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Masterworks IV
A Bohemian Journey



The Garden State Philharmonic returns for the fourth installment of its Masterworks Series: *A Bohemian Journey*, on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 8:00 pm at the historic Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood, NJ. Artistic Director & Conductor Anthony LaGruth and the Philharmonic are joined before prize-winning cellist [Alex Chang](#) for an evening of music of sublime beauty and great strength from

Bohemia's woods and fields.

A Bohemian Journey features the Overture to *The Bartered Bride* by Bedrich Smetana, the rarely performed Concerto for Cello and Orchestra by David Popper, and Antonin Dvořák's Symphony No. 7.

The evening's featured soloist will be Alex Chang, a 16 year old cellist and New Jersey Native. He has been studying cello since the age of nine. He was recognized as a "gifted child" by the Gifted Child Society at age six and amazed his piano and cello teachers with a surprising capacity for fast learning and his unusual ability to interpret classical music from an early age. Dr. Ann Alton of the Juilliard School says Alex possesses "the rare ability to channel the extra degree of electricity that moves the listener." Alex was accepted in 2006 to the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School, where he is currently studying as a scholarship student.

Fourteen members of the Garden State Philharmonic's Symphonic Youth Orchestra will be recognized for their hard work and achievement on winning places in All-State and All-Region Ensembles. These auditions take place annually and are highly competitive. The Garden State Philharmonic is proud to have such talented, young musicians as members of the GSPYO.

Ticket prices range from \$10 (students) to \$35 (adults).

For tickets or more information call 732.255.0460,
email info@gardenstatephilharmonic.org
or visit www.gardenstatephilharmonic.org.

Online Ticketing Coming Soon!

Look for online ticketing later this month. We will be sending out an email when it is available to the public.

You will soon be able to make contributions and buy tickets to any Philharmonic, Chorus or Youth Orchestra event from the comfort of your own home.

Volunteer and Be Instrumental

As a member of our Volunteer Team, you can provide much needed help with concert production and the day to day operations for all of the Philharmonic's programs. Please call 732.255.0460 or email info@gardenstatephilharmonic.org to help support live music at the Jersey Shore.

Thank you!

Save the Date

April 21, 2010 - Una Bella Notte - The Garden State Philharmonic will host its annual Una Bella Notte fundraiser on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 PM at Caffè Italia in Toms River. Artistic Director & Conductor Anthony LaGruth says "Una Bella Notte serves an exquisite four course Italian meal paired with outstanding wines and the glorious melodies of Puccini and Verdi. If you are also a fan of great music, food and wine, this is the perfect evening for you!"

Caffè Italia is located at 2414 Route 37 East in Toms River. Tickets are \$75 per person and include four delicious courses of specially selected menu items from the hometowns of Verdi and Puccini, choice wines and memorable music, all in an intimate setting.

June 10, 2010 - Annual Benefit Dinner and Gift Auction
At the Ramada Inn, 2372 Route 9 in Toms River, the GSP will be hosting their annual choral cabaret dinner and benefit. Come join Maestro LaGruth and the GSP Chorus for an evening of great music, food, drinks, and prizes! Attendees will be entertained by the Garden State Philharmonic Chorus with a repertoire of Broadway music.

June 19, 2010 - 3rd Annual Tennis Classical
Starting at 8:30 am on June 19. Serve up some fun and support your Garden State Philharmonic at the 3rd Annual Tennis Classical. Includes men and women's doubles. All levels are welcome! Call 732.255.0460 for more information.

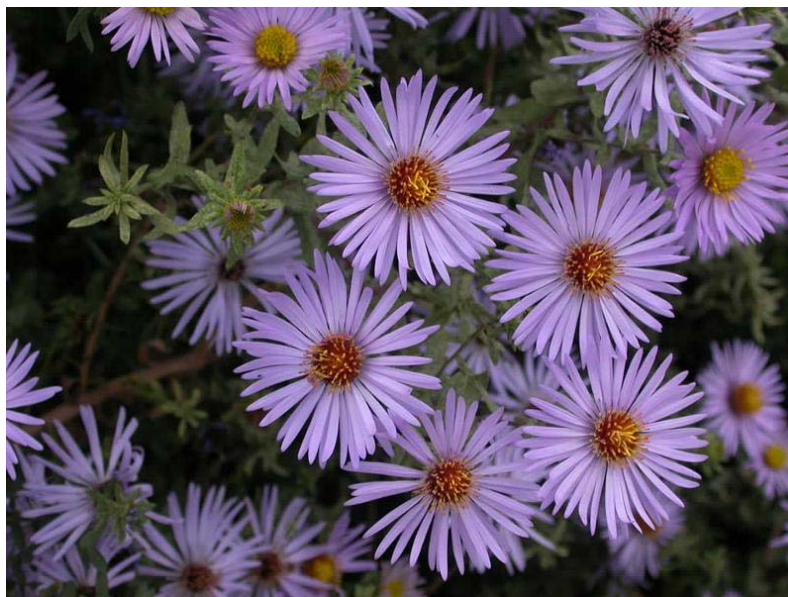
June 20, 2010 - Philharmonic Day at the Blueclaw's
Take me out the ball game! What better way to celebrate Father's Day. Kids up to 12 years old eat free! The Lakewood Blueclaws vs. Kannapolis Intimidators on June 20th at 1:05 pm. All proceeds support the Philharmonic programs. Tickets available through the GSP office. Call 732.255.0460 to reserve your tickets. Tickets - \$10 each.

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