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Tuesday, April 28, 1998

**The Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association
and Westchester Community College and the Westchester
Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation**

present

THE WESTCHESTER YOUTH SYMPHONY

VINCENT J. LIONTI, *CONDUCTOR*

**THE WESTCHESTER JUNIOR
STRING ORCHESTRA**

JACQUELINE STERN, *CONDUCTOR*

**THE WESTCHESTER ELEMENTARY
STRING ORCHESTRA**

BERNARD KLINGER, *CONDUCTOR*

PROGRAM

THE WESTCHESTER ELEMENTARY STRING ORCHESTRA

Waltz from *Sleeping Beauty*

P. Tchaikovsky
arr. by L. Forsblad

Sabre Dance

A. Khatchaturian
arr. by R. S. Frost

William Eckfield, piano

Meditation and Dance for String Orchestra William G. Eckfield

Premier Performance

Fiddle Tunes

Folk Melodies
arr. by M. J. Isaac

The Arkansas Traveler
The Devil's Dream
The Galway Piper

THE WESTCHESTER JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

String Quartet in C Major, K. 157

W. A. Mozart

Allegro
Andante
Presto

Lullaby

G. Gershwin

PROGRAM

Simple Symphony

B. Britten

Boisterous Bourrée
Playful Pizzicato
Sentimental Sarabande
Frolicsome Finale

All'Ungherese
Moment Musical

F. Schubert
arr. by A. Pochon

INTERMISSION

THE WESTCHESTER YOUTH SYMPHONY

Overture to *Don Giovanni*, K. 527

W. A. Mozart

Violin Concerto #2 in D Minor, op. 22

H. Wieniawski

III Allegro moderato à la Zingara

Jo Hoon Seuk, violin solo

"O you who linger in the gardens..."

Gerald Cohen

WORLD PREMIERE commissioned by the Greater
Westchester Youth Orchestra Association

Symphony #9 in E Minor, op. 95
("From the New World")

A. Dvorak

I. Adagio-Allegro molto

Overture to *Semiramide*

G. Rossini

Meet the Artists

Vincent J. Lioni has been a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra since 1987. From 1983 to 1987 he was a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and performed with the New York Philharmonic from 1981 to 1983. He was principal violist with the Santa Fe Opera in the summer of 1991 and guest principal violist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in October 1991. He also has been a member of the Casals Festival Orchestra, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, and the Renaissance City Chamber Ensemble, and the Renaissance City Chamber Players. Mr. Lioni holds B.Mus. and M.M. degrees from the Juilliard School, where he was principal violist of each of the school's three orchestras and teaching assistant to William Lincer. In the spring of 1993, Vincent Lioni was appointed conductor and musical director of the Westchester Junior String Orchestra, and in 1997 he was named conductor of the Westchester Youth Symphony.

Considered one of America's foremost youth orchestras, the Westchester Youth Symphony is composed of over 130 high school-age instrumentalists chosen by competitive audition each year. The Orchestra has performed throughout the United States and Canada in its 40-year history, including Carnegie

Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and as New York State's official musical representative at the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration in Philadelphia.

Jacqueline Stern has been working with young musicians for 18 years as a conductor, cello instructor, and chamber music coach. She has been the associate director of the Suzuki Program at Queensborough Community College from 1989 to 1993. Stern is also a performing cellist and has worked with groups that include the Stamford Symphony, the Artek Ensemble, the New York City Opera, the Holy Trinity Bach Orchestra and the Washington Bach Consort. She has a music education degree from Ithaca College and a master's degree in performance from the Manhattan School of music. She is the original conductor of the Elementary String Orchestra. In the twelve years since its founding the group has grown from eight to forty-five members and has expanded its performing schedule to include an annual tour of county schools and an association with the Cassatt String Quartet. The group performed two seasons ago in a special concert at Ellis Island. Last year they performed at Carnegie Hall.

Since 1953, the WJSO has been a pioneering organization in music education. The Orchestra was among the first hosts of the Suzuki Talent Education tours in the early 1960s, and has given hundreds of concerts for children through its own annual tours. Recent years have seen concerts and MENC East Division Conferences, NYSSMA State Conferences, scores of colleges and conservatories, Alice Tully Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall.

Bernard Klinger is a graduate of Hartt College of Music, with two bachelors degrees in viola performance and music education. He received an MA in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Mr. Klinger teaches elementary strings and orchestra in the Chappaqua Central Schools, a position he has held since 1979. Previously, he taught music in the White Plains Public Schools for seven years. He was Principal Violist in the Ridgefield, Ct. Symphony, and currently plays viola in the Greenwich Symphony, the Chappaqua Orchestra, and the Camerata, which performs at Westchester Community College under C. Vincent Lioni. An active member of the Westchester County School Music Association (WCSMA), he has served as Elementary Festival Coordinator, orchestra chairman, and in 1991 was

the conductor of the Elementary Orchestra. Currently, he is President-Elect of WCSMA. Active in GWYOA, Mr. Klinger was Vice President of the Board of Directors, led sectional rehearsals, judged concerto competitions, and served as substitute conductor of the Elementary and Junior Strings.

The WESO is the most recent addition to the comprehensive music program provided by the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association. Founded in 1983, it provides a unique opportunity for young string players in grades four through six to begin their orchestral training. The Westchester Elementary String Orchestra presents concerts each year in County schools and performs at the bi-annual concerts of the GWYOA.

William Eckfield is an instrumental music teacher teaching mostly strings in the White Plains Public Schools. He directs the two orchestras at White Plains High School and the 8th Grade Orchestra at White Plains Middle School. Before entering the field of music education, he was a professional double bass player and a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. His most recent composition, *Meditation and Dance*, is being premiered at this concert.

Gerald Cohen recently received a *Commissioning Music/USA* award from Meet the Composer and the National Endowment for the Arts to compose a work for the Syracuse Children's Chorus; he has also received commissions from groups including the Franciscan String Quartet, the Brooklyn Philharmonic Brass Quintet, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, the Wave Hill Trio, the Canticum Novum Singers, and the Battery Dance Company, who recently performed his *Songs of Tagore* on tours of India and Eastern Europe. Other awards include grants from Meet the Composer and the American Music Center, residencies at the MacDowell Colony, the Millay Colony, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and Yaddo, as well as Yale University's Sudler Prize for outstanding achievement in the creative arts. His music is published by Transcontinental Music/New Jewish Music Press. Cohen received a B.A. from Yale University and a D.M.A. in composition from Columbia University. He is Assistant Professor of Music at the H. L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary and has been on the music faculty of Columbia University. He is also the Cantor at Genesis Agudas Achim Congregation in Tuckahoe, NY, and is on the board of the American Society for Jewish Music.

The commission of Gerald Cohen's "O you who linger in the

gardens..." by the Westchester Youth Symphony is made possible by an Artist Grant from the Westchester Arts Council with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

Jo Hoon Seuk is this year's winner of the Concerto Competition sponsored by the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association. He is currently studying the violin with Peggy Klinger in Chappaqua. He is a senior at Horace Greeley High School and hopes to attend a college with a strong arts program. Jo Hoon is also the recipient of the "Lionti-Lewis Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship" award from the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association. This scholarship was created last year to honor both Mr. C. Victor Lionti and Mr. Dale Lewis. These two conductors have devoted a great deal of themselves to the education of young, talented musicians.

THE WESTCHESTER ELEMENTARY

STRING ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Derek Brand
Amy Chou***
Emily Goldsmith***
Leah Hess
Dana Kim
Dennis Lee
Rohini Nair
Jonathan Sirlin
Alice Wang
Adam Yoran

VIOLIN II

Gabriel Cansino
Katherine Chen
Jeffrey Chou
Kate Davies
Matthew Humm
Maria Kafer
Alexandra Lakatos**
Alex Lee
Nandini Nair
Laura Soloff**

VIOLIN III

Morgan Fowler
Alexander Frankel
Mollie Murphy*
Cynthia Purekal
Andy Rooks

VIOLA

Aliya Lowenthal

CELLO

Rafael Cansino
Jared Chassen
Jeffrey Hsu
Yonathan Krieger
Samuel Lee
Chelsea Paige
Rebecca Shalev**
David Stokes-Greene
Ariel
Zambenedetti**

BASS

Meagan Drillinger

*** Co-concertmaster

** Co-principal

* Principal

THE WESTCHESTER JUNIOR

STRING ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Aaron Bernstein
Ira Blumberg
Richard Karon
Cayton
Johnny Chen
Sarah Chen
Eunji Choi
Christopher Chou
Desiree Fowler
Olivia Lee**
Jamie Liu
Susan Park
Laura Rindlaub
Jessica Shih
Challie Stillman
Elizabeth Tranchina
Daniel Tsai
Ray Ming Yeh
Jason Yen
Ann Marie Yoo

VIOLIN II

Alexandra Adler
Flora Chang
Jeffrey Chang
Arielle Chassen
Jeffrey Chen
Richard Chen
Jennifer Coons
Evan Eckfeld
Elizabeth Giegerich
Christen Grasso
Lauren Hirshowitz
Vijay Kotecha
Maryam Moody
Alex Nackman
Markus Paminger
Kathleen Reckling
Warren Tusk
Stephanie Yang*

VIOLA

Mara Elton
Robert Himmelright
Vic Kotecha
Robert Meade
David Strubbe
Eveline Travin
Victoria Vargas*

CELLO

Daniel Bieber
Meaghan Burke
Yoon Mee Cho
Yuli Choi
Garth Crooks
Jessica Kim
Samantha Kushnick*
Emily McTavish
Adam Webb-
Orenstein
Rachel Weissman
Meaghan Witri

BASS

Rhonda Gordon

** Concertmaster
* Section principal

THE WESTCHESTER YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN I

Ritu Agarwal
Eugene Choi
Christopher Chung
Jeselle Eli
Elizabeth Frenz
Betty Hsu
Richard Hwang
Jason Jho
Nirendran
Kathirithamby
Edwin Lee
Robin Lee
Roseann Park
Priya
Purushothaman
Katia Roth
Howard See
Jo Hoon Seuk
Fred Shieh
Melissa Sy
Nicholas Tranchina
Sarah Weissman

BASS

Michael Marzelli
Scott Pounder
Alyssa Reiffel
Justin Simone
Jonah Tulis

VIOLIN II

Tiffany Chao
Alejandro Cruz
Ruth Gerson
Seth Goldman
Alice Hajdu
Jason Jeong
Arjun Kumar
Joon Lee
Susan Piscopo
Caroline Ponzini
James Rank
Jenna Rosen
JoSoon Seuk
Leah Shalev
Brigitte Tomasulo
Sarah Witri
Jeremy Yang

VIOLA

Timothy Betjeman
Christina Bosch
Allison Burke
Kara Dougherty
Christopher Gerra
Kenji Hashimoto
Joseph Kroetch
Michelle Lange
Rennie Lee
Joanna Sirlin
Crystal Wei

CELLO

Michael Ahn
Robert Berliner
Jeremy Chassen
Marcus Friedman
Brendan Kelly
Casey Lee
Jessica Marketta
Stefan McKenley
Rebecca McTavish
Graham Roberts
Kristoffer
Roggemann
Ilana Solomon
Christine Vargas
Sara Wendrow
Elizabeth Whartenby
Vivian Yee

FLUTE

Katharine Haklisch
Caitlin Howard
Lauren McSherry
Heather Peyton
Anna Stelzl
Sarah Wehr
Julie Zentmaier

OBOE

Rebecca Binder
Nora Casey
Allison Ewoldt
Elizabeth Lash
Erica Nicolai
Nancy Oster
Sarah Shalev
Anya Eva Solodow
Christine Ulanowski
Karen Weber

CLARINET

Aliza Balog
Jean Bredeche
Charles Han
Abby Harmon
Rebecca Klinger
Erica Zanzano

BASSOON

Clara Bittner-
Rossmiller
Angelique Nicolai

FRENCH HORN

Chad Corey
Kristen Dirmeier
Rebecca Eagleson
Christina Guarino
Deborah Harrison
Eliza Rohr
Valerie Silverman

TRUMPET

Barbara Dalgish
Elana Gordon
Brad Henis
Paul Daniel Koors
William Owens
Dave Renani

TROMBONE

Francis Kim
Jonathan Locitzer
Susanna Silverman
Jordan Stokes

TUBA

Michelle Gordon

PERCUSSION

Raymond DelSavio
Daniel Droller