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# Virginia Symphony Orchestra Brings “Where Wishes Come True: A Night of Enchanted Melodies” to Town Point Park on Sunday, July 21

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**Norfolk, VA** – The eighth annual Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert in the Park presented by The Perry Family Foundation and TowneBank is Sunday, July 21, from 6pm to 10pm (show starts at 8:30pm) at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.



This year’s program is “Where Wishes Come True: A Night of Enchanted Melodies”. Join us for a magical night under the stars as music from your favorite animated films transports you through mythical lands and stories – Disney, DreamWorks, and more! Todd Craven will conduct the concert which features guest vocalist, Grace Morgan.

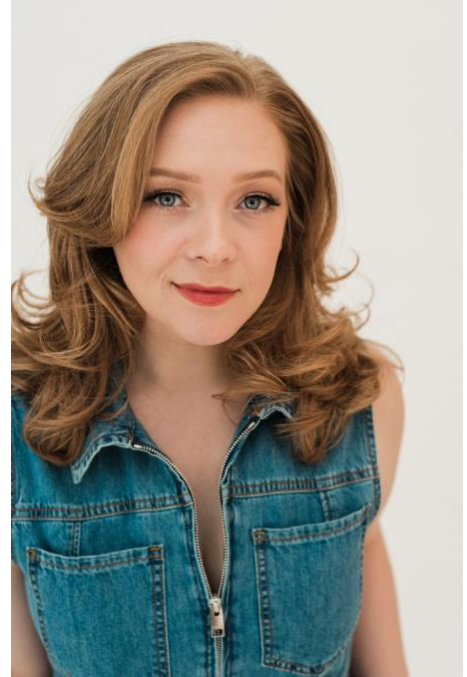


Known for his creative programming, vibrant podium presence, and spirit of collaboration, American conductor Todd Craven is the Music Director/Conductor of the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Artistic Director of the Orlando Contemporary Chamber Orchestra. Other conducting highlights have included engagements with the Detroit Symphony, Toledo Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony, The Florida Orchestra, Orlando Philharmonic, Edmonton Symphony, Peabody Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Theatre at Illinois and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Craven’s accomplishments include First Prize in the 2019 Los Angeles Conducting Competition, Assistant Conductor positions with the Buffalo Philharmonic and Florida Grand Opera, and Music Director positions with the University of Michigan Life Sciences Orchestra and Michigan Pops Orchestra.

Previously a prize-winning trumpet player, Todd began his professional career as Principal Trumpet of the Sarasota Orchestra. He performed with the New York Philharmonic, Cincinnati Symphony, and

as a frequent guest artist at the Sarasota Music Festival. In 2014, he began conducting studies with Kenneth Kiesler at the University of Michigan and subsequently with Marin Alsop at the Peabody Conservatory. Other conducting mentors include JoAnn Falletta, Donald Schleicher, Larry Rachleff, and William Wiedrich.

Grace Morgan is thrilled to be making her Virginia Symphony Orchestra debut. Most recently she was seen in the critically acclaimed and highly anticipated Encores! production of Titanic at New York City Center. Other credits include playing the role of Christine Daaé in the original cast of the 25th Anniversary National Tour of The Phantom of The Opera. She has worked regionally all over the country, playing the role of Belle in A Christmas Carol at The Denver Center, Sandy in Grease at Forestburgh Playhouse, Irene Molloy in Hello Dolly! at Beef and Boards, and Anne Egerman in A Little Night Music at Indiana Repertory Theater. When Grace is not performing on stage, she is a vocal recording session singer in the film and music industry. Most recently she can be heard in Rebel Wilson's new film The Deb, which comes out later this year. She can also be heard as the demo voice of multiple leading ladies in MTI's Broadway Jr series of classic musicals produced all over the country. Grace is a voice and acting coach and educator for Broadway Vocal Coach Aspire Program and mentors young students throughout the year. A graduate of the University of Michigan Musical Theater Department, Grace now resides in New York City with her husband and two children. Special thanks to Rodney Martell and Todd Craven, as well as The Hybrid Agency and Cynthia Westphal.



The Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert in the Park is free and open to the public. Town Point Park will open at 6pm for pre-concert picnics, with the concert beginning at 8:30pm. Visit [bit.ly/24VSOinthePark](http://bit.ly/24VSOinthePark) for more information.

### **Where Wishes Come True: A Night of Enchanted Melodies Program Schedule:**

John Stafford Smith / Smith • *Star-Spangled Banner*  
Alan Menken / Kosarin and Besterman • Overture, from *Beauty and the Beast*  
Ludwig Van Beethoven • Mvt. 1 (excerpt from Symphony No.6, *Pastorale*)  
Patrick Doyle / Brubaker • Concert Suite from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*  
Richard Rodgers / Kostal • "I Have Confidence" from *The Sound of Music*\*  
Alan Menken / Howard Ashman • "Part of Your World" from *The Little Mermaid*\*  
Paul Dukas • *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*  
Henry Mancini • *The Pink Panther*  
Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky • Waltz from *Sleeping Beauty*  
Various / Brubaker • *What's Up at the Symphony?*  
Michael Giacchino / Datzman • Music from *UP*

John Powell / Bullock • “The Story of Mumble” from *Happy Feet*  
Stephen Flaherty • “Once Upon a December” from *Anastasia*\*  
Kristen & Robert Lopez • “Let It Go” from *Frozen*\*  
Alan Menken • *Beauty and the Beast*\*  
John Williams • “The Flight to Neverland” from *Hook*

*\*Featuring guest vocalist, Grace Morgan*

The concert is part of the Symphony’s annual summer concert series, sponsored by The Perry Family Foundation, featuring national recording artists. Visit [VirginiaSymphony.org](http://VirginiaSymphony.org) for the full concert schedule and more information.

The eighth annual Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert in the Park is presented by The Perry Family Foundation and TowneBank, and sponsored by the City of Norfolk and Southern Auto Group.

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