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Free Stories with Music Concerts Happening Now

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL) presents Stories with Music, a free educational concert series returning to Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, and Tioga, NY counties now through the end of August. In partnership with area libraries, Stories with Music promotes literacy among young children and students through the powerful connection of music and literature.

Three groups of professional OSFL musicians will present a featured storybook set to music, along with other musical selections. Featured storybooks include:

- *Alice in Wonderland*, accompanied by the String Duo
 - Rosanna Moore, harp
 - Shade Zajac, cello

- *The Bremen Town Musicians*, accompanied by the Woodwind Quintet
 - Laura Campbell, flute
 - Lesley McClelland, oboe
 - Richard MacDowell, clarinet
 - David Resig, bassoon
 - Claire Tuxill McKenney, horn

- *The Tortoise and the Hare* accompanied by the Brass Quintet
 - Lindsey Burroughs, trumpet
 - Larry Burroughs, trumpet
 - Claire Tuxill McKenney, horn
 - Duane Smith, trombone
 - Adam Peck, tuba

Originating in 2018, Stories with Music had only one group, one library, and one sponsor. This popular program has grown to include three groups of OSFL musicians, thirty performances, fifteen libraries, and seven sponsors. Thanks to our generous sponsors, this project is made possible with funds from:

- The Floyd "Vic" Hooker Fund at the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
- The Edith Saxton Fund for Steuben County Youth Services
- The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes
- The Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame

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“Dreams come true when OSFL visits the library!” says Meredith Gallaro, Coburn Free Library Director. Ask your local librarian or go to www.OSFL.org/storieswithmusic for the full Stories with Music free concert schedule. For more information call (607) 936-2873 or visit the OSFL office located at 49 Bride Street, Corning, NY. Events can also be found on Facebook at The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes. Follow the OSFL for up-to-the-minute information on all upcoming programs and events.

*Program and dates subject to change

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ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

The OSFL offers a concert season of four full orchestra concerts including a side-by-side Youth Orchestra and professional musician collaboration, the Musicians’ Choice Chamber Music Series, concerts by the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, the youth ensembles, as well as educational outreach 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 through the youth ensemble programs, as well as the annual Hertzog Concerto & Aria Competition for young artists in grades 9 - 12. The OSFL collaborates with regional cultural partners, artists, and like-minded organizations to advance mutual artistic growth in the greater Elmira-Corning area.

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



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