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**MEMPHIS  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA**

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**DAVID LOEBEL, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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## **MEMPHIS SYMPHONY OPENS FRIDAYS ON THE TOWN**

### **CONCERT SERIES UNDER MAESTRO LOEBEL'S BATON**

The Memphis Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of outgoing music director David Loebel, opens its Paul and Linnea Bert Fridays on the Town Series with four "Simple Symphonies" on Friday, September 25, 2009 at Buckman Performing and Fine Arts Center.

The program, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., will feature the Memphis Symphony performing Johann Christian Bach's Sinfonia in B-flat Major, Charles Gounod's Petite Symphonie for Wind Instruments, Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony for String Orchestra, and Franz J. Haydn's Symphony No. 87.

This is the first of two MSO programs that Loebel will conduct during the 2009-2010 season. The other program is an all-Beethoven encore, entitled "Beethoven's Eroica", on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts.

This season the orchestra is auditioning several guest conductors to replace Loebel as music director. They include Alastair Willis, former associate conductor of the Seattle Symphony; Thomas Wilkins, music director for the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, and Mei-Ann Chen, assistant conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1952, the Memphis Symphony Orchestra has created meaningful experiences through music in the Mid-South. Today more than 400 musicians, staff and volunteers in the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Chorus and the Memphis Symphony League operate education programs, organize community engagement events and present concerts.



(1913 - 1976)

- I. Boisterous Bourée
- II. Playful Pizzicato
- III. Sentimental Saraband
- IV. Frolicsome Finale

**FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN**

Symphony No. 87 in A major

(1732 - 1809)

- I. Vivace
- II. Adagio
- III. Menuet
- IV. Vivace

**Tickets:** \$45

To order tickets by phone with Visa, American Express or MasterCard, call the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Box Office at (901) 537-2525, visit the MSO office at 585 South Mendenhall Road, Memphis, TN 38117 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on concert Saturdays) or visit the website at [www.memphissymphony.org](http://www.memphissymphony.org). Student and group discounts are available.

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