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BBC Concert Orchestra to bring classics to the Keith Albee

[Kaitlyn Clay](#), Reporter April 19, 2015

The BBC Concert Orchestra is performing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

Created in 1952, the orchestra is one of five BBC Radio orchestras.

Conductor Keith Lockhart became the seventh lead conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra in 2008 and lead the orchestra around the world.

Lockhart said the group just got back together and is ready to hit the road strong.

“We have 13 concerts in 20 days coming up,” Lockhart said. “We all have a little jet lag we need to get over, but the crowd has been really warm and supportive.”

A pre-show discussion, Artistic Viewpoints, will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Keith Albee prior to the performance.

Lockhart said he wanted to make sure college students get past their general ideas of orchestras.

“In a university setting, students have so many things going on,” Lockhart said. “But they don’t know what they are missing when it comes to classical ensemble. Everyone has many misconceptions, but it’s a great orchestra that is so easy to love. It’s really about opening yourself to new experiences.”

Lockhart said the show has the ability to pull on anyone’s heartstrings.

“At one of our shows there were 100 tickets given away to various social service groups which gave most of their tickets to the homeless,” Lockhart said. “There was a 60 year old man that spoke to me in tears because he had never been invited to a place like this, and it was so amazing and impactful for him.”

BBC Concert Orchestra tickets can be picked up at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse box office or online.

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