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For over 40 years, the mission of the Tar River Orchestra & Chorus has remained constant:

To **enrich** the quality of life in the community by strengthening and promoting the cultural arts through choral and instrumental music programs.

To **educate** through programs such as The Tar River Children's Chorus, Youth Strings, and educational concerts for Nash County School Students.

To **entertain** the community of Rocky Mount and surrounding areas by providing outstanding concert experiences.

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TAR RIVER LIVE



2026-2027 CONCERT SEASON



2026-2027 TAR RIVER ORCHESTRA & CHORUS SEASON SCHEDULE

40th Anniversary

AMERICA 250: A CELEBRATION IN SONG

Tar River Orchestra, Tar River Chorus, and North Carolina Master Chorale

Saturday, November 7, 7:30 PM

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts

Join the Tar River Orchestra, Tar River Chorus, and North Carolina Master Chorale for a stirring celebration of America's 250th anniversary. This powerful concert honors our nation's history, ideals, and enduring spirit through some of the most beloved works in the American choral and orchestral repertoire.

Under the direction of conductors Dr. Al Sturgis and Michael Glasgow, the program features Aaron Copland's uplifting *The Promise of Living*, John Williams' moving *Hymn to the Fallen*, Howard Hanson's majestic *Song of Democracy*, and beloved American folk and patriotic melodies including *Shenandoah*, *Simple Gifts*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *America the Beautiful*. Performed by more than 150 musicians and singers, this inspiring evening will celebrate the people, landscapes, sacrifices, and freedoms that have shaped the American story.

Experience an unforgettable tribute to 250 years of hope, courage, and unity.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Tar River Children's Chorus and

Tar River Strings

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 PM

First Baptist Church

Celebrate the joy and wonder of the Christmas season with the Tar River Children's Chorus and Tar River Youth Strings. Featuring beloved holiday favorites, inspiring choral music, and festive instrumental selections, this heartwarming concert is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

UNWRAP THE JAZZ

Tar River Swing Band

Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 PM

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts

Celebrate the season with the Tar River Swing Band as they put a swinging spin on your favorite Christmas classics. Filled with festive favorites, toe-tapping rhythms, and holiday cheer, *Unwrap the Jazz* is the perfect way to kick off your Christmas celebrations.

THE BEATLES: SERGEANT PEPPER & ABBEY ROAD

Tar River Orchestra with Jeans 'n Classics

Saturday, February 13, 7:30 PM

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts

SPECIAL EVENT

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with an unforgettable evening of timeless music as the Tar River Orchestra joins forces with the acclaimed artists of Jeans 'N Classics to perform two of The Beatles' most iconic albums: *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* and *Abbey Road*. Experience beloved songs including "Come Together," "Something," "Here Comes the Sun," "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," and more, brought to life with the power of a live orchestra, rock band, and vocalists. Make it a complete night out with a special pre-concert reception featuring drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres before the performance (separate ticket required).

PASSAGES: A YEAR IN STORY AND SONG

Saturday, March 13, 7:30 PM

Tar River Chorus

First Baptist Church

"Life isn't built from the moments we plan; it is built from the moments we encounter."

Follow the brilliant unfolding of a calendar year through unexpected intersections of music and

moment. From Renaissance and Classical gems to light jazz and beloved pop favorites, a diverse array of choral music spanning centuries becomes part of a single trip around the sun. A compelling original story written especially for this concert is shared by actor Evelyn McCauley, intertwining with the music to trace a young artist's walk through twelve months of her life. More than a choral concert, *Passages* invites its audience to experience the chords and cadences we all share.

TCHAIKOVSKY DISCOVERS AMERICA

Tar River Orchestra with Classical Kids LIVE!

Friday, April 16, 7:00 PM

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts

Join the Tar River Orchestra and the actors of Classical Kids LIVE for a delightful musical adventure the whole family will enjoy. Based on Tchaikovsky's historic 1891 visit to America for the opening of Carnegie Hall, this engaging production follows the famed composer as he explores a new world, reflects on his life in Russia, and discovers newfound courage through an unexpected friendship. Featuring more than twenty-five excerpts from Tchaikovsky's greatest works—including *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, the *1812 Overture*, and the *First Piano Concerto*—this unique blend of theater, storytelling, ballet, and live orchestral music brings history and classical music to life. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

PASSPORT TO JAZZ

Tar River Swing Band

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 PM

The Dunn Center for the Performing Arts

Passport to Jazz takes you on a musical journey from Harlem to Havana and beyond with the Tar River Swing Band and internationally acclaimed pianist Joel A. Martin, creator of Jazzical®. Experience an unforgettable evening of vibrant rhythms, timeless jazz, and dazzling artistry that celebrates the music of cultures around the world.