

If you do not find the answers to your questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at csotickets@columbussymphony.com or call 614.228.8600.

What is Picnic With the Pops?

Picnic With Pops is the Columbus Symphony Orchestra's outdoor summer concert series. Performances are perfect for families, friends and entertaining important clients or rewarding employees. Attire is casual, fun is mandatory and picnicking is encouraged!

What is Popcorn Pops?

Popcorn Pops is designed for young children ages 2-10 years of age. These fun-filled family events include picnicking and pre-concert activities.

What are the seating options available at Picnic With the Pops?

Lawn seating is available for \$20 in advance through PicnicWithThePops.com, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 614.228.8600. Discount tickets are available at Central Ohio Giant Eagle stores. Lawn seats can also be purchased at the gate for \$22.

Table seating is available and can be purchased only through PicnicWithThePops.com and the Customer Service Center. Prices for tables range from \$100-\$810 depending on the location and number of seats at the table.

What are the seating options available for Popcorn Pops?

Lawn seating is available for \$12.

Are there discounts available for children?

Children age two and under are free of charge and do not require a ticket for either Picnic With the Pops or Popcorn Pops performances. Children ages 3-12 are only \$13 in advance and \$15 at the gate for Picnic With the Pops performances. Discount tickets are available at Central Ohio Giant Eagle stores.

There is no child discount for Popcorn Pops concerts.

Where are Picnic With the Pops performances held?

Performances take place on the lawn of Chemical Abstracts Service which is located at 2540 Olentangy River Rd.

What time do gates open?

Gates open at 6:00 PM for Picnic With the Pops performances and at 6:30 for Popcorn Pops.

What time do performances begin?

Picnic With the Pops performances begin at 8:15 PM and Popcorn Pops begins at 8:00 PM.

Are there public restrooms available?

Restrooms are located in 3 areas around the perimeter of the lawn seating area.

Where can I Park?

Plenty of FREE onsite parking is available. Volunteers will direct you where to park when you arrive at Chemical Abstracts Service.

Table patrons (except 2/4-Tops) are issued a preferred parking pass for the onsite parking garage

Where is Will Call located?

Will Call is physically located at Gate 2 and opens at 6 PM on the night of Picnic With the Pops performances and at 6:30 the night of Popcorn Pops performances. You may, however, visit any gate to receive admittance.

What can I bring?

Feel free to bring any food, beverages (alcoholic beverages ARE permitted, but only in the lawn/table areas – no alcohol consumption is permitted in the parking lots), and/or picnicking supplies.

What can't I bring?

No tables, pets or grills. CAS also prohibits the presence of firearms on it's premises and grounds.

What happens if it rains?

Concerts are performed rain or shine. In the unlikely event a Picnic with the Pops concert is cancelled before intermission, tickets marked at the game upon entry may be used for any remaining concert during the 2009 Picnic with the Pops season. If the final 2009 Picnic with the Pops concert is cancelled, tickets marked at the game upon entry may be redeemed for face value toward select concerts during the Columbus Symphony's 2009-2010 season. Call (614) 228-8600 for more information.

Are there concessions available on the grounds?

Concessions are available from Donatos Pizza and Graeter's Ice Cream.

How accessible are Picnic With the Pops performances for handicapped patrons?

Picnic With the Pops is fully accessible for patrons with disabilities. A designated parking, drop off area and spaces for wheelchair seating are located in the vicinity of Gate 1 (west side of Chemical Abstracts main building). Wheelchair accessible restroom facilities are also available by the flagpole and on the eastside near the stage.

Can I purchase alcoholic beverages on the grounds?

Alcohol can NOT be purchased onsite but please feel free to bring your own.

Where can I order catering for my table?

You may order catering from Catering by Design, the preferred caterer for Picnic with the Pops, by calling (614) 471-2260; however, you can use any caterer you wish as long as the caterer registers in advance with the CSO Finance Office. To register, the caterer must be able to show proof of proper insurance and must pay all fees in advance of the performance. If you have additional questions please contact Chris Wallace at 614.228.9600 ext. 1252

Am I able to take video/photos during my visit?

Flash cameras, cell phones, video and audio recorders or any kind of recording device are not permitted while the orchestra and guest artist are performing.

Laser pointers are not permitted on the grounds. Users of these items will be removed from the premises.

All concerts are outdoors, am I allowed to smoke anywhere?

Patrons who wish to smoke are asked to do so in one of the designated smoking areas. See site map for details. Columbus ordinance forbids smoking near building entrances.

Is there a Lost and Found?

Chemical Abstracts collects all lost and found items. Please call (614) 447-3606 to make a claim.

What is Chemical Abstracts Service?

CAS is the producer of the world's largest and most comprehensive databases of chemical information. CAS has been the host of Picnic With the Pops and Popcorn Pops since 1982.

With all the construction on 315 this summer, how do I get to Chemical Abstracts?

ODOT has provided us a map explaining which ramps are closed and appropriate alternatives.

Essentially all southbound exit ramps will remain open. If you are traveling northbound on 315, you will have to exit at North Broadway and travel south on Olentangy River Road.

[Click here for a map](#)