

QCSO performs the music of Billy Joel and more

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Davenport, IA - The Quad City Symphony Orchestra is once again bringing their performance season to a rock 'n' roll conclusion with this year's Spring Pops featuring Michael Cavanaugh performing the music of Billy Joel and more. The Spring Pops concert, sponsored by Courtesy Car City, The Planning Center, and Sears Manufacturing will be at 7:30 PM on Saturday, June 4, at the Adler Theatre in Davenport. Amplified by a full rock band, Conductor Mark Russell Smith will lead the QCSO in concert. The 2-hour concert features all your favorite Billy Joel tunes with a few surprises along the way.

Michael Cavanaugh is the New Voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook. A charismatic performer, musician and actor, he became famous for his piano and vocals in the Broadway musical Movin' Out. Michael Cavanaugh was handpicked by Billy Joel to star in title role and evokes a style that rivals the Piano Man. Michael appeared in the show for 3 years and over 1200 performances, receiving accolade after accolade, which culminated in 2003 with both Grammy and Tony award nominations.

The QCSO is also hosting its third annual pre-concert Spring Pops Block Party from 5 to 7 on June 4 at the corner of 4th and Brady. Admission to the party is free and concessions will be sold by Thunder Bay Grille. You will also be able to purchase raffle tickets to win an Apple iPod 2 donated by KJWW Engineering. Attending the party will be Michael Cavanaugh and members of his band, QCSO Music Director Mark Russell Smith, and Dwyer and Michaels from the 97X morning show.

Performing at the Spring Pops Block Party will be one of the most contagious bands in the Quad Cities - Deadroots. Every Deadroots show is a collage of Rock, Funk, R & B, Bluegrass, Jam, and Jazz. Over the years, Deadroots has gained a reputation for its incredibly catchy and well-crafted original tunes as well as its original takes on cover tunes.

Tickets for the concert start at \$18 and are available through the Adler Theatre box office, the QCSO box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, [800.745.3000](tel:800.745.3000), or at www.qcsymphony.com. ###