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## **Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes Begins Transition Back to the Stage with English-Tobin Duo**

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL) announces its transition back to the stage and live performances with a chamber music concert presented by the English-Tobin Duo. This concert will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM at The Park Church in Elmira.

“It has been a long 15 months with no live music performances here. I am happy to announce that we are starting with a small-scale ensemble with performers from the same household in a larger venue for chamber music. We will follow all the COVID safety precautions required by the CDC and the State of New York. As the OSFL transitions back to larger forces on stage, we begin with music tracing back to the early musical period performed in the great cathedral setting in the Park Church,” explains Maestro Toshiyuki Shimada. Although he is not conducting this landmark performance, Maestro Shimada will welcome the audience back to in-person concerts and announce plans for the upcoming concert season.

Other re-opening activities include outdoor performances of the OSFL Brass Quintet at Glass Fest Fusion in Corning on May 27 and again on June 24 at Teal Park in Horseheads. Other chamber music groups will provide educational concerts at the public libraries in the region. “Our musicians have been out of work for the past 15 months. We are looking for lots of opportunities to share our music in the community,” says Managing Director, Karen Dusek.

The English-Tobin duo is comprised of the husband and wife pair, John Paul and Ashley, of the OSFL viola section, who met in 2013 while working together in Los Angeles, California. Performing on historical violins and violas, the English-Tobin Duo will explore the theory that some of the most interesting art is produced during times of great transition with a program of works that straddle historical periods, genres, and musical styles. The performance will include a visual slide show on the large screen during the presentation.

Following the tradition of the Musicians’ Choice Chamber Series, oral program notes will be given by the musicians interspersed throughout the performance. The short format program (60 to 75 minutes) is presented for an intimate, relaxed setting without intermission. All ages are welcome. To comply with current COVID-19 guidelines, seating will be limited.

\$30 Adults | \$10 Children

Tickets: [osfl.org](https://osfl.org) | 607-936-2873

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**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 Competition for young artists in grades 9 - 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.

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