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QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MARK RUSSELL SMITH, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

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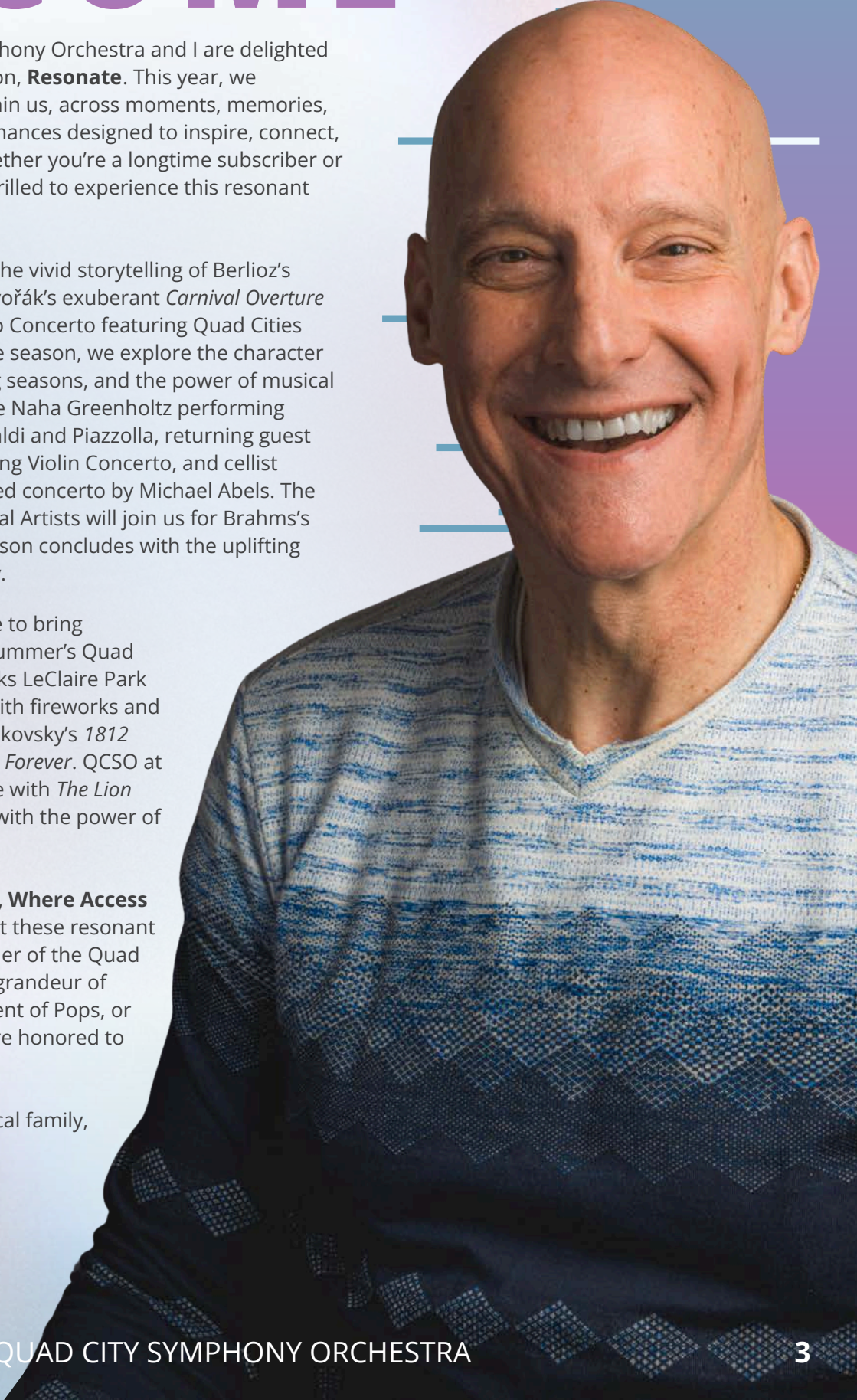
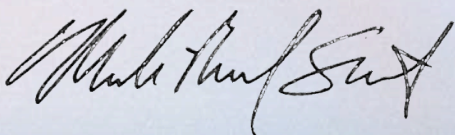
The musicians of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and I are delighted to welcome you to our 2026–27 season, **Resonate**. This year, we celebrate the ways music echoes within us, across moments, memories, and generations, as we share performances designed to inspire, connect, and uplift our entire community. Whether you're a longtime subscriber or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to experience this resonant journey with you.

Our Masterworks Series begins with the vivid storytelling of Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*, paired with Dvořák's exuberant *Carnival Overture* and Beethoven's radiant Fourth Piano Concerto featuring Quad Cities native Thomas Sauer. Throughout the season, we explore the character of great cities, the beauty of changing seasons, and the power of musical voices old and new. Highlights include Naha Greenholtz performing *Autumn* from *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi and Piazzolla, returning guest artists Bella Hristova in Britten's striking Violin Concerto, and cellist Tommy Mesa in a newly commissioned concerto by Michael Abels. The Augustana Oratorio Society and Choral Artists will join us for Brahms's luminous *Song of Destiny*, and the season concludes with the uplifting warmth of Dvořák's Eighth Symphony.

Our Pops and special events continue to bring audiences of all ages together. This summer's Quad City Bank & Trust Riverfront Pops rocks LeClaire Park with the music of The Who, capped with fireworks and our traditional performances of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. QCSO at the Movies brings beloved films to life with *The Lion King* and *Elf*, pairing cinematic magic with the power of a live orchestra.

Your support fuels our vision—**QCSO, Where Access Meets Inspiration**—and ensures that these resonant musical experiences reach every corner of the Quad Cities. Whether you're moved by the grandeur of orchestral masterworks, the excitement of Pops, or the intimacy of chamber music, we are honored to share this season with you.

Thank you for being part of our musical family,



SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE FANTASTIQUE FANTASTIQUE

**OCT
03**
2026

7:30 PM
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

**THOMAS
SAUER**
piano

**OCT
04**
2026

2:00 PM
CENTENNIAL
HALL
ROCK ISLAND, IL

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

Carnival Overture

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Piano Concerto No. 4

HECTOR BERLIOZ

Symphonie Fantastique

The 112th Season starts with Dvořák's vibrant *Carnival Overture* and Beethoven's poetic Fourth Piano Concerto performed by QC-native Thomas Sauer. The night closes with Berlioz's spellbinding *Symphonie fantastique*, a whirlwind of obsession, dreams, and dazzling orchestral color.

CITYSCAPES

HOME & ABROAD

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NOV 07
2026 **7:30 PM**
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA



NOV 08
2026 **2:00 PM**
CENTENNIAL
HALL
ROCK ISLAND, IL



WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Symphony No. 31, "Paris"

DUKE ELLINGTON

Harlem

FRANZ VON SUPPÉ

Morning, Noon, and Night
in Vienna

JIM STEPHENSON

CitySpeaks

Take a musical journey through Paris, Harlem, Vienna, and the Quad Cities. Mozart's Paris Symphony and Ellington's *Harlem* shine alongside Suppé's lively overture, while Jim Stephenson's *CitySpeaks* brings our community to life through orchestra, spoken word, visuals, and the voice of Bix Beiderbecke.

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DEC 05
2026
7:30 PM
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

DEC 06
2026
2:00 PM
BARTLETT
PAC
MOLINE, IL

NAHA GREENHOLTZ
violin

STACY GARROP

Penelope Waits

ANTONIO VIVALDI

Autumn from
The Four Seasons

ASTOR PIAZZOLLA

Autumn from *The Four
Seasons of Buenos Aires*

FRANZ SCHUBERT

The Great C Major Symphony

Welcome the spirit of the holiday season with a program full of reflection and promise. Garrop's *Penelope Waits* sets a gentle, contemplative tone before Naha Greenholtz brings Vivaldi's and Piazzolla's vibrant "Autumn" works to life. Schubert's radiant "Great" Symphony closes the concert with an uplifting sense of joy and possibility.

SIBELIUS

SYMPHONY NO. 1

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FEB
06
2027

7:30 PM
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

FEB
07
2027

2:00 PM
CENTENNIAL
HALL
ROCK ISLAND, IL

BELLA
HRISTOVA
violin

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Violin Concerto No. 1

JEAN SIBELIUS

Symphony No. 1

Violinist Bella Hristova returns for Britten's passionate and expressive First Violin Concerto. Sibelius's sweeping First Symphony completes the program with Nordic drama, soaring melodies, and powerful emotional depth.

DESTINY TRANSFIGURED TRANSFIGURED TRANSFIGURED

MAR 06
2027 **7:30 PM**
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA



with the
**AUGUSTANA
ORATORIO SOCIETY
+ CHORAL ARTISTS**
ERIC NEWELL
choral director

MAR 07
2027 **2:00 PM**
CENTENNIAL
HALL
ROCK ISLAND, IL

GIUSEPPE VERDI
The Force of Destiny Overture
JOHANNES BRAHMS
Song of Destiny
SAMUEL BARBER
Adagio for Strings
RICHARD STRAUSS
Death and Transfiguration

Join us for an evening of powerful and deeply moving music. Verdi's bold overture from his opera *The Force of Destiny* and Brahms's uplifting *Song of Destiny* shine with the Augustana Oratorio Society and Choral Artists. Barber's beloved *Adagio for Strings* and Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration* bring this heartfelt program to a radiant finish.

DVOŘÁK

SYMPHONY NO. 8

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APR 03 2027 7:30 PM
ADLER THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

APR 04 2027 2:00 PM
CENTENNIAL HALL
ROCK ISLAND, IL



TOMMY MESA
cello

CAROLS CHÁVEZ
Sinfonía india

MICHAEL ABELS
Cello Concerto

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK
Symphony No. 8

Chávez's rhythmic *Sinfonía india* sets a vibrant tone before cellist Tommy Mesa returns to the Quad Cities to perform Michael Abels's newly commissioned cello concerto. The season concludes with the warmth and joy of Dvořák's spirited Eighth Symphony.

UP CLOSE



with
LILLIAN LAU

LILLIAN LAU
harp

+ special guest
EMILY WREN BAXTER
harp

JAN
16
2027

7:30 PM
FIGGE
ART MUSEUM
DAVENPORT, IA



with
BEN COELHO

BENJAMIN COELHO
bassoon

MARIAN LEE
piano

+ special guests
MATT KOWALCZYK
NOAH DROESSLER
bassoon

MAR
20
2027

7:30 PM
FIGGE
ART MUSEUM
DAVENPORT, IA



with the
**QCSO CELLO
SECTION**

led by principal cellist
HANNAH HOLMAN

APR
10
2027

7:30 PM
DAVENPORT
CENTRAL PAC
DAVENPORT, IA



with
**NAHA, EMILY,
& MARIAN**

NAHA GREENHOLTZ
violin

EMILY NASH
violin

MARIAN LEE
piano

JUN
05
2027

7:30 PM
FIGGE
ART MUSEUM
DAVENPORT, IA



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QUAD CITY BANK & TRUST RIVERFRONT POPS

THE BEST OF

The who

AUG 22
2026

7:30 PM

**LECLAIRE
PARK
DAVENPORT, IA**

Join us along the banks of the Mississippi for the Party of the Summer! Rock out in LeClaire Park as we celebrate the music of The Who, featuring powerhouse hits like "My Generation," "Behind Blue Eyes," "Pinball Wizard," "Won't Get Fooled Again," and more! The night concludes with our traditional performances of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, set to a brilliant fireworks finale.

**HISHAM BRAVO
GROOVER**
conductor

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THE **Disney**
LION KING
LIVE IN CONCERT

OCT 24
2026
2:00 PM
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

Return to Pride Rock as the QCSO performs Hans Zimmer's sweeping, Oscar[®]-winning score live to the full 1994 animated film in HD. Featuring beloved songs by Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice, along with the powerful African vocal and choral arrangements of South African composer Lebo M, Disney's *The Lion King* becomes an immersive musical experience unlike any other.

**HISHAM BRAVO
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conductor

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In concert



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NOV 21
2026
2:00 PM
7:30 PM
ADLER
THEATRE
DAVENPORT, IA

Buddy was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. Unable to shake the feeling that he doesn't fit in, the adult Buddy travels to New York, in full elf uniform, in search of his real father. This holiday season, relive this heartwarming holiday classic on a giant screen as every note of John Debney's wonderful score is played live to picture in: Elf in Concert!

**HISHAM BRAVO
GROOVER**
conductor

QC SO at the Movies supported by



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SPECIAL EVENTS

the QUEEN'S SOIRÉE

SEP 26 2026

5:30 PM
FIGGE
ART MUSEUM
DAVENPORT, IA

5:30 PM
Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres

7:30 PM
*Dinner, Auction,
and Performance*



Dearest Gentle Reader,

This author has learned of a gathering so enchanting it promises to be the most anticipated fundraising event of the season. Whether delight or scandal awaits remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: those who fail to attend the Soirée may find themselves quite out of step with the ton.

Until the next revelation,

Lady Pennywhistle

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Jim & Melissa Von Maur, event chairs

UNCORK the SEASON



OCT 03 2026
5:30 PM
LAST PICTURE
HOUSE
DAVENPORT, IA

 admission is complimentary for
**FULL MASTERWORKS
SUBSCRIBERS**

Celebrate the start of our 112th season at this special pre-concert event! Enjoy delicious spirits and cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and great company before our thrilling opening Masterworks performance. It's the perfect start to a spectacular evening of music with the QCSO!

HOLIDAY BRASS



DEC 13
2026

3:00 PM
ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
DAVENPORT, IA

NEW!
tickets now included in the
POPS SUBSCRIPTION

CHRIS NELSON
organ

Ring in the holiday season with members of the QCSO Brass and Percussion sections! Under the direction of Maestro Mark Russell Smith, the ensemble is joined by organist Chris Nelson to perform uplifting selections of classical and holiday favorites!

the PLANETS FAMILY CONCERTS

JAN 23
2027

2 TIMES
SPOTLIGHT
THEATRE
MOLINE, IL

9:30 AM
for children 0-7 years old

11:30 AM
for children 7+ and adults with special needs

These concerts are out-of-this-world! Join the QCSO String Quartet for a morning of planet-themed music with narration and concert activities led by Quad Cities Music Therapy founder, Misty Dais. Audiences of all ages will enjoy a 45-minute concert with narration and music designed to expand the imagination and explore new sounds.

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QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA





QUAD CITY SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES

The Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles (QCSYE) consists of four school-year orchestras for musicians of all ability levels, ages 7 to 18. The program provides a rigorous and inspiring learning environment founded on musical excellence for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. Students develop valuable musical, social, and leadership skills which set them up for success in school and beyond. Financial aid is available so everyone can participate regardless of ability to pay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Weekly rehearsals and thrilling performance opportunities
- Sectionals with the region's finest professional musicians
- Annual Concerto Competition
- Complimentary tickets to QCSO concerts
- College and Summer Camp scholarship opportunities
- Full & partial financial aid

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KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING QCSYE?

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NOV 15
2026
QCSYE FALL CONCERT
3:00 PM

FEB 21
2027
QCSYE WINTER CONCERT
3:00 PM

APR 25
2027
QCSO/QCSYE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT
3:00 PM

MAY 09
2027
YSO FINALE CONCERT
3:00 PM

private LESSON PROGRAM

The QCSO Private Lesson Program matches students of all ages and ability levels with highly qualified instructors for weekly lessons at locations around the Quad Cities.

WEEKLY LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR

Violin	Flute	Horn	Percussion
Viola	Oboe	Trumpet	Harp
Cello	Clarinet	Trombone	Saxophone
Bass	Bassoon	Tuba	Voice
Piano		Euphonium	

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

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- Deliver music education to more than 50,000 students a year.
- Provide scholarships and financial aid to students.
- Support the careers of working musicians.
- Be cultural leaders in the community and make the Quad Cities a better place to live.

HOW TO GIVE

visit QCSO.org to donate online and discover additional ways to support the QCSO.

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ENRICH *your* EXPERIENCE

INSIDE THE MUSIC

Join QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith in an exploration of the Masterworks Programs on the Thursday evening preceding each Masterworks Concert. Free admission. Cash bar available.

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CONCERT CONVERSATIONS

One hour prior to each Masterworks Performance, concert goers are invited to attend informational pre-concert conversations to hear about the works on the program. A video version is also available on the QCSO's social media platforms.

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AFTERGLOW

Mingle with Maestro Mark Russell Smith, guest artists, and members of the QCSO in the Hotel Blackhawk lobby immediately following the Saturday Masterworks Performances. Free Admission. Cash bar available.

STUDENT PROGRAM BOOKLET

Designed for Students @ Symphony and with all our younger audience members in mind, these digital booklets are interactive and include links and activities to enhance the learning and concert experience for students of all ages!

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EASE *your* EXPERIENCE

SHUTTLE BUSES

A convenient park-and-ride shuttle service is available for Sunday Masterworks performances. Visit QCSO.org for pick-up times and locations. A \$5.00 return ticket is required and available for purchase at the venue box office or will call table.

LARGE PRINT & BRAILLE

Large-print and braille programs are available for each Masterworks concert at the QCSO table in the lobby.

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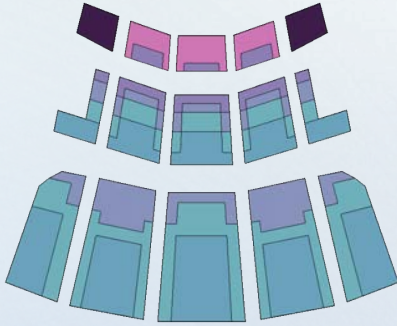
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MASTERWORKS

ADLER THEATRE

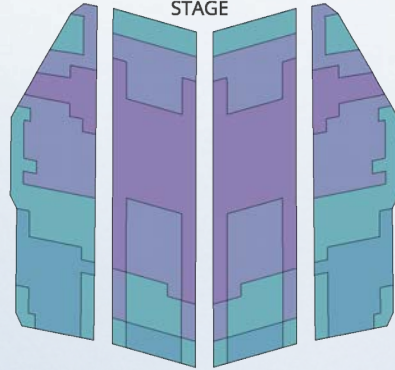
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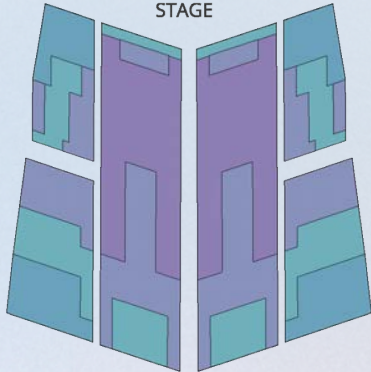
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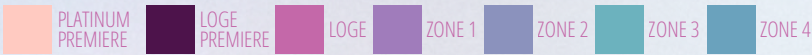
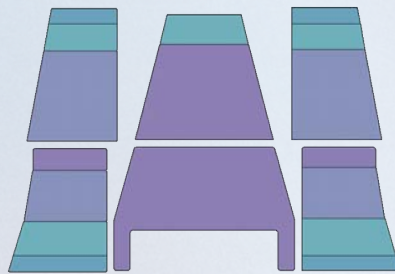
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STAGE



BARTLETT CENTER

STAGE

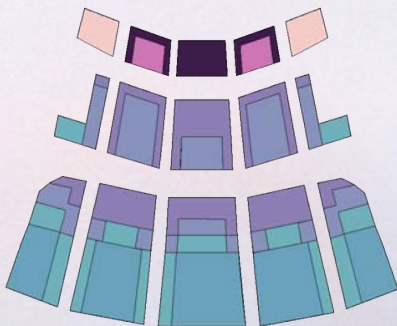


QCSO AT THE MOVIES

ADLER THEATRE

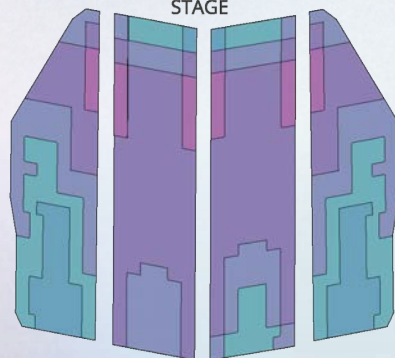
BALCONY

STAGE



ORCHESTRA

STAGE



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ADLER THEATRE
136 E. 3RD ST.
DAVENPORT, IA

CENTENNIAL HALL
3703 7TH AVE.
ROCK ISLAND, IL

BARTLETT CENTER
3600 AVE. OF THE CITIES
MOLINE, IL



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Pops Subscription
Movie Subscription
Up Close Subscription

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Skip the \$3.00 per ticket fee by ordering additional concert tickets with your subscription.

FREE PARTY ADMISSION

All subscribers are invited to the **2027-28 Season Announcement Party** in April 2027, plus Full Masterworks Subscribers receive **free admission to Uncork the Season** before Masterworks I in October 2026.

FREE TICKETS

Full Masterworks, Pops, & Movie Subscribers receive **one free Masterworks ticket** of their choice **per subscription**.

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