



**Williamsport Symphony Orchestra
Newsletter**

Summer 2012

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WSO 2012-2013 Calendar

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Williamsport Symphony Orchestra

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EPC
with the Susquehanna Valley Chorale
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SATURDAY MARCH 16 7:30

Symphonie Fantastique
by Berlioz with guest pianist Alexander Schimpf
TUESDAY MAY 7 7:30

Tickets: call 570.326.2424 or visit CAClive.com
Information: call 570.322.0227 or visit williamsportsymphony.org

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WSO 2012-2013 Auditions

The Williamsport Symphony is holding auditions on Sunday, August 26, 2012. Times will be by Appointment.

Season Subscriptions - what has changed/why

WSO at CAC - Community Arts Center - the home of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra

And a perfect home it is! As the "cultural center" of Williamsport, the move there for concerts 19 years ago and the office 6 years ago provides the ideal setting for the WSO. The orchestra enjoys a sumptuous concert hall befitting equally sumptuous music, along with the Capital Lounge as a venue for pre-concert lectures and post-concert receptions. CAC volunteers and CAC technical staff are readily available. Having our office staff two floors above makes moving music and instruments easier, and using the CAC ticketing system and ticket services enables the staff to focus on direct-to-organizational matters. A marriage made in heaven!

One offspring of that marriage - with reference to the ticketing system - is an additional fee this year. Subscribers to the CAC series have seen a similar impact. The new system, however, resolves the issues/problems created by an antiquated system; thus the increase improves efficiency. It is noteworthy that our ticket prices have remained affordable over the years.

For Seniors Only

The WSO "giveth, then taketh away" ---might be a mantra this year. There had not been "senior citizen ticket pricing" in the past. Two years ago, the Board approved a senior citizen rate for single ticket purchases. Last year, that option was erroneously applied to season subscriptions. Did you catch the word *erroneously*? This year, we returned to the normal practice of no differentiation. While "senior friendly," the discounted subscriptions were "budget unfriendly" - significantly so, as 20% of the WSO budget comes from subscriptions. We apologize for what appears to be more confusion than any organization is permitted. What you see here is the backstory.

- Principal Bass & Section Bass
- Section Violin
- Section Viola
- Section Cello

For more information, please email rciab@williamsportsymphony.org or visit our website www.williamsportsymphony.org

Quick Links

[Check out our new website!](#)

Renew your season subscription now!

Would you like to reserve the same seat(s)? or maybe ask for a different one? Now it is the time. Don't wait any longer: fill out the renewal form, note your request(s), and mail it back to the CAC Box office at 220 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Single tickets will go on sale on September 1, 2012.

[Order Form](#)

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Billtown Brass
Rick Coulter, Conductor

Summer Programming/for the Young Musicians

Pops in the Park

First, apologies for the scant notice of the July 8 concert. Some remembered - happily so - and enjoyed the performance. Our usual email blast system was on its year-end contract, and the renewal was delayed so that communication mechanism was lost to us. However small the audience in Brandon Park, the previous evening's concert at Spy Glass Winery, with Kansas, drew almost 2,000 people. For the orchestra, most memorable was the 105 degree temps on stage that evening.

Not to be missed-the Billtown Brass performs in Brandon Park August 19. Bring your children, your friends, and your chairs; come early, since this concert coincides with the Little League visitors. Rick Coulter will be conducting the group and will offer a program that features the significant talent in the bandshell. Note: in case of inclement weather, a decision to move to the Loyalsock High School Auditorium will be made by 5:00 pm. Check the WSO website for that notice.

Youth Programs

The WSO is launching a two-years' pilot Williamsport Symphony Junior Strings (WSJS) program this fall under the leadership of Matthew Radspinner. This group of primarily middle school players will begin rehearsals in the fall. Look for more information from the local string teachers and on this website.



The WSYO (Williamsport Symphony Youth Orchestra) also takes up in the fall under the new leadership of Bill Ciabattari. This is a performing group which gives a fall and early winter concert; it has also collaborated with the Uptown Music Collective in an additional concert. Bill has begun recruiting and auditioning players; watch the WSO website for further information.



Musicians' Summer Activities

Travels abroad

Maestro Gerardo Edelstein is out of the country from mid-July to mid-August. This month, he is conducting in the Bordeaux region of France; next month, he will be in his home country, Argentina.

Concertmaster Max Zorin left in June for Russia; he then travels to France, assisting in a music camp directed by his parents.

Principal cellist, Andrew Ramon toured in Thailand for an organization called "American Voices," sponsored by the US Embassy. He then moved to Germany, Austria, and Italy for some extended hiking.

Returning with Flutes

Liz Landon - daughter of Betty, member of our first

Pop in the Park

Free Concert!

Brandon Park Bandshell,
Williamsport

August 19 @ 7 PM

Rain Location: Loyalsock High School
1881 Loyalsock Drive
Williamsport, PA 17701

violin section, and Allyn Landon - will be featured at the August 6 Endless Mountains Music Festival performance in Canton's Rialto theatre. The chamber music program involves other EMMF musicians and her father, as piano accompanist. Betty and Liz are the only mother-daughter team in that orchestra; consult that website for the festival schedule. Liz is principal flutist with the Charlestown, NC Orchestra.

Pamela Stahel returns to Williamsport for the WSO February concert, as guest artist, performing a flute/harp concerto with the orchestra. The daughter of Maria Stahel (flutist for many years with the WSO) and the late Kurt Stahel (in the first violin section), Pam comes "across the pond" from Switzerland where she plays flute and piccolo with the Zurich Opera Orchestra.

Significant Changes In Place

The WSO Website

Referenced above, is all dressed up and ready to step out. Please add it to your "Favorites" listing. You can check out the photos from Dancing Under the Summer Stars and see the roster of musicians. You accessed the site to get to this Newsletter; make doing so a habit throughout the season.

One Door Closes and Another Opens: WSO Staff Changes

The WSO Executive Director, Reuben Councilll has the opportunity to return to Susquehanna University from whence he came. This shift is to a position in Admissions, an area in which he is most interested. To our benefit, Reuben will continue as principal flutist.

In the meantime, our office staff and the Board president and Executive committee will keep things running as we determine the staffing pattern that best suits the organization and then work toward permanent hires.

We say "enjoy the city and study hard" to Chris Merkle who leaves his part-time position as Orchestra Manager to shift into his Arts Management masters program at American University in DC. With Lewisburg as his home base, he will be keeping an eye on the WSO.

In his stead, comes Rebecca Ciabattari. No stranger she, as she has performed with the orchestra and is the wife of principal tuba player, Bill Ciabattari.

And a New President of the WSO Board

Michael Vuocolo took the reins from Dianne Peeling July 1. He served most recently as chair of the Finance, Development, Marketing Committee and as Board Vice President. In his day job, he serves as vice president of Fulton National Bank in both Danville and Williamsport.

