



50 YEARS OF SENSATIONAL MUSIC & MORE



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Celebrating its 50th anniversary season, The Venice Symphony presents a series of concerts that seamlessly blend epic masterworks with popular film music, opera overtures, Broadway showstoppers, and more. The reputation and programming of Music Director Troy Quinn has attracted musicians from all over the United States, creating a world-class symphony that he says rivals any in Florida.

The Symphony presents a seven-concert series at the Venice Performing Arts Center on the campus of Venice High School. This state-of-the-art facility features superior acoustics and accessible seating. Over 80% of the season was sold out before the season premiere of *A Symphony Fantastic!* on November 17 through 18, and December's Holiday Spectacular was completely sold out.

"We are fortunate to have a very loyal audience who return year after year," says The Symphony's President and CEO Christine Kasten. "The reputation of our amazing symphony continues to attract new patrons, and Troy Quinn's programming keeps them coming back."



Michael Feinstein



Troy Quinn



Dashon Burton



Alan Menken

February is busy for The Symphony, kicking off on February 9 through 10 with *Hooray for Hollywood*, featuring legendary performer Michael Feinstein. Following on February 23 through 24 is *Magical Maestro: A Tribute to Alan Menken*, the award-winning composer of music from *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.

*Arabian Nights* debuts on March 15 through 16 where concertgoers will accompany The Symphony on an unforgettable adventure. This program includes Maurice Jarre's sweeping Overture from *Lawrence of Arabia*, Ernest Gold's majestic and moving theme from *Exodus*, Modest Mussorgsky's *Dance of the Persian Maidens*, and the orchestral showpiece Rimsky-Korsakov's dazzling *Scheherazade*.

The Symphony's 50th Anniversary season concludes on April 26 through 27 with *The Crown Jewel Finale*, featuring the acclaimed vocalists Deanna Breiwick and Dashon Burton. Concertgoers will feel like royalty as The Symphony serenades them with Hans Zimmer's Main Title from *The Crown*, William Walton's *Crown Imperial*, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *English Folk Song Suite*, and the choral masterwork *Dona Nobis Pacem*, also by Vaughan Williams.

You can also catch Symphony musicians performing throughout the year at smaller venues, including Wellen Park. This popular chamber ensemble program is available to all by contacting The Symphony. The Venice Symphony Youth Orchestra performs concerts for the community during the school year.

Don't miss the fantastic offerings for this anniversary season, including the dynamic concerts, events, and more!

For more information about this advertorial, call 941.207.8822 or visit [TheVeniceSymphony.org](http://TheVeniceSymphony.org). Located at 700 U.S. Highway 41 Bypass North, Suite 4, in Venice, The Venice Symphony box office is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Symphony's venue is The Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, on Venice Island.



Deanna Breiwick