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Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes | October 9, 2021 | 7:30 PM | Park Church, Elmira, NY

Orchestra of the Finger Lakes Launches 2021-22 Season with A Tribute Concert

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL) announces the first concert of the 2021-22 Season to be held Saturday, October 9 at 7:30 PM at The Park Church in Elmira. The concert is a tribute to all we have lost during the past 18 months.

Under the baton of Maestro Toshiyuki Shimada, the OSFL will perform Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4*, *Adagio for Strings and Organ* by Tomaso Albinoni, Charles Gounod's *Little Symphony for Winds*, as well as *Lyric for Strings* by African-American composer, George Walker. OSFL principal double bassist, Patrick Dugan, will perform as the featured soloist on Giovanni Bottesini's *Elegy No. 1*, in memory of OSFL double bassist, Bliss Michelson and his wife Peggy, who both passed away from COVID in early 2021.

For a donation of \$100 or more, patrons can name a loved one to honor at the concert. For tickets and memorial donation, go to OSFL.org or call the OSFL office at 607-936-2873.

Other full orchestra concerts this season include the OSFL Holiday Concert at the Clemens Center on December 11; a celebration of diversity on March 6, also at the Clemens Center; and the season finale on May 1 at the Corning Museum of Glass. Season subscription tickets are on sale now for a significant savings over purchasing concert tickets separately.

The OSFL will comply with the COVID guidelines and protocols set by each concert venue. For the October 9 concert, seating will be limited and all audience members must wear a mask and provide contact tracing information. Social distancing and current CDC guidelines will be observed.

\$45 Adults | \$10 Students with college/school ID

Tickets: osfl.org | 607-936-2873

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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 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.

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