

Garden State Philharmonic

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Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestras Present Their Winter Concert

Toms River, Ocean County, NJ- The Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestras present their annual Winter Concert on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 3:00 pm at Toms River Intermediate East Auditorium, 1519 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ. Conducted by local artists Les Hollander, Marilyn Osmundsen, and Abby Schiabor, the concert features students from Ocean and Monmouth counties in three performing groups: the String Ensemble, Concert Youth Orchestra and Symphonic Youth Orchestra.

Since 1970, the Garden State Philharmonic has sponsored a three-tiered youth orchestra program to provide young musicians the opportunity to play in an orchestra and receive training to develop and enhance individual musicianship. The Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestras (GSPYO) comprise the only orchestral training program in South Jersey sponsored by an orchestral association. With three youth orchestras, (Symphonic, Concert, and String Ensemble), students receive training from experienced, New Jersey-certified music educators and conductors and perform regularly scheduled concerts in public venues. The program's tiered nature permits students to build on their knowledge and advance up the musical ladder. GSPYO members come from various schools in Ocean and Monmouth counties.

The GSPYO Program encourages young people to study musical instruments and provides opportunities for these students to gain experience playing the standard orchestral repertoire. Many students audition for and win chairs in New Jersey Regional and All-State School Orchestras and Bands. Some choose a career in music and pursue professional studies in music. Many garner college placement and scholarships through their experience in the Youth Orchestras and continue to enjoy and support the world of music and art throughout their entire lives. Each year, the GSPYO recognizes demonstrated musical leadership, orchestral talent, musical growth, and musical achievement and supports continued musical growth by presenting the Gloria and Morris Adler Distinguished Musical Service Scholarship Award to a senior Youth Orchestra musician.

This season is supported in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Florian J. Lombardi Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Ocean First Foundation, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, area businesses, and generous donations from our patrons.

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General Admission tickets are \$6 with a \$2 handling fee, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the Winter Concert, please call the Philharmonic Office at 732.255.0460, or email info@gardenstatephilharmonic.org. Proceeds support LIVE music in Ocean and Monmouth counties.

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