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Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes | September 4, 2021 | 2:00 PM | Nasser Civic Center, Corning, NY

Members of The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes to Perform at “Imagine! Public Art in the Plaza”

A small ensemble of the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL) will perform during **Imagine! Public Art in the Plaza** hosted by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes. Audiences are encouraged to bring a blanket, chair, or picnic and enjoy this one hour concert on September 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Nasser Civic Center in Corning.

This performance will mark the first conducted concert, in front of a live audience, for members of the OSFL since March 2020. The program will include a variety of Baroque, classical and film works, Aaron Copland’s *Hoe-Down* from “Rodeo,” *Gabriel’s Oboe* from “The Mission” by Ennio Morricone, and selections from Mozart’s *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*. Additionally, the OSFL will perform *You Raise Me Up*, which members recorded as a compilation recording at the peak of the pandemic last year as a message of encouragement.

“We are excited to perform in person with a live audience for the first time in 18 months and to showcase the OSFL in our community at this new, unique arts festival,” noted Maestro Shimada.

Imagine! Public Art in the Plaza begins Thursday, September 2, and will run through Sunday, September 5. This free event will transform the Nasser Civic Center into a Public Arts Park for the weekend, featuring artists, musicians, and performers from our local community. A full schedule of events can be found at <https://www.earts.org/programs/imagine-public-art-in-the-plaza/imagine-schedule-of-events/>.

This event is free and open to the public. The OSFL performance is sponsored in part by Chemung Canal Trust Company, The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, and Empire Access.



ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

The OSFL offers four regular season full orchestra concerts, including a side-by-side Youth Orchestra and professional musician collaboration, a Musicians' Choice Chamber Music Series, concerts by the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, several concerts by the Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble, as well as smaller ensemble concerts for children. Under the guidance of distinguished Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada, the OSFL is a strong supporter of highlighting the musical achievements of young musicians with its own Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble programs, as well as the Hertzog Concerto & Aria Competition for young artists in grades 9 through 12. The OSFL collaborates with regional cultural partners, artists, and like-minded organizations to advance our mutual artistic growth in the greater Elmira-Corning area.

Support for the OSFL comes from the Corning Incorporated Foundation, Hilliard Corporation, the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

