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Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes | November 14, 2020 | Corning, NY

UN Messenger of Peace Midori Engages OSFL and Community Leaders

The Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (YOSFL) welcomes back world-renowned violinist Midori to hold one more workshop on Saturday, November 14 at 1:30-2:30 PM. The online workshop is free and open to the community. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/OSFL-Midori>.

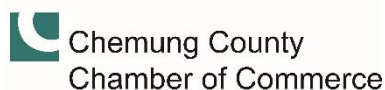
This workshop, geared toward community engagement, will begin with a 20 minute presentation by Midori, a UN Messenger of Peace, will discuss her various humanitarian and education efforts globally. This will be followed by an open discussion. Leaders and community members from the Corning-Elmira area are invited to participate in this workshop along with Maestro Toshiyuki Shimada, OSFL musicians, Youth Orchestra students, and members of the Board of Directors.

The Orchestra Residencies Program is a collaborative project with American youth orchestra which provides meaningful experiences in active music-making for the next generation of classical musicians, lovers, and supporters. This year, the special Covid-19 Support Program was designed to engage and keep youth inspired and motivated during these unprecedented times.

The Youth Orchestra students have gleaned a wealth of knowledge from Midori during her virtual residency including a violin master class, workshops on “How to Practice” and more.

Japanese-born violinist Midori was a child prodigy making her debut at the age of 11 when conductor Zubin Mehta invited her to perform with the New York Philharmonic. As a leading concert violinist for over 35 years, Midori regularly transfixes audiences around the world, combining graceful precision and intimate expression. Midori is a visionary artist, activist, and educator who is dedicated to exploring and building connections between music and the human experience.

This workshop is sponsored locally by the Corning Foundation, Hilliard Corporation, the Corning Area Chamber of Commerce, the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, and the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes. To register for this free workshop, go to <http://bit.ly/OSFL-Midori> or contact the OSFL office at info@osfl.org or 607-936-2873.



ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

Due to the pandemic shutdown of large gatherings, the OSFL remains off-stage until further notice. In a normal year, 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.

Support for the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes comes from 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.