

NEW
Westchester Symphony Orchestra

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY'S PREMIER COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCLUDES
ITS 12th SEASON WITH FOLK-INSPIRED ORCHESTRAL MASTERPIECES**

**New Westchester Symphony Orchestra performs Grieg, Berlioz, and
Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 "Ukrainian" on April 27, 2024**

WHITE PLAINS, NY (April 19, 2024) —The **New Westchester Symphony Orchestra** (NewWSO), under the baton of Music Director **Steven Huang**, celebrates civic service and community music-making with its spring concert. Entitled "An Afternoon of Enchanting Folklore Music," the concert includes Berlioz's *Roman Carnival Overture*, Greg's First Suite to *Peer Gynt*, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2, subtitled "Ukrainian."

NewWSO welcomes all Westchester area amateur orchestra musicians in its mission of inclusivity and diversity. While there are no formal auditions, the symphony under the direction of Maestro Huang prides itself on performing quality works at the highest artistic level possible. The upcoming concert highlights a varied program of both popular and less well-known pieces, but all inspired by various folk traditions in Europe. Berlioz's *Roman Carnival Overture* is part of a lifelong fascination the French composer had with the Italian culture and history. Meanwhile, the Norwegian Edvard Grieg wrote incidental music to the folk tale of the wandering hero, Peer Gynt. Finally, Tchaikovsky uses Ukrainian folksongs as sources of inspiration for his second symphony, a bold experiment in fusing the simplicity of folk traditions with Classical form.

The performance takes place **at 3pm on Saturday, April 27, 2024**, at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation at White Plains, 468 Rosedale Ave., and is free and open to the public; suggested donations of \$10 are welcome, but not obligatory. Parking is free. The concert is supported in part by the generosity of ArtsWestchester, Westchester Community Foundation, and other charitable organizations. For more information, visit newsymphony.org. Press inquiries regarding the organization should be directed to Board President Dan Schiavetta, captcrisis@aol.com; and regarding the performance and artistic aspects, to Mr. Huang, stevenwhuang@gmail.com.

Musicians, press, and other members of the public are welcome to attend or observe **rehearsals every Wednesday** at the Westchester Community for Ethical Culture, 7 Saxon Wood, White Plains, 7-9:30pm.

Founded in 2011, The New Westchester Symphony Orchestra is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.