

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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happy
new year!

It's time to reflect on our year gone by while looking forward to the future. When I look back at 2022, 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 - those who have been with us 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 concert in March. For those who already know how exciting the Tchaikovsky Symphony will be, -- 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 year, savor the wonderful memory of past concerts, while looking forward to being an even bigger part of our special community - Foothills Philharmonic!

See you at the next concert!

Kory Vrieze,
Artistic Director



What's New this Year?

We wish you health and happiness as a new year brings our Spring Concert Season. And we can't wait to tell you about the super lineup of concerts that are coming soon.

A highlight of the year will be Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in March. Tchaikovsky was known for emotional intensity. In this work, he seems determined for happiness to win out. By the last movement, you will find yourself elevated from the stresses of life to a euphoria, as the symphony literally roars to a conclusion. Buckle up, it's going to be a wild ride!

The Chamber Orchestra Concert in February starts with Suk's Serenade no.6. It's like a symphony, only shorter - and is played by just the string section of the orchestra. The work was inspired when Dvorak chided him to "write something cheerful for a change."

We end on a happy note with the annual Pops concert in May.

But wait, there's more . . .

For a more intimate experience, come to our chamber music concerts, performed by our smallest groups. A string quartet was meant to be heard in a smaller space than our main concert venue. Check out our second venue - the Edward Driggers Center at 804 Trade Street in Greer. The String Quartet concert in February and the Woodwind Quintet concert in March will be there. It's a little harder to find, So set your GPS, or look for directions on p.3.

For a unique concert experience, come to the Chamber Music Selections in April. Small groups of 2,3 or more players each get to choose what they find fun to play.

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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 Feb 4 – 7:00 pm Chamber Orchestra
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650
A joyful start to a new year, featuring Suk's Serenade for Strings.
A benefit for Miracle Hill.

Saturday Feb 18th 15 7:00 pm String Quartet
At the Driggers Center – 804 Trade St, Greer 29651
A string quartet – 2 violins, viola and cello -- has a smooth blend of sound that is as delicious as a café latte on a cold morning.

Saturday, Mar 18 7:00 pm Woodwind Quintet
At the Driggers Center – 804 Trade St, Greer 29651
Not all woodwinds are made of wood. The flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn have a diversity of sound that will amuse, surprise, and delight you.

Saturday, March 25 7:00 pm Symphony Orchestra
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650
FP pulls out all the stops for Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4. If it isn't already on of your favorites . . . it will be!
A benefit for New Horizon Healthcare

Saturday, April 15 7:00 pm Chamber Groups
At the Driggers Center – 804 Trade St, Greer 29651
The orchestra breaks apart into small groups, and each performs its favorite for you, proving that "Foothills 'got Talent!'"

Saturday, May 6 7:00 pm Pops Orchestra
At Riverside Baptist Church – 1249 Suber Rd, Greer SC 29650
Everybody loves a Pops concert. A crowd pleaser for sure.
Instrument Petting Zoo

Directions

Our concerts are now held in two different venues

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

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

**Edward R. Driggers
Center for the Arts**
804 Trade St, Greer 29651

From Wade Hampton, turn on Poinsett Highway. right after crossing Main Street, turn onto Trade Street. Go eight blocks and the Center will be on your right.



What is Chamber Music?



It's simply music that was written to be played in a room – a “chamber” -- instead of a larger space, like a concert hall or an auditorium. It can be any combination of instruments and any number of players . . . think, “fits in a room.”

Popular groups are String quartets, Brass quintets, and Woodwind quintets. They could be duets or trios - or sextets or octets. Sometimes the same or mixed instruments. Believe it or not there's a piece for viola and percussion – quite good!



Like the human voice, instruments from the same family of instruments have a blend. In a String group, all are made of wood, similar shape, played with a bow. In a Brass group, the metal and mouthpieces are similar.

The exception is the Woodwind family, where each instrument is mechanically different - different materials, different blowing devices, different shapes. That makes for a unique combination!

Canzon per Sonar Ambushatoni



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 in our community . . . absolutely free. We have already presented three blockbuster concerts. – and there's much more to come.

*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 already contributed to Foothills Philharmonic, 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 keep our events are open to **everyone**.

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

Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

We couldn't do it without you!

Evan Duke,
President
Foothills Philharmonic



Be a part of the show.

Join our volunteers



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@foothillphil.org
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOOTHILLS PHILHARMONIC
PO BOX 3001
GREENVILLE SC 29607

Introducing our 2023 Spring Season:
Foothills Philharmonic brings a fantastic
musical experience to our community.



Buckle up - It's going to be a wild ride!



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!**



We support Foothills Philharmonic Won't you join us?

- 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!