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Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes Presents "Holiday Traditions Together" on December 9

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 3:00 PM
Where: Clemens Center, 207 Clemens Center Pkwy, Elmira, NY 14901
Tickets: Start at only \$25
\$15 college students with ID
FREE for all youth under 18, sponsored by the Anderson Foundation

Elmira, NY – November 13, 2023 – The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL) is delighted to announce its upcoming holiday concert, "Holiday Traditions Together," set to charm the community on Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 PM at the Clemens Center. As the region's premier holiday event, this concert is not just a performance but a vibrant celebration of community spirit and festive joy.

Featuring a dynamic collaboration with the **Honors Chorus from the Alternative School for Math & Sciences**, soprano **Rachel Schutz** from the faculty at **Ithaca College**, and skilled dancers from **Rafael Grigorian Ballet**, "Holiday Traditions Together" promises an afternoon of enchanting music and dance. The concert will include a special singalong segment, inviting the audience to lend their voices to the holiday cheer.

In an extraordinary showcase of live artistry, dancers will pirouette and leap to the stirring sounds of the OSFL. "Dancing to the vibrant strains of a live orchestra is a rare and exhilarating opportunity for these young dancers," says Toshiyuki Shimada, Music Director of the OSFL. "This concert embodies the spirit of togetherness and celebrates the rich tapestry of talent we have right here in our community."

Echoing this sentiment, OSFL's Managing Director, Karen Dusek remarks, "We are proud to offer this musical gift to the community. With tickets starting at just \$25 and free admission for children under 18, we are making the joy of live music accessible to all. This is our way of saying thank you to the community that supports us year-round."

Tickets for "Holiday Traditions Together" can be purchased online at OSFL.org, by calling (800) 724-0159, or in-person at the Clemens Center Box Office. Join the OSFL in ringing in the festive season with a heartwarming afternoon of melody, harmony, and dance.

The concert is sponsored in part by the Hilliard Corporation and Kim L. Frock, Executive Head at the Alternative School for Math & Science.

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, concerts by the Youth Orchestra, and educational 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 ensembles and 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, the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Hilliard Foundation, and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the governor and the New York State Legislature. *FREE Under 18* is provided by the Anderson Foundation.

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