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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 in July and August of 2024. 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:

- *The Adventures of Pinocchio* narrated and performed by the Brass Quintet

- Lindsey Burroughs, trumpet
- Larry Burroughs, trumpet
- Claire Tuxill McKenney, horn
- Duane Smith, trombone
- Adam Peck/ Keith Alcius, tuba

- *Scottish Fairy Tales, Myths, and Legends*, narrated and performed by the String Duo

- Rosanna Moore, harp
- Shade Zajac, cello

- *Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *Little Red Riding Hood* narrated and performed by the Woodwind Trio

- Lesley McClelland, oboe
- David Resig, bassoon
- Claire Tuxill McKenney, horn

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 multiple 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
- Schuyler County Fund of The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes

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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 Bridge Street, Corning, NY. Event details 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 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.

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