



KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY

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Kristin Chenoweth to sing with Kansas City Symphony Oct. 3 for Kansas City Young Audiences benefit concert

Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Friday, April 10

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | April 2, 2015 — Award-winning singer, actress and musical theater star Kristin Chenoweth will appear with the Kansas City Symphony at 8 p.m. on October 3 in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts as a benefit concert.

The concert will benefit Kansas City Young Audiences in support of arts education.

Chenoweth has starred in variety of successful film, television voiceover and stage projects over the span of her career. She received a Best Supporting Actress Emmy for her work on ABC's "Pushing Daisies" and a Tony for her performance in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" as well as nominations for her roles in Fox's "Glee" and Broadway's "Wicked."

Additionally, Chenoweth has appeared across the globe in concert as soloist and has collaborated with renowned orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, Boston Pops, National Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony.

Tickets range \$49-119. Starting 10 a.m. Friday, April 10, tickets can be purchased at kcsymphony.org or by calling the Kansas City Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400.

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About the Kansas City Symphony and 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.

About Kansas City Young Audiences

Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) exists to engage all youth in the arts, promote creativity, and inspire success in education. Founded in 1961 to bring classical music programs to school children, KCYA has evolved into a nonprofit focused on providing transformative and developmental arts experiences through three main efforts: School and Community Programs (SCP), Arts Partners, and the Community School of the Arts (CSA).

KCYA delivers programs in all arts disciplines, including music, dance, theatre, creative writing and visual arts. Through partnerships with professional Teaching Artists and Arts Partners KCYA serves more than 115,000 children each year. As the largest provider of arts education programs in the Kansas City region, KCYA has enriched the lives of more than 5 million children in its history.

Located at 5601 Wyandotte, on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, KCYA is an affiliate of the national Young Audiences Arts for Learning network. For more information, please visit www.KCYA.org.