

The Mission of Foothills Philharmonic is to enrich the lives of the residents of the Upstate region of South Carolina through quality performances of fine orchestral literature.

Our goal is to foster an appreciation and love for music and the arts. In conjunction with other organizations, we assist in fulfilling the needs of the community.

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I always look forward to this time because of the opportunity of a brand new season to make incredible music. When I look back at what we have already done this year, I am reminded of the great music making we have all shared in Foothills Philharmonic. It's such a joy to see all the familiar faces both on stage and in the audience - both those who have been a part of our Foothills community for years - and those who have just discovered us this year.

As you look forward, I hope that you will continue to participate with us. If, in the past, you have come to hear our Pops concerts, I'd like to invite you to experience the thrill of our full symphony concerts in September and in November. Those of you who already know how exciting the Brahms Symphony No. 4 will be may want to check out a different experience in our great chamber music series.

Put simply, the word community in "community orchestra" means more than just the talented people who grace the stage. It means you! Without you, the canned food drive is hungry, Toys for Tots goes unfulfilled, the Petting Zoo is lonely, the seats are empty, and our music goes unheard.

In this new season, savor the wonderful memory of past concerts, while looking forward to being an even bigger part of our special community - the Foothills Philharmonic!

Thanks for your participation. See you at the next concert!

Kory Vrieze,
Artistic Director
Kory Vrieze



What's New this Season?

Fall is always a time of change. From the start of a new grade at school to the changing of the leaves, each fall marks the start of many new ventures. For us, this is the start of our 24th anniversary season. Even though plans are in the works for our 25th anniversary season next year, we have many things this year that you simply do not want to miss.

If you love hearing big works, then our first two masterworks will satiate your appetite, as we feature works such as Brahms Symphony No. 4 and Johann Strauss Jr.s Emperor Waltz. For lovers of chamber music, our brass quintet and RecitalRAMA will offer you a great deal of variety and entertainment.

In addition to the return of several of our established community events (Greer Community Ministries Food Drive and Toys for Tots Drive), we roll out two more this Fall. Both are Showcase events aimed at highlighting the work of organizations that work to improve our community. Opening night features Freedom That Lasts, a national organization based in Taylors that works to combat addiction. At our Spotlight Chamber Concerts all year, we showcase the work of Greer Relief.

We have so much going on, but so little space to tell you all about it. We encourage you to come out to all of our concerts and see for yourself what we have in store for the fall of 2023. as we seek to educate, enrich, and entertain the upstate of South Carolina.

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Fall 2023 Concerts – All Free!

Break out your calendars so you won't miss out on any of the fun! We've listed all the concerts in one place so you can put all the dates and locations on your calendar right now.

Saturday, September 23rd 7:00 pm Opening Night: Masterworks I
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650
Featuring music by Strauss Jr., Bizet, Delius, and Gaudioso. Our special guest soloist this evening is Carrera Stamile, Mandolin, and winner of the 2023 Future Stars Scholarship.

Featuring a Community Event for Freedom That Lasts

Saturday, October 14th 7:00 pm RecitalRAMA
At the Driggers Center – 804 Trade St, Greer 29651

We have some fine soloists in the orchestra! Come out and hear some great music!

Featuring a Community Event for Greer Relief

Saturday, November 4th 7:00 pm Masterworks II
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650
FP pulls out all the stops for Brahms Symphony No. 4. If it isn't already on of your favorites . . . it will be!

Featuring a canned food drive for Greer Community Ministries

Saturday, November 18th 7:00 pm Brass Quintet
At the Driggers Center – 804 Trade St, Greer 29651

If you enjoy brass music, we think that you will enjoy the Foothills Brass Quintet perform classical and pop favorites!

Featuring a Community Event for Greer Relief

Saturday, December 9th 7:00 pm Christmas Pops
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650

Everybody loves a Holiday concert. Come out and enjoy some seasonal favorites.

Featuring Toys for Tots Drive

How do I find the concert venue?

Riverside Baptist Church

Across from Riverside High School
1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650

From Wade Hampton, turn south on Suber Road. From Brushy Creek, turn north on Suber Road.

Edward Driggers Center

804 Trade St, Greer 29651

Turn off Wade Hampton onto Poinsett Highway. Turn onto Trade Street after crossing main street. Go eight blocks and the Edward Driggers Center will be on your right.



What is the Spotlight Chamber Series?



Foothills puts on a total of eleven concerts each season. Most are familiar with the Mainstage Series where the orchestra performs at Riverside Baptist. Did you know that we have another series that features just Chamber Music? This is set in a more intimate setting at the Edward R. Driggers City of Greer Center for the Arts. These concerts are events you do not want to miss.



From recitals (featuring members of the orchestra in October) to concerts that feature one group (such as the Brass Quintet Concert in November) or multiple groups (the Chamber Selections upcoming in April), the Spotlight Chamber Series offers so much and then some to all of our music lovers. Concerts last an hour, and being in Greer Station, you can easily grab a bite to eat beforehand and then go walking around the beautiful downtown immediately afterwards.



It costs a lot to put on a free show!

Since 2000 folks like you have helped bring a fabulous musical experience to thousands of people of all ages to our community. Our desire is that they remain free for everyone, and with a total of eleven concerts this season (five in the fall), that is a very big task to accomplish.

*If you enjoy Foothills Philharmonic concerts as much as we enjoy presenting them, please help us keep our concerts **free and accessible to the entire community...***

- If you haven't contributed to Foothills Philharmonic this year, please do so today!
- Your donation in any amount will help ensure the future of one of the Upstate's cultural treasures. It also will help ensure that our events are open to **everyone**.

A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you can donate online at foothillsphilharmonic.org

Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

We couldn't do it without you!

Evan Duke,
President
Foothills Philharmonic



Want to Help?



It takes many hands to put on a concert – besides those making music onstage.

Would you like to:
Serve refreshments at the Reception
Greet people at the front door
Help set up equipment

Contact Evan at: inquiry@foothillsphil.org



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Introducing our 2023 Fall Season

What is a Friend of Foothills?

A donor, volunteer, or supporter like you!
Your contributions enable us to present a whole season of free concerts and share the joy of music with thousands of people.

Thank you! We couldn't do this without you.

Why become a Friend of Foothills?

- You'll receive special reminders for all events
- Because you care about our shows and want us to continue to bring high quality music to our community. Your support keeps our free shows...**FREE!**



Help Us Support Foothills Philharmonic

- 1) Make a gift to Foothills Philharmonic: online – or by using the enclosed envelope.
- 2) Join the Volunteers. Meet fun and interesting people.
- 3) Follow us on social media. We're on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- 4) Share this newsletter with a friend. It's the best way to recycle!

Questions about supporting us? Contact us anytime!