



# NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

## Independence Day

Fri, Jul 4 | 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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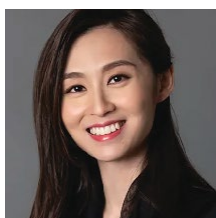
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## About the Artists

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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

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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 Harllee H. and Pauline G. Jobe  
Chair*

To Be Filled

## 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\*

## Piccolo

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## 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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