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CORNING – The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes opens the concert season with Chevalier: *The Anonymous Lover*, October 14th

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM
The Park Church, 208 W Gray St, Elmira, NY 14901
Ticket \$50 general admission
\$20 college students with ID
FREE for all youth under 18, sponsored by the Anderson Foundation
Season tickets, single tickets, and details available at: OSFL.org or 607-936-2873

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes begins the '23-24 concert season at the historic Park Church in Elmira on Saturday, October 14 at 7 PM. The first piece of the season will be Overture to *L'Amant Anonyme* (The Anonymous Lover) by Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, a contemporary of Mozart whose artistry has long been overlooked. Dubbed the “Black Mozart,” Bologne was a free man of Creole descent and is the subject of the movie *Chevalier* released in April this year by Searchlight Pictures.

“In everything we perform this season, we are prioritizing music education for all,” says Karen Dusek, Managing Director of the OSFL. “Listeners get the most out of live concerts by being informed before arriving at the concert hall. We are offering pre-concert lectures, educational activity packets for all ages, and now a popular option of holding a movie night.” Prior to the first concert, the movie *Chevalier* is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 at 7 PM at the Park Church as part of the church’s Meaningful Movies series. Space is limited. RSVP at OSFL.org to save your spot.

The second piece on the concert is an instrumental arrangement of the choral work entitled “*and the swallow*” by Pulitzer Prize Winner Caroline Shaw. The original choral lyrics are based on Psalm 84, from which we get the title.

The soloist for this concert is OSFL’s principal trumpet, Frank Gabriel Campos performing the ever-popular *Trumpet Concerto* by Hummel. Campos recently retired from a 30-year tenure as the trumpet professor at Ithaca College. He authored the method book *Trumpet Technique* (Oxford University Press) which is used at colleges and universities worldwide. Equally at home in the symphonic concert hall and the jazz club, Campos will perform in the spotlight next June on the OSFL’s chamber music series in a duo with OSFL principal bassist Mario Pietra, performing a variety of music including jazz.

After a trip to Italy in 1830, German composer Felix Mendelssohn wrote *Symphony No. 4 "Italian,"* which will close out the OSFL's concert.

This concert is sponsored in part by Karen Peterson in memory of her late husband, Don, who was a trumpet enthusiast.

Season ticket packages are still available and include the October 14th concert along with 3 full-orchestra concerts and 5 concerts in the Musicians' Choice Chamber Series, offering significant savings over single ticket pricing. Contact the OSFL office at 607-936-2873 or order online at OSFL.org



Joseph Bologne,
Chevalier de Saint Georges



Frank Gabriel Campos

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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