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July 2013

17 Billtown Brass  
Hufnagle Park, Lewisburg  
7:30 pm

August 2013

17 Billtown Brass  
Central Oak Heights, Milton  
7:00 pm

18 Billtown Brass  
Brandon Park, Williamsport  
7:00 pm

September 2013

08 WSO Auditions  
TBA

October 2013

15 WSO *The 3 Giants*  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

27 Young Artist Competition  
TBA

November 2013

04 Williamsport Symphony  
Youth Orchestra (WSYO)  
Clarke Chapel,  
Lycoming College  
7:30 pm

24 Billtown  
Brass Holiday Concert  
TBA

**Conductor's Corner**

Dear Friends,



We could not ask for a better season finale last May; great music played by our wonderful musicians, a superb soloist and you, a very supportive audience! The energy and commitment shown by our players was rewarded with a standing ovation at the end of the concert and a desire for more. Unfortunately we will have to wait until October to bring fantastic symphonic music back to town, but we have prepared a new season with fabulous programs and soloists. Music by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms will delight you on the first concert with Italian pianist Enrico Elisi followed by a Holiday concert with selections from Handel's *Messiah* and "The Snowman." Featuring our concertmaster, Max Zorin, we will perform Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* along with Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*. A concert with local singer-song writer Morgan Myles will surely captivate you, and *Enigma Variations* by Elgar with Jeff Thayer as violin soloist will close the exciting season.

I can't wait to share our music-making with you again in the Fall. In the meantime you can enjoy the Billtown Brass this summer at Brandon Park.

New this coming season, I will quiz you with general music questions - some easy, some difficult - for the chance to win free

### December 2013

03 WSO *Time to Rejoice!*  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

### February 2014

11 WSO *Fantastic Tales*  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

24 Williamsport Symphony  
Youth Orchestra (WSYO)  
and Junior Strings (WSJS)  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

### March 2014

22 WSO *The Beauty of Song*  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

### May 2014

13 WSO *Variations*  
Community Arts Center  
7:30 pm

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tickets to the symphony. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to get your season tickets soon!

Fondly,



Gerardo Edelstein  
Music Director/Conductor

## More about the Season...



Enrico  
Elisi

Most of the soloists who headline this season are performers well-known to our audience: Concertmaster Max Zorin whose playing wrests passion from whatever score he plays; Morgan Myles, a graduate of the Loyalsock School District and the Uptown Music Collective and now from Nashville; Jeff Thayer, a Williamsport graduate, currently concertmaster of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra; WVIA's Fiona Powell who will narrate the holiday piece, "The Snowman;" and finally the Williamsport High School Choir. Italian pianist, Enrico Elisi from the Eastman School of Music faculty opens the October concert with Brahms *Piano Concert #1*.

Maestro Edelstein has subtitled the season *Tales*. And who doesn't enjoy a good story? This will be a season to let yourself be enthralled with a variety of stories from different times and places. See you in the seats!



Max Zorin

## 2013 2014 Annual Campaign

In the dead of winter (well actually it was February 25<sup>th</sup>) several volunteers met to launch the 2013-2014 Annual Campaign for the Williamsport Symphony. We realized that ticket sales accounted for only 30% of the WSO budget. If we were to have a successful season starting in October, it was crucial to have a successful Annual Campaign. The Committee consisted of Barb Velez, Joyce Hershberger, Virgil Probasco, Jason Wiemann, Valerie Reynolds, and Greg Smith. We set a reasonable goal about 5% higher than last year in the amount of \$71,000. Barb Velez got us started with a draft and over the next 6 weeks we met frequently to discuss the Campaign.

It was important for the committee to set an ambitious goal for the Board of Trustees. Through the mailing and follow-up emails, we are proud to say that we have 100% Board participation and over 100% of our donation goal from the Board. The community has responded as well. So far (June 24<sup>th</sup>) we have raised 70% of our overall goal. So if you have made a pledge or sent a check - thank you. If you put the annual Fund material aside, you can act now and help us achieve our fundraising goal. You can request another pledge/donation form by calling the Symphony Office at 322-0227 or sending a check marked 2013-2014 Annual Fund to the address in this newsletter.

With your help WSO will continue to be in concert with our community.

Gregory V Smith  
Board of Trustees, Vice president

## WSO Musicians - summer activity

Maestro Edelstein traveled to Turkey, where he spent two weeks conducting and teaching. Happily, he avoided the political confrontations, returning just before the demonstrations in Istanbul.

The Endless Mountain Festival Orchestra includes several WSO musicians; among them are Rebecca Dodson-Webster and Betty Landon. For information on concerts and venues, consult [www.endlessmountain.net](http://www.endlessmountain.net).



**The Maestro in Turkey**

The Penn Central Wind Band, conducted by WSO principal Bill Kenny, performs July 3 at Hufnagle Park and August 3 at the Weis Center, both in Lewisburg. The band includes several WSO wind players.

Earlier in the summer, WSO members performed with the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra in May; a large number backed the Texas Tenors at the CAC.

Andrew Rammon and Melissa Becker, with Anna Draper, organized and will be teaching in a chamber music program open to students of all ages and sited at Lycoming College. Called the Williamsport Summer Strings Festival, it provides an opportunity for string players to study music in a chamber setting. The schedule includes noon concerts during the August 12-16 program. For information on this opportunity or to be added to the mailing list, visit [www.music-4-all.com](http://www.music-4-all.com).

## Without Our Donors -- An Empty Stage: Meet Jeannette Winner

The piano, clarinet, oboe, and organ represent the instruments she has played; to which - says Jeannette Winner - she would add a fifth

instrument, her iPhone. Music and Technology along with gardening and birdwatching keep her engaged. Her four sons and their progeny (four grands) further enrich her time. A Williamsporter since 1961, Jeannette gravitated to the WSO during the tenure of Maestro Rolf Smedvig and has remained a subscriber and donor since that time.



**Jeannette Winner**

Her initiation to the world of music began with a childhood spent in the Chautauqua, NY, environs, with its rich music history. She spent her high school years in the band/orchestra that earned a first-level rating when adjudicated at a New York music festival. Sitting in the audience on WSO concert nights, she is reminded of her youthful experiences when, with her oboe, she sounded the first note of the performance, tuning her orchestra mates. Music does in fact "transport" this audience member.

Jeannette notes that the "WSO has continued my music education, filling the remaining voids." Attending concerts and the related activities, reading program notes, and hearing Maestro Edelstein's remarks are "teaching-learning moments" that she values. Her music education reached its apex when she conducted the orchestra for one piece during the 2010-11 season, the result of the "Be the Maestro" drawing. She studied the score; found - on the internet - a performance of the piece so as to cross-reference the score; then had her conducting tutorial with Maestro Edelstein in preparation for her on-stage experience. "I loved being that close to the orchestra," is her assessment of the experience.

A member of Williamsport's Music Club and a former member of the Organ Guild, Jeannette describes the WSO as "my one and greatest love in the music world." As the music enriches her life, her generous support ensures that enrichment shall endure.

## Music in the Parks

Conducted by Rick Coulter, the Billtown Brass will provide the music-in three parks: Lewisburg's Hufnagle Park, July 17; Central Oaks Heights in Milton, August 17; and Williamsport's Brandon Park August 18. "Music Across the Pond" will feature favorites from Great Britain and America.



Following Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band," the British segment includes famous marches from that side of the pond along with popular music and film. Morton Gould's *American Salute* and the ever popular salute to America's Armed Forces comprise the segment representing this side of the pond.

The WSO's Billtown Brass Band was formed in 2000, providing a smaller and more "portable"

ensemble organized in the style of the traditional British brass band. It includes the full gamut of brass instruments: cornet, flugelhorn, Eb horn, baritone, euphonium, trombone, Eb and Bb tuba and three percussionists.

Conductor and founder, Coulter promises to maintain the traditional band performance that includes encore selections, a surprise or two, and opportunities for audience participation.

## Up Close and Personal: Meet Dale Orris, principal trumpet

Need a trumpet player who splits the air cleanly on the highest notes, plays across the symphonic/ band repertoires, and is rock-solid dependable? That's Dale Orris. In an orchestra, the brass - particularly the trumpets - are called upon to nail the high peak of a piece, to announce boldly "this is it!" But the trumpet also plays melodic passages and parts where it plays a supporting role. We in the WSO are blessed to have Dale's voice in the principal chair, and he's been there since 1994 - about 20 seasons.



Dale Orris

Dale was raised in a musical family. His mother was a piano teacher and church organist; his dad a fine trumpet player and band director in what's now the Mid-West School District. Dale says both his brothers are also fine trumpet players, but they play for fun: David a middle-school reading teacher and Daryl a teacher of science and communication skills. Dale, his brothers, and their dad played a lot of trumpet trios and quartets for banquets and other special occasions.

While an undergrad at Susquehanna, Dale was a student of Victor Rislow. He did his masters in Trumpet Performance at the Conservatory at the University of Cincinnati, studying under Eugene Blee and Frank Brown.

Early in his career, Dale played with some great bands and behind many artists. He's played lead and jazz trumpet for the Glenn Miller Orchestra and "split-lead" trumpet in the Buddy Rich Band in the late 1970's and early '80's. He's played behind Natalie Cole, Manhattan Transfer, Mannheim Steamroller, Ben Vereen, Rosemary Clooney, Patti Austin, Lou Rawls, Burt Bacharach, Johnny Carson, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Four Tops, The Spinners - and that's only a partial list.

Currently Dale teaches a number of bands in the Lewisburg School district where he has approximately 200 students in grades 5-8. He is also the trumpet professor at Bucknell - a job he's had for 15 years. During the year you might hear and see Dale in some local groups: The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, The Commonwealth Brass Quintet, and the Williamsport City Jazz Band to name a few.

Jeff Chubb, area trumpet man and WSO Board member says about playing with Dale:  
"Dale is one of the most versatile trumpet players I have ever played with. The ability to perform a jazz gig and then turn around and play a symphony concert the same day is a unique talent. We have played together many times over the years. We are truly blessed to have a player of his caliber in our area. "

## Featured Headliners in the Upcoming Season- Local Talents

The March 22 concert - "The Beauty of Song" will feature **Morgan Myles**, nee Pinsonneault. A graduate of the Loyalsock schools, she honed her guitar skills at the Uptown Music collective. She studied at Berklee College of Music and Belmont University, completing a degree in Music Business. Post-college, she toured with country artists and will bring her artistry to her hometown. For more information consult [www.morganmyles.com](http://www.morganmyles.com) .



The May 13 concert - "Variations" will feature **Jeff Thayer**. A graduate of the Williamsport school system, Violinist Jeff Thayer is currently the concertmaster of the San Diego Symphony as well as concertmaster and faculty member of the Music Academy of the West (Santa Barbara). He furthered his studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Eastman School of Music, and the Juilliard School's Pre-College Division.



## Spotlight on Young Musicians

The Williamsport Symphony Youth Orchestra (WSYO), conducted by Dr. Bill Ciabattari, has set its course for the next season. Performances are scheduled for November 4 and February 24; the latter will include a collaboration with the Junior Strings. The WSYO will also collaborate with the WSO at the May concert for a side-by-side performance . Auditions for current and new members are set for September 22 and 29.

An alumna of the WSYO, Sarah Long, is the 2013 winner of the Budd Memorial Scholarship, presented by the Williamsport Music Club. She studies violin with David Lassiter and piano with Jane Landon. Sarah will attend Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC, studying orchestral instrument performance.

## From the Desk of the ED

June 2013

Thank you to all sponsors, donors, Friends, volunteers, subscribers and everyone who supported the Symphony in the past year. Without your support, we couldn't have done it. Have a wonderful summer and see you in October!



*Let the music play on!*

*Janet Harris*

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