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ASO Musicians to Perform Works by Mendelssohn, Grieg For Free at Dr. Ruth Marie Allen Spring Concert at UAMS

LITTLE ROCK, AR. (March 12, 2026) — The [Arkansas Symphony Orchestra](https://www.arkansassymphony.org) (ASO) presents the spring concert of the Dr. Ruth Marie Allen Concert Series at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the Hospital Lobby Gallery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The program will include ASO musicians performing works by Felix Mendelssohn and Edvard Grieg.

Allen, the former associate dean for academic affairs in the UAMS College of Health Professions, endowed the concert series before her death in 2023, aiming to “promote the beautiful music of the ASO” and to provide the opportunity for celebration and renewal to hardworking UAMS students, staff and faculty.

The concert is free and open to the public. Attendees should park in Parking 1 and take the elevator to the first floor, then turn right to reach the Hospital Lobby Gallery, which will be straight ahead.

For more information, visit [arkansassymphony.org/events/dr-ruth-marie-allen-concert-series-at-uams-3](https://www.arkansassymphony.org/events/dr-ruth-marie-allen-concert-series-at-uams-3).

Program

Felix Mendelssohn: Sonata No. 2 for Piano and Cello

Jacob Wunsch, cello ([bio](#))

Haeshin Shin, piano ([bio](#))

Edvard Grieg: Sonata No. 3 in C minor

Magdalena Ryszkowski, violin ([bio](#))

Hee-Kyung Juhn, piano ([bio](#))

About The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra is the leading employer of professional performing artists in Arkansas and is celebrating its 60th season in 2025-2026. The ASO recently opened its first permanent home, the ASO Stella Boyle Smith Music Center, in the East Village between Heifer International and the Clinton Presidential Library. The state’s first music center is a radically welcoming hub of musical activity for all Arkansans, housing programs of the E. Lee Ronnel Music Academy, a broadcast studio, and the River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series. ASO is the resident orchestra at Robinson Center and performs over 60 concerts yearly for more than 165,000 people through its Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks Series, First Orion Pops Series, River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series, and numerous concerts throughout Arkansas. The E. Lee Ronnel Music Academy reaches over 30,000 Arkansans in over 200 schools from

ages 4 to 104 through the string academy, youth ensembles, bucket band, community orchestra, ASO Children's Choir, the annual Children's Concert, and more. In 2020, over 1 million people in over 30 countries viewed the ASO musician-led Bedtime with Bach series. The ASO employs 14 full-time musicians, over 70 part-time musicians, and 16 administrative staff members with an annual operating budget of \$4.9 million. The ASO is a member of the League of American Orchestras and a partner orchestra of the National Alliance for Audition Support, an unprecedented national initiative to increase diversity in American orchestras. For more information about the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra call 501-666-1761 or visit www.arkansassymphony.org.

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