



*SEDALIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S
86TH SEASON*

THE THEME THIS YEAR SEEMS TO BE COVID-19

Conductor Luke Lyons had great plans for the 86th consecutive season but instead Covid-19 has taken over the baton for now. Instead of the full orchestra, the fall concert scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 19th will be a chamber group of orchestra members from the string section performing music by W. A. Mozart. The group is rehearsing at the First United Methodist Church on Thompson Boulevard where this virtual concert will be videoed for YouTube and Facebook.

As for our December events, the Messiah is on hold until the pandemic subsides. The Pops Concert remains under consideration in some manner dependent upon Covid numbers. We remain hopeful for full orchestra concerts in late winter and spring.

Please watch for further announcements as we move forward. This pandemic is a serious bump in the road for everyone and everything. Concern for the safety of our orchestra members and audience remains our priority.

An article in Missouri Life / July-August '82 written by the late Ron Jennings ended with a quote by the Sedalia Symphony's first conductor, the late Abe Rosenthal. "Maintaining the Sedalia Symphony will continue to be challenging, as it has always been," says the man who never missed conducting a single concert. "But it can be done. People simply must care enough."

Maintaining the orchestra is challenging, especially this season, but he was also right when he said it can be done when people care enough. This community and members of our orchestra, past and present, have cared enough to bring the Sedalia Symphony this far and we are very confident in its future.