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From fanfares to fireworks: Brevard Music Center celebrates the Fourth with a full week of music

BREVARD, N.C. (June 26, 2025) — This week at Brevard Music Center's Summer Festival features six concerts, including patriotic favorites, beloved orchestral works, and performances by major guest artists.

On **Thursday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m.**, Grammy-winning conductor **Leonard Slatkin** leads the Brevard Music Center Orchestra in [Dvořák's New World Symphony](#), with violinist **Stella Chen** featured in Barber's Violin Concerto. The program opens with "Double Play" by composer **Cindy McTee**, whose orchestral works have been performed worldwide. Commissioned by the Detroit Symphony and conducted in its premiere by **Maestro Slatkin**, the piece sets the tone for an evening of bold, expressive music.

The annual [Pendergrast Family Patriotic Pops](#) concert returns on **Friday, July 4, at 2 p.m.**, featuring the Brevard Symphonic Winds, members of the Janiec Opera Company, and vocalists from the **U.S. Air Force Band Singing Sergeants**.

On Saturday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m., Brevard Music Center presents [Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4](#), featuring internationally acclaimed cellist Santiago Cañón-Valencia in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1, followed by Tchaikovsky's dramatic Symphony No. 4.

The week closes on **Sunday, July 6, at 3 p.m.**, with [From Beethoven to Bernstein](#), a program conducted by Ken Lam featuring Beethoven's "Egmont Overture," works by Copland and Sibelius, and selections from "West Side Story."

Earlier in the week, BMC Artist Faculty perform two chamber programs at Parker Concert Hall: [Brahms C Major Piano Trio](#) on **Monday, June 30**, and [Boccherini & Vivaldi](#) on **Wednesday, July 2**.

Brevard Music Center's Summer Festival features more than 80 performances across classical, chamber, opera, jazz and American roots music. For tickets and a full schedule, visit brevardmusic.org or call 828-862-2105.

About Brevard Music Center

The **Brevard Music Center (BMC)** is one of the nation's premier summer music training programs and festivals. Each summer, it welcomes nearly 1,000 gifted students of all ages, with a broad national reach and growing international participation.

Under Keith Lockhart's artistic direction, BMC presents **over 100 public performances**, including **orchestra, opera, chamber music, jazz, bluegrass, and film with live orchestra**.

For nearly nine decades, BMC has provided **exceptional training** for young musicians who study with principal players from major symphonies, GRAMMY-winning composers, and world-renowned conductors and soloists. Legendary artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Wynton Marsalis, Joshua Bell, Renée Fleming, and Béla Fleck have performed on BMC's stages, reinforcing its tradition of musical excellence.

Beyond its celebrated summer festival, BMC's **Parker Concert Hall Series** offers world-class performances year-round, enriching the local cultural landscape. **Learn more at brevardmusic.org**.

The 2025 Brevard Music Center Festival Season Sponsors are Jacquelyn and Bruce Rogow.

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