

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

STARS & STRIPES

Wed, Jul 2, 2025 | 7:30pm

North Carolina Symphony
Sophie Mok, *conductor*
Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

PROGRAM

John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key/
Orch. John Philip Sousa/Walter Damrosch
"The Star-Spangled Banner"
Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

John Williams / Arr. Calvin Custer
"Summon the Heroes"

Leroy Anderson
"Belle of the Ball"

Various composers / Arr. Calvin Custer
A Salute to the Big Bands

Irving Gordon / Arr. Nelson Riddle
"Unforgettable"
Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

George M. Cohan / Arr. Bill Holcombe
"George M. Cohan Medley"
Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

Various composers / Arr. Robert Lowden
"Armed Forces Salute"

Various composers / Arr. Richard Hayman
"'Pops' Hoe-down"

Intermission

John Williams
"Superman March"

Aaron Copland
"Hoe-Down" from *Rodeo*

Steven Reineke/Ernest Thayer
"Casey at the Bat"
Scott MacLeod, *narrator*

Samuel Ward/Katharine Lee Bates /
Arr. Terry Mizesko
"America the Beautiful"
Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

John Philip Sousa
"The Liberty Bell"

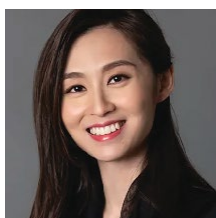
Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
"The Year 1812, Solemn Overture," Op. 49

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About the Artists



Sophie Mok, *Assistant Conductor*
The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

In 2024, Sophie Sze-Ki Mok began her tenure as Assistant Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. She has also served since 2023 as Assistant Conductor of the Asian Youth Orchestra, where she has worked alongside Joseph Bastian and Jader Bignamini. She has assisted esteemed conductors including Marin Alsop, Jonathon Heyward, Thomas Wilkins, and Tan Dun. Upcoming engagements include serving as cover conductor for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Previously, she was a Conducting Fellow with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and Assistant Conductor of the Frost Symphony Orchestra at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

Mok was selected to compete in the La Maestra Conducting Competition in 2024 and was one of several finalists to compete in Riccardo Muti's Italian Opera Academy in 2022. In 2019, she won second prize at the International Conductor's Competition held during the Deutsches Musikfest. For six years, she served as the conductor of the Hong Kong Youth Wind Philharmonia, mentoring young musicians from elementary school through college.

Born in Hong Kong, Mok began her musical journey as an oboist. She received her bachelor's degree in oboe performance from Hong Kong Baptist University and later furthered her studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she earned a master's degree. As a conductor, she holds a master's degree in orchestral conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), and an Artist Diploma in conducting from the University of Miami Frost School of Music under the tutelage of Gerard Schwarz.



Scott MacLeod, *baritone*

This is Scott MacLeod's 20th engagement with the North Carolina Symphony. He most recently appeared with the Symphony in 2023, for concerts celebrating Independence Day in Wilmington, Garner, and Cary.

Scott MacLeod maintains an active musical career as a singer, teacher, conductor, and stage director. A resident of North Carolina from 2006-2024, he performed as soloist with North Carolina Opera, Piedmont Opera, Greensboro Opera, Long Leaf Opera, Carolina Performing Arts, Winston-Salem Symphony, Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, Durham Symphony Orchestra, Mallarmé Music, Carolina Ballet, North Carolina Master Chorale, Eastern Music Festival, and numerous recital and concert venues across the state. He served as North Carolina Opera's chorus master for 11 years, including 29 operas and Andrea Bocelli's 2024 Valentine's Day concert in PNC Arena. He was Professor of Music at High Point University from 2010-2024, where he received the 2021 "Innovation and Creativity in Teaching" Award.

Notable international work includes three tours of *Messiah* with the National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica; a performance of original works by J. Mark Scearce at the historic Municipal House in Prague; and a State Department-supported recital tour in Marseille, France, which culminated in a performance in Monaco for Prince Albert II and invited guests (he performed the same concert in the Washington National Gallery Music Series in April 2023). In 2017 he was awarded an honorary faculty post at Shaoguan University (Guangdong, China), where he staged and music directed their first full opera production, Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo*.

MacLeod is currently Associate Professor of Voice and Lyric Theatre at the University of Illinois.

The Musicians of the North Carolina Symphony

Carlos Miguel Prieto,
Music Director

*The Maxine and Benjamin
Swalin Chair*

Grant Llewellyn,
Music Director Laureate

Sophie Sze-Ki Mok,
Assistant Conductor
The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

Violin I

To Be Filled, Concertmaster
*The Annabelle Lundy Fetterman
Chair*

To Be Filled,
Associate Concertmaster
*The Assad Meymandi and Family
Chair*

Anna Black,
Assistant Concertmaster
The Anne Heartt Gregory Chair

Karen Strittmatter Galvin,
Assistant Concertmaster

Emily Rist Glover
The Jessie Wyatt Ethridge Chair

Paul Goldsberry
The Richard and Joy Cook Chair

Seula Lee
The Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Chair

Joseph Meyer*

Maria Meyer
*The Tom and Mary Mac Bradshaw
Chair*

Minjoo Moon*
The Harvey At-Large Chair

Pablo Sánchez Pazos
The Phyllis ("Pat") Conrad Wells Chair

Jessica Ryou
The James C. Byrd and Family Chair

Erin Zehngut
The J. Felix Arnold Chair

Violin II

Jacqueline Saed Wolborsky,
Principal
The Nancy Finch Wallace Chair

Tiffany Kang, Associate Principal
The Blanche Martin Shaw Chair

David Kilbride, Assistant Principal

Qi Cao

Janet Gayer Hall

Chris Jusell

Oskar Ozolinch

Subin Shin

Jeanine Wynton

Viola

Samuel Gold, Principal
*The Florence Spinks and Charles
Jacob Cate and Alma Yondorf and
Sylvan Hirschberg Chair*

Kurt Tseng, Associate Principal
The Betty Ellen Madry Chair

Brian Sherwood, Assistant Principal

Petra Berényi

Paul Malcolm

Amy Mason
The J. Sidney Kirk Chair

Daniel Moore

Sandra Schwarcz
*The Samuel H. and Anne Latham
Johnson Chair*

Cello

Bonnie Thron, Principal
The June and Tom Roberg Chair

Elizabeth Beilman,
Associate Principal
*The Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorroh
Chair*

Peng Li, Assistant Principal
Anonymously Endowed

Yewon Ahn**
Anonymously Endowed

David Meyer
The Nell Hirschberg Chair

Marc Moskovitz*
The William Charles Rankin Chair

Samuel Sykes*

Nathaniel Yaffe
*The Secretary of Cultural Resources
Betty Ray McCain Chair*

To Be Filled
The Sara Wilson Hodgkins Chair

Double Bass

Leonid Finkelshteyn, Principal
*The Martha and Peyton Woodson
Chair*

Joshua DePoint, Associate Principal
*The Dr. and Mrs. Preston H. Gada
Chair*

Bruce Ridge
*The John C. and Margaret P. Parker
Chair*

To Be Filled
*The Harlee H. and Pauline G. Jobe
Chair*

To Be Filled
*The Mark W. McClure Foundation
Chair*

Flute

Megan Torti, Principal
*The Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stephens
Chair*

Mary E. Boone, Assistant Principal
*The Dr. and Mrs. Shaler Stidham, Jr.
Chair*

Alexandra Stokes*
The Jack and Sing Boddie Chair

Piccolo

Alexandra Stokes*
The Jean Dunn Williams Chair

Oboe

Melanie Wilsden, Principal
The Hardison and Stoltze Chair

Joseph Peters, Associate Principal
The Lizette T. Dunham Chair

To Be Filled
The Clarence and Alice Aycock Poe Chair

English Horn

Joseph Peters
The Bruce and Margaret King Chair

Clarinet

Samuel Almaguer, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher Walker, II Chair

Sammy Lesnick, Assistant Principal
The Kathryn Powell and Green Flavie Cooper Chair

Bassoon

Aaron Apaza, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Hudson Chair

Wenmin Zhang, Assistant Principal,
The Beethoven Chair

French Horn

Rebekah Daley, Principal
The Mary T. McCurdy Chair

Kimberly Van Pelt,
Associate Principal
The Paul R. Villard and Gabriel Wolf Chair

Gabriel Mairson
The James Marion Poyner Chair

Russell Rybicki
The Roger Colson and Bobbi Lyon Hackett Chair

To Be Filled
The Mary Susan Kirk Fulghum Chair

Trumpet

Paul Randall, Principal
The George Smedes Poyner Chair

Benjamin Hauser,
Associate Principal
The Henry and Martha Zaytoun and Family Chair

Trombone

John Ilika, Principal
The Thomas Warwick Steed, Jr. Family Chair

Steven Osborne*,
Assistant Principal
The Frances Armour Bryant Chair

Bass Trombone

Matthew Neff
Anonymously Endowed

Tuba

Seth Horner, Principal
The Governor and Mrs. James G. Martin, Jr. Chair

Timpani

Colin Hartnett, Principal
The Patricia R., Steven T. and George F. Hackney III Chair

Percussion

Richard Motylinski, Principal
The Margery and Earl Johnson, Jr. Chair

Rajesh Prasad, Assistant Principal
The Abram and Frances Pascher Kanof Chair

Organ

To Be Filled
The Albert and Susan Jenkins and Family Organ Chair

Library

Stephanie Wilson,
Principal Orchestra Librarian
The Mary Colvert and Banks C. Talley Chair

Taylor Troyer,
Assistant Orchestra Librarian

*Acting position

**Leave of absence

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The North Carolina Master Chorale is the Resident Chorus of the North Carolina Symphony.

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†deceased

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