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Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes Presents Educational Summer Concert Series “Stories with Music” at Local Libraries

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes’ (OSFL) popular educational concert series, “Stories with Music,” will return in person to local libraries this summer. Three chamber ensembles will visit 10 libraries in 4 counties to present a short concert featuring a storybook set to music.

The OSFL Brass Quintet (trumpets, French horn, trombone, and tuba) will present *Carnival of the Animals*. The book by Jack Prelutsky, features poems inspired by the work of the same name composed by Camille Saint-Saëns. Their program will also include *This Old Man March* by Robert Nagel, *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, Scott Joplin’s *The Entertainer*, and *Sonata* from “Die Bankelsangerlieder.”

The OSFL String Quartet (violins, viola, and cello, with narrator) will present the popular story of *Ferdinand the Bull*, set to music by George Bizet. Their program will also include *Giga* from “Suite for Strings” by Corelli, Pachelbel’s *Canon in D*, Tchaikovsky’s *Pizzicato ostinato* from “Symphony No. 4,” and *Presto* from Mozart’s “Divertimento No. 1 in D Major.” This program is also available in a virtual format.

OSFL harp and cello duo, Rosanna Moore and Shade Zajac, will present *Treasure in a Dream*, Jewish folk tales set to music in 2015 by Dan K. Kohane.

All presentations are free and open to all ages. Visit <https://www.osfl.org/community.html> for the full schedule. Check with your library for registration details.

“Stories with Music” work to promote literacy among young children and students through the powerful connection of music and literature. These programs are made possible in part by The Douglas G. Anderson - Leigh R. Evans Foundation, Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame, New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program (Tioga county libraries, administered by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes), Edith Saxton Fund for Steuben County Youth Services (Steuben county libraries, administered by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes), and the Schuyler County Fund (Schuyler county libraries, administered by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes).

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.

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