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## **FCA Foundation and Detroit Symphony Orchestra Honor U.S. Service Members, Veterans and their Families**

*FCA Foundation grant enables DSO to expand ticket discounts to more concerts and perform free concerts at John D. Dingell V.A. Medical Center*

October 12, 2018, Detroit - The **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** (DSO) and the **FCA Foundation**, the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, have announced an expansion of their partnership that aims to honor U.S. service members, veterans, and their families. The DSO and the FCA Foundation first began a partnership in 2017, and the 2018-2019 Season of the DSO's Classical and PNC Pops Series will see the collaboration grow to reach more people, including those who have served their country.

U.S. service members, veterans, and their families can access **discounted tickets to 19 DSO concerts throughout the season** – triple the number of concerts offered during the prior season. Eligible concerts begin this weekend with **Dancing in the Street: A Symphonic Tribute to Motown** and include: **all 12 Friday morning Coffee Concert performances on the Classical Series** and **six Friday evening performances on the PNC Pops Series**, in addition to one Friday evening Classical Series concert during February's *American Panorama* Winter Music Festival. See below for a complete list of eligible concerts.

The FCA Foundation's support will also enable DSO musicians to visit Midtown Detroit's **John D. Dingell V.A. Medical Center** to perform free concerts for patients, visitors, and staff.

"The FCA Foundation is pleased to collaborate with the DSO in an effort to recognize the contributions of our service members, veterans and their families," said Shane Karr, Head of External Affairs, FCA – North America and President, FCA Foundation. "Without a doubt, it's their sacrifices that make the freedoms we all enjoy possible, and for this we are forever grateful."

### **Information About Ticket Discounts**

U.S. service members, veterans, and their families may use the code **HEROES1819** to unlock \$10 tickets for any eligible concert. Also, the code can be used at [dso.org/military](http://dso.org/military) or by calling the Box Office at (313) 576-5111.

Eligible concerts include:

PNC Pops Series

#### **Dancing in the Street: A Symphonic Tribute to Motown**

Friday, October 12 at 8 p.m.

*Jeff Tyzik, conductor*

Classical Series

#### **The Firebird**

Friday, October 19 at 10:45 a.m.

*Fabien Gabel, conductor*

*Hunter Eberly, trumpet*

PNC Pops Series

#### **Cirque de la Symphonie**

Friday, November 2 at 8 p.m.

*Sean O'Loughlin, conductor*

Classical Series

#### **Emanuel Ax Plays Beethoven**

Friday, November 9 at 10:45 a.m.

*Cristian Macelaru, conductor*

*Emanuel Ax, piano*

Classical Series

**Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4**

Friday, November 16 at 10:45 a.m.

*John Storgårds, conductor*

*Pekka Kuusisto, violin*

Classical Series

**Beethoven's Fifth**

Friday, December 7 at 10:45 a.m.

*Carlos Miguel Prieto, conductor*

*Christian Tetzlaff, violin*

Classical Series

**Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier**

Friday, December 14 at 10:45 a.m.

*Nikolaj Znaider, conductor*

*Jean-Guihen Queyras, cello*

Classical Series – American Panorama Winter Music Festival

**American Panorama Opening Program**

Friday, February 8 at 10:45 a.m.

*Leonard Slatkin, conductor*

*Wei Yu, cello*

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Classical Series – American Panorama Winter Music Festival

**Appalachian Spring**

Friday, February 15 at 10:45 a.m.

*Leonard Slatkin, conductor*

*Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano*

PNC Pops Series

**Heroes and Villains**

Friday, March 1 at 8 p.m.

*Jeff Tyzik, conductor*

Classical Series

**41st Annual Classical Roots Concert**

Friday, March 8 at 10:45 a.m.

*Conductor and soloist(s) to be announced*

Classical Series

**Sibelius Violin Concerto**

Friday, March 22 at 10:45 a.m.

*Rafael Payare, conductor*

*Yoonshin Song, violin*

PNC Pops Series

**80s Rewind**

Friday, April 5 at 8 p.m.

*Jeff Tyzik, conductor*

Classical Series

**Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4**

Friday, April 12 at 10:45 a.m.

*Ludovic Morlot, conductor*

*Hélène Grimaud, piano*

Classical Series

**Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2**

Friday, May 3 at 10:45 a.m.

*Ben Glassberg, conductor*

*Kirill Gerstein, piano*

PNC Pops Series

**Revolution: The Beatles**

Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m.

*Jeff Tyzik, conductor*

Classical Series

**Brahms Symphony No. 4**

Friday, May 31 at 10:45 a.m.

*Simone Young, conductor*

*Karl Pituch and Johanna Yarbrough, horn*

PNC Pops Series

**The Wonderful Music of Oz**

Friday, June 14

*Andrés Franco, conductor*

Visit [dso.org/military](https://dso.org/military) for more information about all eligible concerts.

**About the FCA Foundation**

The [FCA Foundation](#) is the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, a member of the [Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.](#) (FCA) family of companies. The FCA Foundation invests in U.S. charitable organizations and initiatives that help empower people, build strong, resilient communities and generate meaningful and measurable societal impacts. In support of these objectives, the FCA Foundation focuses on the following foundational pillars: youth development, education, support for military, veterans and their families, and community service.

**About the DSO**

Hailed by the New York Times as “cutting edge,” the internationally acclaimed Detroit Symphony Orchestra is known for trailblazing performances, visionary maestros, collaborations with the world’s foremost musical artists, and an ardent commitment to Detroit. As a community-supported orchestra, generous giving by individuals and institutions at all levels drives the continued success and growth of the institution. Esteemed conductor Leonard Slatkin, called “America’s Music Director” by the *Los Angeles Times*, became the DSO’s 12th Music Director, endowed by the Kresge Foundation, in 2008. The 2017-2018 Season marked Slatkin’s tenth and final year in the role, and in 2018-2019 he returns as Music Director Laureate. Acclaimed conductor, arranger, and trumpeter Jeff Tyzik serves as Principal Pops Conductor, while celebrated trumpeter and composer Terence Blanchard holds the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Jazz Creative Director Chair. With growing attendance and unwavering philanthropic support from the Detroit community, the DSO’s performance schedule includes Classical, Pops, Jazz, Young People’s, and Neighborhood concerts, and collaborations with high profile artists from Steven Spielberg to Ben Folds

and Lang Lang. In July 2017, the DSO embarked on its first international tour in 16 years, making its debut in China and first visit to Japan in 19 years. A commitment to broadcast innovation began in 1922, when the DSO became the first orchestra in the world to present a radio broadcast, and continues today with the free Live from Orchestra Hall webcast series, which also reaches tens of thousands of children with the Classroom Edition expansion. Making its home at historic Orchestra Hall within the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, one of America's most acoustically perfect concert halls, the DSO actively pursues a mission to embrace and inspire individuals, families, and communities through unsurpassed musical experiences.

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