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Quick Facts

- Guest conductor Chelsea Tipton will lead the 4 p.m. Nov. 15 concert in Byrnes Auditorium.
- Winthrop composer Ron Parks will perform one of his original pieces in a pre-concert at 3 p.m.



Chelsea Tipton

ROCK HILL, S.C. - As a part of its 2009-2010 On Campus series, the [Charlotte Symphony Orchestra](#) will present "**Changing Places, Changing Tunes: Music on the Move from Mozart to Gershwin**" on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. in [Byrnes Auditorium](#). Winthrop composer Ron Parks will perform one of his original pieces in a special pre-concert performance at 3 p.m.

Inspired by a current exhibit at the Levine Museum of the New South, "**Changing Places, Changing Tunes**" celebrates cultural diversity in music from the 18th-20th centuries. From the Turkish musings of Mozart to Hungarian tunes by Brahms to "new world" discoveries by Dvořák and Gershwin, the concert presents a musical journey across centuries and continents. Original film creations add a multi-media component to the live music.



Ron Parks

During the pre-concert event, an eight-piece ensemble of symphony musicians and Winthrop faculty will perform an original chamber piece by **Parks**. The 10-minute piece titled "**I thought I'd better let you know...**" is inspired by the "**Changing Places**" theme and by letters between Parks' parents. **Parks** is an assistant professor of music technology, theory, and composition, director of the Winthrop Computer Music Labs and an active composer of acoustic and electronic music. His diverse output includes orchestral works, instrumental and vocal chamber music, choral music, electroacoustic music and interactive computer music. **Parks** has written music for many professional ensembles and performers, and his compositions have been selected for inclusion at numerous national and international festivals and conferences.

Guest conductor Chelsea Tipton will lead the Nov. 15 concert. **Tipton** is the current resident conductor of the Toledo Symphony and will be starting his tenure as music director of the Symphony of Southeast Texas in Beaumont, Texas. As a sought-after guest conductor, **Tipton** has appeared with major orchestras in the U.S. including the Chicago, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, New World, and Nashville Symphony Orchestras, the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the Louisiana and Rochester Philharmonic Orchestras among others. He has appeared on the NBC "Today Show" and has performed as a section clarinet player with James Galway and the Eastman Philharmonia, Wynton Marsalis and the Eastman Wind Ensemble and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra on recordings with RCA Classical, CBS Masterworks and Pro Arte labels.

"**Changing Places, Changing Tunes**" tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for Winthrop faculty and staff and \$5 for Winthrop students.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra is the largest and most active performing arts organization in the central Carolinas, employing over 100 professional musicians, 62 on full-time contracts, for a 40-week season. For more information, visit the symphony's [Web site](#).

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