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**Akron Symphony  
2007-2008 Season**

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***Classic Beauty – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, September 15, 2007, 8:00 p.m.  
E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**  
**Yuja Wang, piano**

Tchaikovsky	<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> (Highlights)
Mozart	Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K. 491
Brahms	Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 73

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***Sundays at the Elms – Akron Symphony Chamber Series***

Sunday, September 30, 2007, 3:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Elms Chapel

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***Sentimental Journey – POPS at the Civic***

Friday, October 12, 2007, 8:00 p.m.  
Akron Civic Theatre

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

Featuring **Byron Stripling, jazz trumpet**  
and the Firestone High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble

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***Romantic Journey – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, October 20, 2007, 8:00 p.m.  
E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

Higdon	<i>blue cathedral</i>
Respighi	<i>Fountains of Rome</i>
Rachmaninov	Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27

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**Akron Symphony Chorus Concert**

Sunday, October 28, 2007, 2:00 p.m.  
St. Bernard's Catholic Church

**Hugh Floyd, guest director**

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***Sundays at the Elms – Akron Symphony Chamber Series***

Sunday, November 11, 2007, 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Elms Chapel

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***American Reflections – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, November 17, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

**Tiffany Jackson, soprano**

In collaboration with the Akron Art Museum's  
"American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell"

Copland	<i>Billy the Kid Suite</i>
Barber	<i>Knoxville: Summer of 1915, Op. 24</i>
Sung	<i>Rockwell Reflections*</i>
Copland	<i>Appalachian Spring</i>

\* Premiere Performance

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***American Quilt – Odyssey***

Sunday, November 18, 2007, 3:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

With **Roland Jackson**  
and **Hale Farm and Village**

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***Messiah***

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

**Akron Symphony Chamber Choir; Robert Mollard, chorus master**

Friday, November 30, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Akron

Saturday, December 1, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

Trinity United Church of Christ, Wadsworth

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 3:00 p.m.

Bath United Church of Christ, Bath

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**Holiday POPS**

Friday, December 7, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

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**Carl Topilow, conductor**  
**Akron Symphony Chorus**

Featuring Akron's own **Wanda Hunt, vocalist**

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***Orchestral Alchemy – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, January 19, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

Barber	Music for a Scene from Shelley, Op. 7
Dukas	<i>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>
Berlioz	<i>Symphonie fantastique</i> , Op. 14

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***Musical Wizardry – Odyssey***

Sunday, January 20, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, conductor**

**Christopher James Lees, conductor**

Side-by-side with Akron Youth Symphony

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***Resurrection Symphony – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Benjamin Zander, guest conductor**

**Akron Symphony Chorus**

**Lyne Fortin, soprano**

**Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano**

Mahler	Symphony No. 2, <i>Resurrection</i>
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***Resurrection Symphony: Encore Performance***

Saturday, February 10, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Severance Hall, Cleveland

**Benjamin Zander, guest conductor**

**Akron Symphony Chorus**

**Lyne Fortin, soprano**

**Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano**

Mahler	Symphony No. 2, <i>Resurrection</i>
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***Sundays at the Elms – Akron Symphony Chamber Series***

Sunday, February 17, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Elms Chapel

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***Gospel Meets Symphony – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert***

Saturday, February 23, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, *conductor***  
**Raymond Wise, *guest conductor***

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***Gold Medal Beethoven – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, March 15, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, *conductor***  
**Feng Ning, *violin* (2006 Paganini Gold Medalist)**

Beethoven	<i>Coriolan Overture, Op. 62</i>
Beethoven	<i>Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major, Op. 60</i>
Beethoven	<i>Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61</i>

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***A Fairy Tale Fantasy – Odyssey***

Sunday, April 13, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher James Lees, *conductor***

Featuring **Madcap Theatre's Giant Puppets**

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***The Creation – Akron Symphony Classic Series***

Saturday, April 19, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

E.J. Thomas Hall

**Christopher Wilkins, *conductor***

**Akron Symphony Chorus**  
**Joyce Guyer, *soprano***  
**Karl Dent, *tenor***  
**Timothy Jones, *bass-baritone***

Haydn	<i>The Creation</i>
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***Sundays at the Elms – Akron Symphony Chamber Series***

Sunday, April 20, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

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All programs subject to change.

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