



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

# ECHOES OF EXPLORATION

2024-25 SEASON



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# WELCOME

The musicians of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and I are thrilled to welcome you to our 2024-25 Season, *Echoes of Exploration*. This season promises a journey through time and across continents, featuring works that celebrate the spirit of discovery, the brilliance of iconic compositions, and the stories that connect us all. I am eager to share these moments of wonder and inspiration with you!

We invite you to dive deep into the heart of music with our subscription packages: Masterworks, Pops, and Up Close. Subscribing not only guarantees you the best seats at the most affordable prices but also offers early access to tickets for all QCSO concerts, including the ever-popular QCBT Riverfront Pops and our Films in Concert.

The 2024-25 season is a testament to our vision – QCSO, Where Access Meets Inspiration - and we look forward to engaging the entire Quad Cities community with an incredibly diverse lineup. We invite you to traverse musical landscapes with us, from the sun-drenched Italian Riviera to the ancient dynasties of China, and from celebrating the centennial of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* to our landmark performance of Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels *Omar's Journey*. We're excited to introduce you to newer works by Reena Esmail, Bright Sheng, and Angel Lam and revisit timeless favorites by Bruckner, Mozart, Prokofiev, and more!

Our Pops series continues to grow, and this year we bring you a Symphonic Celebration of the Music of Led Zeppelin, Disney's *Hocus Pocus in Concert*, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 1 in Concert*, and *Video Games in Concert*. Each concert is an invitation to experience the joy and communal spirit of these beloved stories and themes through the power of our live symphony orchestra.

As always, thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we will explore the rich tapestry of human experience through the universal language of music. I can't wait to share this season of discovery and celebration with you.

With profound gratitude,

**MARK RUSSELL SMITH**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR



MASTERWORKS I

# BRUCKNER AT 200

OCT 5, 2024 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

OCT 6, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

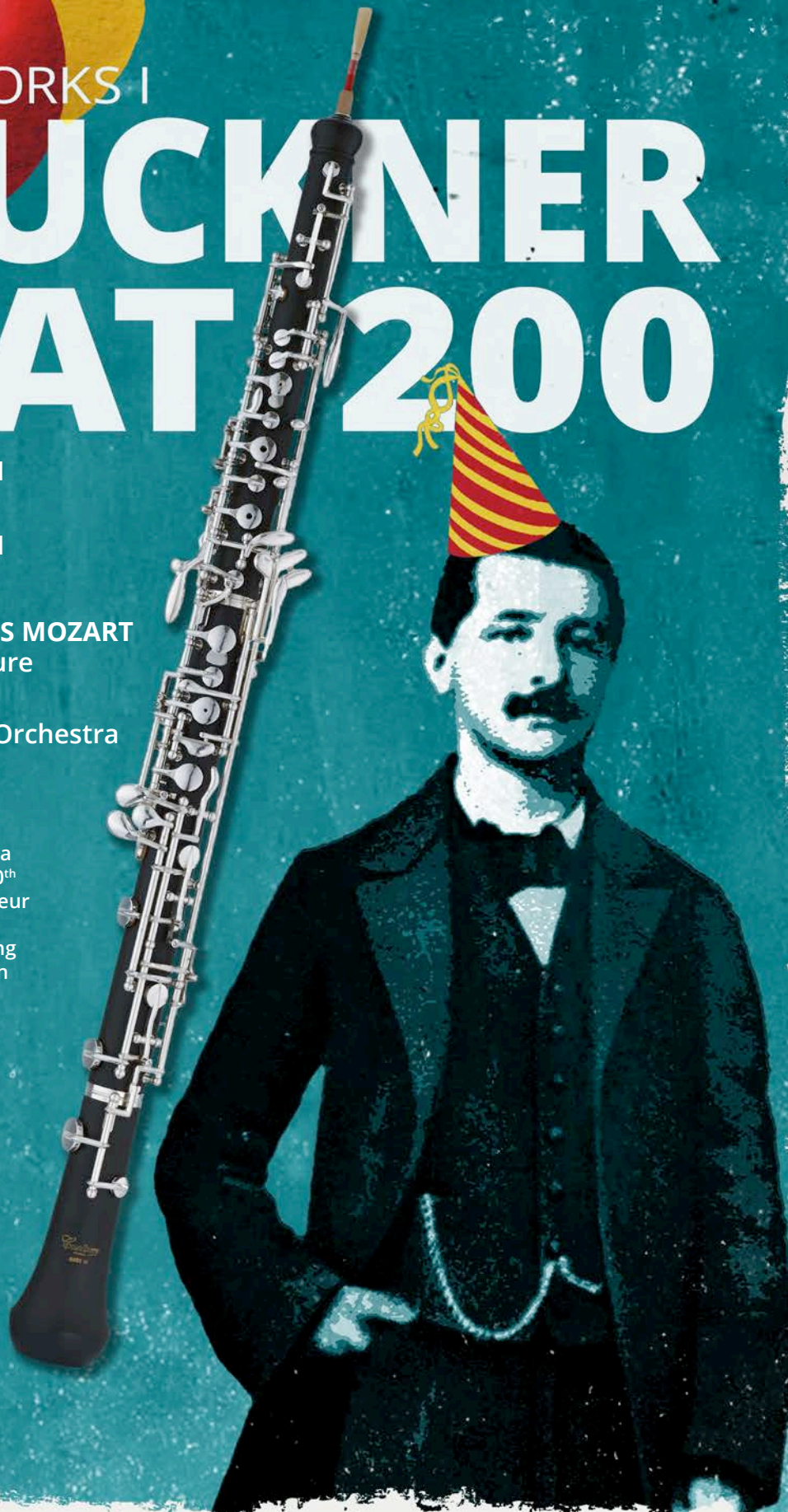
**WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART**  
*The Magic Flute* Overture

**RUTH GIPPS**  
Concerto for Oboe & Orchestra

**ANTON BRUCKNER**  
Symphony No. 7

Our 110<sup>th</sup> season opens with a celebration of Bruckner's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday featuring the grandeur of his Seventh Symphony, alongside Mozart's enchanting *Magic Flute* overture and Ruth Gipps' captivating and lyrical oboe concerto!

**ANDREW PARKER,**  
oboe



MASTERWORKS II

# MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

NOV 2, 2024 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

NOV 3, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**DAVID DIAMOND**  
Excerpts from Music for  
Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

**REENA ESMAIL**  
Testament (from *Vishwas*)  
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**FELIX MENDELSSOHN**  
Excerpts from *A Midsummer  
Night's Dream*

Explore the magic of Shakespeare  
with music inspired by his beloved  
plays paired with two works by Reena  
Esmail which fuses Western and  
Indian classical music traditions.

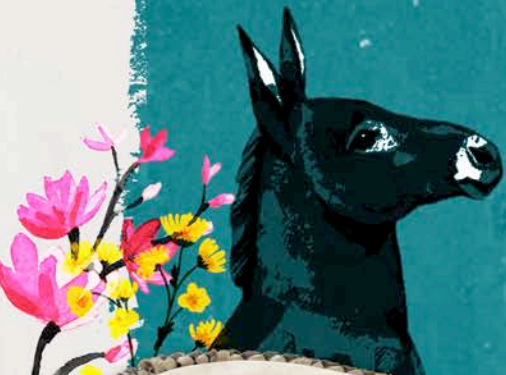
**A PAVAN**, tabla  
**SHELLEY COOPER**, narrator  
**DOUG KUTZLI**, narrator

*Sopranos & Altos from*  
**AUGUSTANA CHOIR &  
CHORAL ARTISTS**  
Jon Hurty, director

**BALLET QUAD CITIES**  
Courtney Lyon, choreographer

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MASTERWORKS III

# SEASON OF MIRACLES

DEC 7, 2024 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

DEC 8, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
BARTLETT PAC

**FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN**  
Symphony No. 30, "Alleluja"

**ARCANGELO CORELLI**  
Concerto grosso, Op. 6, No. 8,  
"Christmas Concerto"

**ANTONIO VIVALDI**  
Winter from *The Four Seasons*

**ASTOR PIAZZOLLA**  
Winter from *The Four Seasons*  
of *Buenos Aires*

**OTTORINO RESPIGHI**  
Trittico Botticelliano

**FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN**  
Symphony No. 96,  
"The Miracle"

Embrace the holiday season with  
diverse works inspired by the beauty  
of winter and the celebration of  
miraculous moments.

**NAHA GREENHOLTZ**, violin





MASTERWORKS IV

# OMAR'S JOURNEY

FEB 1, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

FEB 2, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**RHIANNON GIDDENS & MICHAEL ABELS**  
Omar's Journey

Join us for a landmark performance of *Omar's Journey*, a concert opera adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning work by Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels. It shares the powerful story of Omar Ibn Said from his freedom in West Africa to enslavement in South Carolina. Through a breathtaking fusion of West African musical traditions and classical opera, brought to life by a cast of world-class artists, *Omar's Journey* promises an unforgettable exploration of resilience, faith, and the enduring human spirit.

**BRITTANY RENEE**, Julie  
**TAYLOR RAVEN**, Fatima  
**ISSACHAH SAVAGE**, Omar

**ANDY PAPAS**, Owen/Johnson  
**NORMAN GARRETT**, Abdul/Abe



MASTERWORKS V

# ECHOES OF EXPLORATION

MAR 1, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

MAR 2, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**EDWARD ELGAR**  
In the South

**BRIGHT SHENG**  
Of Time and Love:  
Concerto for Viola  
and Orchestra

**HUGO WOLF**  
Italian Serenade

**MAURICE RAVEL**  
Rapsodie espagnole

**ROBERTO DIAZ,**  
viola

Explore musical landscapes inspired by travel! Journey from the sun-drenched Italian Riviera to the ancient dynasties of China, back to the whimsical Italian streets, before taking in the vibrant culture of Spain.





MASTERWORKS VI

# RHAPSODY IN BLUE

APR 5, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
ADLER THEATRE

APR 6, 2025 | 2:00 PM  
CENTENNIAL HALL

**ANGEL LAM**

Please let there be a  
paradise...

**GEORGE GERSHWIN**

Rhapsody in Blue

**SERGEI PROKOFIEV**

Symphony No. 5

Immerse yourself in night of landmarks by celebrating the centennial of Gershwin's piano and orchestra masterpiece, the premiere of Angel Lam's evocative new work, and culminates with Prokofiev's powerful Fifth Symphony.

**LORRAINE MIN**, piano



*Please let there be a paradise...* was commissioned by the League of American Orchestras with the generous support of the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation.

Lorraine Min's appearance with the QCSO is generously sponsored by Gene Belz.



QUAD CITY BANK & TRUST RIVERFRONT POPS

# A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN



**AUG 17, 2024 | 7:30 PM**  
**LECLAIRE PARK**

**Hisham  
Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

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 Led Zeppelin with all their greatest hits, including "All of My Love," "Good Times Bad Times," "D'yer Mak'er," and "Stairway to Heaven!" This spectacular event closes with our traditional renditions of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever* set to a brilliant fireworks display.

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IN CONCERT LIVE TO FILM

**OCT 26, 2024 | 7:30 PM**  
**ADLER THEATRE**

**Hisham  
Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

This Halloween, the Sanderson Sisters are back, and Disney's *Hocus Pocus* will cast its spell on you like never before! Resurrected by an unwitting teenager's lighting of the black flame candle, Salem's most legendary witches chase their quest for eternal youth. Be swept away in this beloved classic, shown in high definition on the big screen as the Quad City Symphony Orchestra conjures John Debney's score to life. Embrace the spirit of staying forever young at heart, and immerse yourself in a night of humor, suspense, and ageless adventure, in this bewitching live-to-film concert event.

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE FILM WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA



# Harry Potter

AND THE  
DEATHLY  
HALLOWS  
PART 1

— IN CONCERT —



**NOV 23, 2024 | 2:00 PM**  
**NOV 23, 2024 | 7:30 PM**  
**ADLER THEATRE**

**Ernesto Estigarribia,**  
conductor

The end begins. Part one of the epic finale *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™* is here! CineConcerts invites audiences back to witness the beginning of Harry's most important battle yet, with the full film accompanied by the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. Harry, Ron, and Hermione set out to track down the secret to Voldemort's power!

  
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# VIDEO GAMES

## IN CONCERT



**MAY 10, 2025 | 7:30 PM**  
**ADLER THEATRE**

**Hisham**  
**Bravo Groover,**  
conductor

Join the QCSO and experience your favorite video games like never before! Video Games in Concert is an immersive concert experience with the QCSO performing music from cherished video games with synchronized video projected on the big screen. This multimedia concert brings to life video games like *Halo*, *World of Warcraft*, *Kingdom Hearts*, *Metal Gear Solid*, *Final Fantasy*, *Castlevania*, *Skyrim* and so many more!

# UP CLOSE

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

## NAHA GREENHOLTZ

SEP 15, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY, WATTS-MIDTOWN BRANCH

Naha Greenholtz, *violin* & Marian Lee, *piano*

Enjoy an afternoon of violin and piano music by Reena Esmail, Angel Lam, Joseph Haydn, and Sergei Prokofiev.

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## EMILY, BRUNO, & KIT

JAN 11, 2025 | 7:30 PM FAMILY CONCERT | 11:00 AM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM MLK CENTER, ROCK ISLAND

Emily Nash, *violin*, Bruno Vaz da Silva, *viola*, Kit Polen, *bass*, & Misty Dais, *narrator*

Join the QCSO String Trio in the morning for a shorter family-friendly concert, or in the evening for a traditional performance.

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## MARIAN LEE

MARCH 29, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM

Marian Lee, *piano*

Celebrate International Piano Day with an evening of captivating solo piano works!

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## QCSO PERCUSSION

MAY 3, 2025 | 7:30 PM  
VENUE TBD

Aaron Williams, Michael Geary, Gary Ciccotelli, & Tony Oliver

Our talented percussion section moves from the back of the orchestra to center stage in this vibrant concert.

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**SUSAN QUAIL**



# UNCORK THE SEASON

AUG 1, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTILLING CO.

Kick off the season with an evening of beautiful rooftop views of the Mississippi River, delicious spirits and cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, great music, and fantastic company, all while supporting the QCSO.



## SOIRÉE A NIGHT IN ITALY

OCT 19, 2024 | 5:30 PM  
FIGGE ART MUSEUM

5:30 PM  
Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

7:30 PM  
Dinner, Auction, & Performance

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Experience an elegant evening at the Figge for one of the most popular fundraising events in the Quad Cities! Tickets include cocktail hour, dinner, and a performance, plus a paddle raise and live auction with Maestro Mark Russell Smith as your auctioneer to benefit the QCSO's education programs.



# HOLIDAY BRASS

DEC 14, 2024 | 3:00 PM  
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND

DEC 15, 2024 | 3:00 PM  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, DAVENPORT

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 sections of classical and holiday favorites.

**CHRIS NELSON**, organ  
**SHELLIE MOORE GUY**, narrator





# 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?

visit [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org) for audition information

*introducing*

**HISHAM BRAVO  
GROOVER,**  
Music Director



QCSYE  
**FALL CONCERT**

NOV 10, 2024 | 3:00 PM

QCSYE  
**WINTER CONCERTS**

FEB 16, 2025 | 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

QCSO/QCSYE  
**SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT**

APR 27, 2025 | 5:30 PM

YSO  
**TOUR SEND OFF CONCERT**

JUNE 8, 2025 | 3:00 PM

TRAVEL WITH US TO

# ITALY

**JUNE 14-25, 2025**

REGISTER BY JULY 1, 2024

Join the Youth Symphony Orchestra for their second European tour!

With Maestro Mark Russell Smith as your guide, you'll visit the famous landmarks in and around Venice, Florence, & Rome, and more. Plus you will have the opportunity to attend every performance of the Youth Symphony Orchestra led by Youth Ensembles Music Director Hisham Bravo Groover.

Visit [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org) to learn more.







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

**FULL & PARTIAL FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!**

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- Present affordable and accessible concerts for all communities in the Quad Cities
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- 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](http://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 all QCSO 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.

## CHILDREN'S CRESCENDO CORNER

At Sunday Masterworks performances, stop by the Crescendo Corner in the lobby for engaging activities that both delight and educate our youngest concert attendees!

## STUDENT PROGRAM BOOKLET

Specifically designed with 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!

# EASE

YOUR EXPERIENCE

## SHUTTLE BUSES

A convenient park-and-ride shuttle service is available for Sunday Masterworks performances. Visit [QCSO.org](http://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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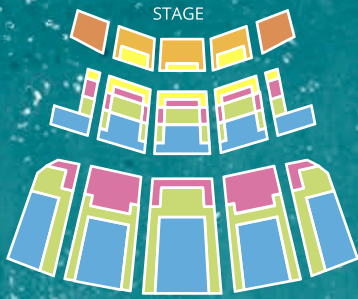
# VENUES

## MASTERWORKS

### ADLER THEATRE

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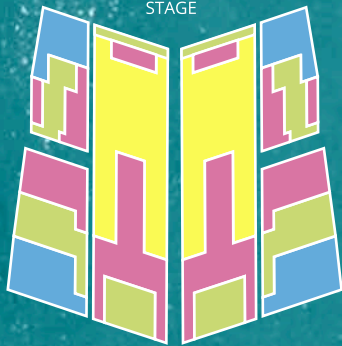
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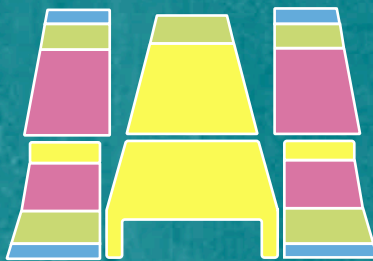
### CENTENNIAL HALL

STAGE



### BARTLETT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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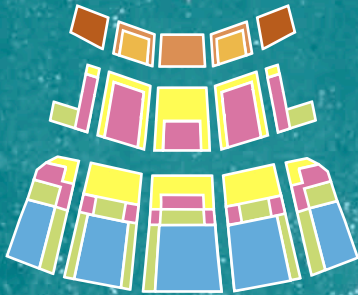


## MOVIES & INDOOR POPS

### ADLER THEATRE

BALCONY

STAGE



ORCHESTRA

STAGE



DETAILED VENUE MAPS available at [QCSO.org](http://QCSO.org)

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136 E. 3rd St.  
Davenport, IA

**CENTENNIAL HALL**  
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Rock Island, IL

**BARTLETT CENTER**  
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