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RESCHEDULED: OPERA & OZ SYMPHONY BY THE RIVER

HAMPTON ROADS, VA [June 12, 2025]

WHO: Virginia Symphony Orchestra

WHERE: Portsmouth City Park, Cpl J M Williams Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23701

WHEN: August 29, 2025 7:30PM.

WHAT: Opera & Oz: Symphony by the River, previously scheduled for Friday June 13, 2025, has been rescheduled due to inclement weather and high risk of flooding. The new concert date is August 29, 2025, at the same time and location. The VAACC presents: The Virginia Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet on Saturday June 14, 2025, at 4PM at the Virginia African American Cultural Center in Virginia Beach will continue as scheduled.

LINK: https://virginiasymphony.org/concert/opera-oz-symphony-on-the-river/

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As the region's most celebrated musical, educational, and entrepreneurial arts organization, the Virginia Symphony Orchestra continues to challenge expectations and push the boundaries of what an American orchestra can be. Innovation and excellence are at the heart of the VSO's narrative. The VSO has received national attention for its unique mission serving a home area of 1.7 million across the diverse communities of southeastern Virginia. Through appearances at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall and its commitment to adventurous programming, the VSO and its musicians have been highlighted in the media including The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, and BBC Worldwide News.

As the largest performing arts organization in southeastern Virginia, the VSO and VSO Chorus present more than 150 concerts and events annually for more than 100,000 residents and visitors. Since 2019, the VSO has been recognized nationally for striving to reflect the region's ethnic and racial diversity in its members, its programming, and its leadership. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra's Fellowship Program for up to 4 early-career, underrepresented orchestral musicians work to advance the goal of increased diversity of orchestral musicians nationwide. This initiative is a continuation of the VSO's commitment to creating extraordinary musical experiences with and for our entire community.

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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Celebrating his fifth year as music director, conductor Eric Jacobsen expands the VSO's vision to attract wider and larger audiences with engaging concert experiences and creative and relevant programming. Rounding out the artistic leadership team is Norfolk native Thomas Wilkins in the role of Principal Guest Conductor, reflecting the VSO's commitment to tell its community's stories and advance the important conversations that will promote understanding and belonging among all residents.