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**Cirque de Noël and Pokémon return to DeVos Performance Hall for
Grand Rapids Pops' 2017-18 Gerber SymphonicBoom Series**

Get tickets for two all-time favorite shows at 30 percent discount

GRAND RAPIDS, MI., April 17, 2017 – Grand Rapids Symphony's fans have lots of choices.

Devotees of Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms enjoy concerts in the Richard and Helen Classical series, while lovers of classic pop/rock, Broadway, full-length movies and jazz favor the Fox Motors Pops series.

For those who love spectacle with the spectacular sounds of live symphony orchestra, nothing beats the **Gerber SymphonicBoom series**.

The [Grand Rapids Pops](#) today unveils its 2017-18 [Gerber SymphonicBoom](#) series with a pair of all-time favorite shows returning to DeVos Performance Hall next season.

The two-concert series welcomes back the perennially popular *Cirque de Noël* in December followed by the return of *Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions* in January.

[Cirque de la Symphonie's](#) *Cirque de Noel* will be presented at Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21-22, in DeVos Hall. [Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions](#) will be one-night only on Sat. Jan. 6, 2018.

Both offer fabulous entertainment to help lighten the load of winter in West Michigan.

Season tickets for the two-concert series go on sale **Monday, April 17**. Season tickets, offering discounts of up to 30 percent off the single-ticket price, begin at \$45 for the pair of shows.

Single tickets for *Pokémon* go on sale on Mon. April 24. Single tickets to *Cirque de Noël* go on sale on Mon. July 3. Single tickets begin at \$32 for both. On July 3, concert goers also can buy single tickets to the Grand Rapids Symphony's Family Series show *The Snowman* on Nov. 11 and to the Grand Rapids Pops' *Wolverine Worldwide Holiday Pops* on Dec. 14-17.

Cirque de Noël, back by popular demand, returns to DeVos Performance Hall for its eighth annual show. Associate Conductor **John Varineau** leads performances at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 8 p.m. Dec. 22.

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See performances by world-renowned aerialists, acrobats, contortionists and jugglers, all professionally choreographed to familiar classical melodies and holiday favorites. Just days before Christmas, experience Olympic athletes, world record holders, and gold-medal winners of international competitions perform with your Grand Rapids Symphony.

Pokémon: Symphonic Evolution, which took Grand Rapids by storm last season, returns with big-screen images, enveloped by the surround sound of the Grand Rapids Symphony, performing all-new musical arrangements, timed to the visuals from recent and classic Pokémon video games.

Produced by Princeton Entertainment, the show spans the entire [Pokémon](#) franchise, with memorable musical highlights, handpicked by Pokémon film composer Junichi Masuda for *Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions*. The concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, also features music from the Pokémon anime series and from films such as “Gotta Catch ‘Em All” from the Pokémon TV show.

The must-see, video-game concert of the year, which debuted with sold-out performances in Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh, and which sold 5,000 tickets in Philadelphia, returns to DeVos Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

About the Grand Rapids Symphony

Organized in 1930, the [Grand Rapids Symphony](#) is nationally recognized for the quality of its concerts and educational programs. Led by Music Director Marcelo Lehninger, Principal Pops Conductor Bob Bernhardt and Associate Conductor John Varineau, nine concert series are presented, featuring a wide range of music and performance styles. More than 400 performances are given each year, touching the lives of some 200,000, nearly half of whom are students, senior citizens and people with disabilities all reached through extensive education and community service programs. Affiliated organizations include the Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus; Grand Rapids Youth Symphony and Classical Orchestra; and Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Choruses. GRS provides the orchestra for performances by [Opera Grand Rapids](#) and the [Grand Rapids Ballet](#) and sponsors the biennial [Grand Rapids Bach Festival](#), which was held in March 2017 and returns in the spring of 2019.

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