

MUSICIANS/VOCALS

New Westchester Symphony Orchestra
2025-2026 Winter Season

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Lael Burns
Jeanine Cariri
Carolyn Frugis*
Paul Lucien Kulka
Angela Levine
Sue Pastore

OBOE

Jesse Abing*
Wanda Cope Orton
Christine J. Scott
Kayo Totsukaya

CLARINET

Nancy Eisenman*
Martin Murphy
Kevin O'Brien
Stewart Walker
Jewelle Yamada

BASSOON

Danielle Bragg
Vanessa Morest
Michelle Nordlinger*

HORN

Dan Infranco*
Sarah Zeegan

TRUMPET

Jack Binder
Ira Spier*
Alexander Wills

TROMBONE

Dylan Brancato
Chris Lee
Christine Lunnie
Richard Segal*

TIMPANI/PERCUSSION

Greg Westhoff*

VIOLIN

Geena Barber
Nancy Benson
Linda Carpenter
Barbara Chase
Kaitlynn Dixon
Louise Farber
Joanna Giordano**
Elizabeth Klippert
Joanna Luo
Cleo Macris Ziogas
Lissa Pasternak
Dan Prener
Cynthia Robinson
Shelley Robinson
David Schneider
Beth Smayda
Julia Sun
Marianne Volpi
Jessica Waddell
Sharon Weiss
Rosemary Williams*

SOLOISTS

Heather Bobeck, soprano
Katie Luekens Chan Chee, alto
Joseph Klebanoff, tenor
Richard Holmes, baritone

VIOLA

Maggie Benedict
David Dodds
Jim Elkin
Carolee Finney
Barbara Galic
Rachel Goldstein
Alan Kuras*
Nicholas Robinson
Harmony Schwartz
Brianna Small

CELLO

Nikki Allison
Susan Kang
Abby Krebs
Robbin Levy
Susan Liss
Ayuko Ota-Setlik
Margaret Pigott
Dan Schiavetta*
Sophia Sayegh

BASS

Ayman Elgamal*
Marcel Villaflor

*Section principal

**Concertmaster, Harry
Bright Honorary Chair



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NEW WESTCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along

STEVEN HUANG, MUSIC DIRECTOR
GUEST CONDUCTOR, RICHARD SLADE
DECEMBER 13, 2025
SATURDAY 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
\$15 suggested donation

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are also
available on
our website!

MESSIAH (EXCERPTS)

- 1 Overture
- 2 Comfort Ye
- 3 Ev'ry Valley
- 4 And the Glory*
- 7 And He Shall Purify*
- 12 For Unto Us*
- 14-16 Shepherds' Annunciation Scene
- 17 Glory to God*
- 20 He shall feed his flock
- 53 Worthy is the Lamb*

**sing-along movements*

-- INTERMISSION --

ENGELBERT
HUMPERDINICK

Hansel and Gretel Evening Prayer

HANDEL

JUDAS MACCABEUS

- 56 See the conquering Hero
- 66 Hallelujah Amen

MENDELSSOHN

Symphony #2 No.5 I waited for the Lord
Elijah #29 He Watching Over Israel

HANDEL

MESSIAH

- 38 How Beautiful are the Feet
- 48 The Trumpet Shall Sound
- 44 Hallelujah*

OUR NEXT PERFORMANCE

Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 3pm
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
468 Rosedale Ave
White Plains, NY

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MUSIC DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Every winter season needs some light to brighten our spirits and keep vigil during the long and early nights, and this year somehow it seems even more necessary. For us, music is that light. Thank you again for joining New Westchester Symphony Orchestra's annual Messiah Sing-Along. We've carefully curated a number of excerpts from Handel's masterpiece oratorio, being sure to keep the usual crowd-pleasers every year. We are joined again by our friend Richard Slade, and we are including some other non-Messiah standards, such as two choruses from Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabeus. The oratorio recounts the Hebrew Maccabee clan's survival under persecution, which is the basis of the Hanukkah story. Additional works include music by Mendelssohn, the superlative Jewish composer of the 19th century, as well as an intermezzo from Humperdinck's opera, Hansel and Gretel. NewWSO continues to grow, including more members, more concerts, and more music! Our growth allows us to perform an ever more diverse repertoire. If you or someone you know plays an orchestral instrument, consider joining!

ABOUT THE GUEST CONDUCTOR

Richard Slade, tenor, teacher, and conductor, has sung across America and Europe with Bel Canto at Caramoor, Ensemble for Early Music, New York City Opera, New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, Vineyard Opera, the Western Wind Vocal Ensemble, and Yale's Doox and the Whiffenpoofs. His operatic career included a series of rarities and American premieres, including Una cosa rara, I due litiganti, Gianni di Parigi and La molinara. He was a proud member of the Turnpike Camerata, a new music group based in New Jersey. And he had an extensive recital and oratorio career. Now he concentrates on teaching and conducting. Life highlights also include being featured on the WQXR Young Artists' Showcase, having a question used on the Metropolitan Opera Quiz (which he was 14!), singing the Whiff song with Ella Fitzgerald, and having a joke used on the Prairie Home Companion joke show. See more about Richard on his website: www.richardtheteacher.com

Our Mission Statement

The New Westchester Symphony Orchestra (NewWSO) offers amateur instrumental musicians in and around Westchester County, an opportunity to build musicianship in a supportive, non-competitive setting, while practicing and performing significant orchestral and ensemble works. Please silence all electronic devices and refrain from photography or video recording of the performance.