

## Akron Symphony Orchestra announces free summer concert series

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The Akron Symphony Orchestra has announced its outdoor summer concert series in collaboration with the City of Akron. The Orchestra will participate in Akron's Independence Day celebrations with a free concert at Lock 3 on July 4 at 8:00 pm, the first performance of the series.

The ASO will perform Lowden's *Armed Forces Salute*, the theme from *Rocky*, and the "March" from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, finishing off with *Stars and Stripes Forever*. The festivities will conclude with fireworks at 9:45 pm.

Subsequent concerts will begin at 7:30 pm at various parks around the city. The Symphony will perform popular pieces like Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake Suite*, John Williams' *Suite from Jaws*, and the "March" from *Superman*, as well as newer works like *The Paper Man*, a composition by Harrison Collins, a finalist in the 2017 National Young Composers Challenge. The ASO will also perform *Tubby the Tuba*, featuring principal tuba Ken Heinlein.

The first of the concerts in the park will take place on July 23 at Hardesty Park.

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