

MUSICIANS

New Westchester Symphony Orchestra
2023-24 Fall Season

FLUTE/PICCOLO

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

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

Jesse Abing
Dorothy Darlington†
Wanda Cope Orton
Christine J. Scott*

CLARINET

Nancy Eisenman*
Martin Murphy
Kevin O'Brien

BASSOON

Amy Hall*
Michelle Nordlinger

HORN

Dan Infranco
Jill MacGuire
Eliot Moshman
Michael Rahav

TRUMPET

Jack Binder
William Schaffer
Ira Spier*
Alexander Wills

VIOLINS

Shizuka Baldwin
Nancy Benson
Kris Berg
Linda Carpenter
Barbara Chase
Kaitlynn Dixon
Ethan Donn
Julian Ghadimi
Joanna Giordano**
Susan Horn
Joanna Luo
Deidre Mensah
Lissa Pasternak
Dan Prener
Shelley Robinson
David Rubertone
Sharon Weiss
Rosemary Williams*

TROMBONE

Jeffrey Green
Chris Lee
Richard Segal*

TUBA

Daniel Brown

TIMPANI/ PERCUSSION

Greg Westhoff*
Alphonso Valentint

VIOLA

David Dodds
Carolee Finney*
Rachel Goldstein
Alan Kuras
Nicholas Robinson

CELLO

Nikki Allison*
Charles Baldwin
Maureen Hussain
Susan Kang
Robbin Levy
Emma O'Connor
Dan Schiavetta

BASS

Waters Armstrong
Ayman Elgamal*
Greg Hunter

* section principal

** concertmaster
Harry Bright Honorary Chair

† guest musician

NEW WESTCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Steven Huang, Music Director

Love and Passion

2023-24 SEASON-
OPENING CONCERT!

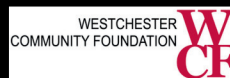
OCTOBER 28, 2023
3:00PM

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NEW WESTCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

STEVEN HUANG, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ruy Blas Overture

FELIX MENDELSSOHN
(1809-47)

“Wedding March” from A *Midsummer Night’s Dream*

MENDELSSOHN

Suite Algérienne

Prelude. A view of Algiers
Moorish Rhapsody
Evening Reverie
French Military March

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS
(1835-1921)

• INTERMISSION •

Petite Suite de Concert

La caprice de Nanette
Demande et réponse
Un sonnet d’amour
Tarantelle frétilante

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR
(1875-1912)

Lohengrin Prelude to Act III and Bridal March

RICHARD WAGNER
(1813-83)

OUR 2023-2024 SEASON

OCTOBER 28, 2023 3PM, COMMUNITY UNITARIAN CHURCH: LOVE AND PASSION

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 2PM, OSSINING LIBRARY: LOVE AND PASSION PT 2

DECEMBER 16, 2023 3PM, BRIARCLIFF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: MESSIAH SINGALONG

APRIL 2024, COMMUNITY UNITARIAN CHURCH: FRENCH COMPOSERS

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MUSIC DIRECTOR’S NOTE

Welcome to the 2023-24 season of New Westchester Symphony Orchestra (NewWSO). Since my appointment in July 2021, we have seen tremendous growth, artistically and developmentally of our ensemble. This allows us to play more ambitious works while still honoring our commitment to radical inclusivity: we are a non-auditioning ensemble that endeavors to welcome all capable musicians. This year, we again present three full concerts, plus additional appearances in smaller venues around the county.

This afternoon's concert includes both the very popular, and the nearly never-played. The two wedding marches almost everyone knows—both from theatrical works, Mendelssohn’s displays the gaiety of Shakespeare’s drama, while Wagner’s is from a slightly more solemn affair. Between these two conjugal anthems, we present lesser-known works of passion: Mendelssohn’s Overture to *Ruy Blas* is for a Victor Hugo Spanish tragedy; Saint-Saëns’ suite is a love letter to his favorite holiday spot; and while the theatrical inspiration for Coleridge-Taylor’s *Petite Suite* is lost to history, the music brims with vitality and invention.

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

Maestro Steven Huang is thrilled to lead the New Westchester Symphony Orchestra. He has conducted orchestras and operas across the country and throughout the world. At the age of twenty-one, he served as Music Director of the Bach Society Orchestra of Harvard University, where he received his undergraduate degree. While at Harvard, Mr. Huang also directed the Lowell House Opera (the oldest continuously running opera company in New England). Most recently, he successfully concluded a sixteen-year appointment as Associate Professor and Director of Orchestras at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Mr. Huang has collaborated with orchestras around the world, including California, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Ohio, Haiti, Moldova, and Romania. He has served as guest conductor with multiple appearances with the Brasov Philharmonic (ROMANIA) and the National Philharmonic of Moldova. In America, he has guest conducted professional ensembles such as the Boston Pops, Illinois Symphony Orchestra, the Lake Shore Symphony (IL), and the Four Seasons Symphony (CA).

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.