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Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes | November 14, 2021 | 4:00 PM | Park Church, Elmira, NY

Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes and Junior String Ensemble to Perform Fall Concert

The Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (YOSFL) and Junior String Ensemble (JSE) announce the first concert of the 2021-22 Season to be held Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 PM at The Park Church in Elmira. This will be the first live, in-person performance of the youth ensembles since March 2020. The concert is free and open to the public; donations are welcome.

Under the baton of OSFL assistant concertmaster, Debrah Devine, the JSE will perform selections from William Boyce's *Symphony No. 1, Rhosymedre* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Modest Mussorgsky's *Hopak*. Under the baton of OSFL concertmaster, Augusto Diemecke, the YOSFL will perform Astor Piazzolla's *La Muerte del Angel* and *Holberg Suite* by Edvard Grieg. Additionally, the YOSFL will feature Sophia Myers (CPP, flute) and Isabella Busch (harp) as soloists on *Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Other performances by the YOSFL and JSE this season include the OSFL concert on March 6 at the Clemens Center, and their own Finale Concert in the spring. Openings are still available in both ensembles for area music students. Youth ensemble students have the opportunity to enjoy workshops and master classes by guest artists performing with the OSFL throughout the concert season, as well as various other clinicians. Offerings planned for the current season include an improvisation workshop with Dr. David Rudge from SUNY Fredonia, and a chamber music "retreat." Audition requirements can be found at <https://www.osfl.org/auditions--tuition.html>. A live audition weekend is being planned for January.

The OSFL and its youth ensembles will comply with the COVID guidelines and protocols set by each concert venue. For the November 14 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.

Youth programs and ensembles of the OSFL are sponsored in part by The Tripp Foundation.

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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