over the course of his career, Newman has accumulated prestigious honors including six Grammys®, three Emmys and two Academy Awards as well as a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Songwriters Hall of Fame inducted him in 2002 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted him in 2013. He also is a Disney Legend Award recipient. Most recently, Newman was presented with a PEN New England Song Lyrics of Literary Excellence Award in June 2014.

Tickets range \$49-\$89. Starting 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, tickets can be purchased at [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org) or by calling the Kansas City Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400.

High-resolution photos and biography available here: <http://www.cami.com/?webid=348>

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### **About the Kansas City Symphony and Symphony Chorus**

Founded in 1982, the Kansas City Symphony has established itself as a major force in the cultural life of the community. Praised for performances of uncompromising standard, the orchestra is the largest in the region and enjoys a national reputation under the artistic leadership of Music Director Michael Stern. The Kansas City Symphony Chorus is a volunteer, 160-member ensemble led by multi-Grammy® award-winning conductor, Charles Bruffy, that continues its long tradition of excellence as the choral voice of the Kansas City Symphony. The Kansas City Symphony performs more than 100 concerts each year, while also serving as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet

and Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and often welcomes guests of international acclaim as part of its Classical and Pops subscription series.

Complementing its full schedule of concerts, the Symphony strives to enrich the lives of Kansas City residents by providing music education opportunities for children and adults, including KinderKonzerts, Young People's Concerts and an instrument petting zoo. Highlights each season include a range of free masterclasses, events and concerts reaching more than 200,000 community members, including the annual Bank of America Celebration at the Station concert each Memorial Day weekend and Symphony in the Flint Hills every summer.

Additionally, the Symphony has released four CDs with Reference Recordings — *Shakespeare's Tempest*, the Grammy®-winning *Britten's Orchestra*, an Elgar/Vaughan Williams project and most recently, *Miraculous Metamorphoses*, which highlights composers Hindemith, Prokofiev and Bartók. Three additional projects have been recorded and slated for future release, including the music of contemporary composer Adam Schoenberg (recorded June 2014), the great Symphony No. 3 (Organ Symphony) and other works of Saint-Saëns (planned for 2015 release) and Holst's *The Planets* (recorded January 2015). The Symphony and Michael Stern also have recorded for the Naxos label. KCS performances can be heard locally each week on KCUR 89.3 FM, Kansas City's NPR affiliate. More information on the Kansas City Symphony is available at [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org).