



Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's next Pop's concert will rock you with the music of Queen



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[HUNTSVILLE, Alabama](#) - The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra is going rock and roll for its next Pops series concert, "We Will Rock You - The Music of Queen," on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Mark C. Smith Concert Hall.

Freddie Mercury, Queen's dynamic lead singer, may be gone, but musicians from Jeans 'n Classics will recreate the sound of the iconic 1980s rock band, joining the HSO on some of the British group's best-known songs. Members of the Huntsville Community Chorus's youth chorus will also back up the band.

The HSO got the idea of bringing the Jeans 'n Classics group to Huntsville after several members of the orchestra played in a "The Music of Queen" concert with the Chattanooga Symphony a few years ago.

"It was a sell out in Chattanooga, and one of its most popular offerings," Dan Halcomb, president and CEO of the HSO said. "People love this music, particularly baby boomers like me."

The Jeans 'N Classics band is made up of professional musicians including vocalists, guitars, piano and drums who will be backed up by a full Huntsville orchestra. Just like a rock concert, the show will include lighting effects, and "people are welcome to wear whatever they associate with a rock concert," Halcomb said.

"This is a concert for people who don't think they like symphonic music," without realizing they have heard it in much of the music they do like, Halcomb said.

"So much classic rock was done with an orchestra," he said. "It's impossible to do something like 'Bohemian Rhapsody' (one of Queen's biggest hits) without all the colors of an orchestra backing it up."

Tickets for the Pops concert range from \$68 to \$25. Visit hso.org or call 256-536-4818 for more information.