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The Hartford Symphony Orchestra is committed to providing opportunities that will *engage, educate, enliven, and enrich* the experiences of students throughout the region. Having served more than 20,000 students last year, the HSO is pleased to offer the following educational programs:



SYMPHONY IN THE SCHOOLS ENSEMBLES

Bring HSO musicians into your school by having our string, woodwind, and jazz ensembles present interactive performances for your students. The ensembles will play with themes, such as history, science, literacy, math, and, of course, music. These performances will be an asset to any curriculum by enhancing the students' learning experience.

Ensembles are geared towards students in all grade levels. Fees apply.

For more information please contact education@hartfordsymphony.org.

STRINGS

A Piacere String Quartet

The A Piacere String Quartet presents a dynamic review of various musical periods (from Vivaldi to Penderecki) accentuated with a diverse set of examples. Depending on the age of the audience this group explores interdisciplinary art relationships and historical context or provides more rudimentary insight into the works performed.

Mosaic String Trio

The Mosaic String Trio uses music and art to explore the expressive aspects of our humanity using a mix of music by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schnittke, and a diverse mix of cultural, folk, and popular music. The program is enhanced with a PowerPoint presentation that showcases the world's great masterpieces of art, architecture, and literature. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate as music makers on rhythm instruments with the ensemble.

The Two-Frog Violin Duo

The Two-Frog Violin Duo will introduce students to the string family and examine what makes a violin a violin. Join them as they perform music from various parts of the world and explain how each of these places has impacted the making of the violin.

Hartford Symphony String Quartet

Hartford Symphony String Quartet is our brand new string quartet. This group will present a wide array of repertoire while introducing the string family and musical concepts to your students.

WOODWINDS

Hartford Symphony Wind Quintet

Hartford Symphony Wind Quintet will present students with a program that allows them to hear the uniqueness of each instrument separately, while exploring how the instruments work together to create the ensemble known as a Wind Quintet. Standard repertoire for this instrumentation, as well as new adaptations, will be performed. Students will be encouraged to formulate questions during the program which can be asked in a Q&A session at the end of the program.

Woodwind Quartet

The Woodwind Quartet introduces students to the instruments of the woodwind family by taking a musical voyage around the world. The musicians will have their map ready to show students their journey as they learn about the composers, where they are from, and how their music is influenced by that culture. Each musician will teach students about the instrument they play (clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon) including the mechanics behind playing the instrument, what it's made from and more.

*"The Hartford Symphony Orchestra has really gone **above and beyond** to expose our children to wonderful music and instruments that they would, in some cases, never get the chance to experience."*

— MUSIC TEACHER, MANCHESTER

JAZZ

The Classical Jazz Ensemble

The Classical Jazz Ensemble will explore how musical forms such as rhythm, improvisation, etc. can change how one experiences a piece of music. Hear music from New Orleans, find out what Switzerland and the Wild West have in common, and see if you can recognize some popular tunes with a Jazz twist.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The Chamber Orchestra Series provides secondary students the opportunity to connect to professional musicians and experience a live performance of symphonic music. Each event begins with a pre-concert talk with our conductor to get students ready for the performance.

The Sounds of Latin America

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

10:00am – 11:20am

Belding Theater at The Bushnell

Tickets: \$7.50

Grades: 6 – 12

Some of the most exciting, rhythmic, and energetic music in the world comes from the countries of Latin America! Salsa, samba, bachata, and merengue are all traditional styles of Latin American music, but what about orchestral music from Latin America? Come explore the sounds of classical composers from Puerto Rico, Brazil, Venezuela, and Mexico and listen to how their music brings Latin America to life!

Around the World with Mozart

Thursday, May 22, 2014

10:00am – 11:20am

Belding Theater at The Bushnell

Tickets: \$7.50

Grades: 6 – 12

Not only did Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart travel throughout Europe as a child prodigy and renowned composer, but his legacy and influence has reached far and wide across the globe. Come hear some fantastic music by Mozart himself and find out how his music has impacted other composers from around the world.

"My favorite instrument was the bass drum because it was so big and loud. The drum makes a tremendous sound, sort of like *a mighty warrior*."

– STUDENT, HARTFORD

Please note that all dates, times, and programming are subject to change.

LINCOLN FINANCIAL DISCOVERY CONCERTS

Lincoln Financial Discovery Concerts are innovative school day concerts held at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts which illuminate classical music for students while incorporating important academic areas.

The Musical Stories of Shakespeare and Seuss

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

10:30am – 11:20am

Mortensen Hall at The Bushnell

Tickets: \$7.50

Grades: 1 – 5

The Bard? Theodore Geisel? While it is hard to imagine similarities between these two famous wordsmiths, their works have become important and renowned in classrooms and schools throughout the world. This concert will feature works of music influenced by two of Shakespeare's great plays and a fantastic rendition of one of Dr. Seuss's most legendary tales!

American Legacies: The Civil War & Civil Rights Era

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

10:30am – 11:20am

Mortensen Hall at The Bushnell

Tickets: \$7.50

Grades: 4 – 9

The year 2014 marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two of America's most historically significant eras: the Civil War and the Civil Rights movement, respectively. This concert will feature music, old and new, which captures the spirit of these important times in American history. Complementing the music will be student performances of some powerful historical speeches honoring America's fight for "liberty and justice for all."

Link Up, The Orchestra Rocks

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

10:30am – 11:20am

Mortensen Hall at The Bushnell

Grades: 3 – 5

In collaboration with Hartford Public Schools

Link Up, a program of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute, guides students and teachers in grades 3-5 through a yearlong exploration of orchestral repertoire. The Hartford Symphony will discover what makes music rock as we look at how composers and musicians play with rhythm, creating patterns of sound and silence that are expressive and exciting. Through the Link Up repertoire, students will take part in a culminating performance by singing and playing recorder with the orchestra. Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute provides each student with a workbook and all participating teachers with a curriculum.

INSTRUMENT ZOO

The Instrument Zoo is a hands-on experience where students discover the mechanics and sounds of the instruments of the orchestra. The violin, trumpet, and clarinet are just a few examples of the instruments students will get to learn about and try during this program. Perfect

for students learning about the orchestra and those who will be choosing an instrument of their own to play in school.

Grade level: Pre-K – 3

Capacity: maximum of 50 students per session

Fee: \$250 – one, 1-hour session

\$300 – two, 1-hour sessions
(back to back)



YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION *Finalists of the 2013 Young Artists Competition are pictured on the cover.*

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra's annual Young Artists Competition is expanding in 2014 to continue to provide Connecticut's most talented young artists an opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra. Encouraging talented young instrumentalists to continue their musical studies, the statewide concerto competition is open to high school students studying an instrument of the orchestra: brass, woodwind, string, percussion, or piano. After the preliminary round, a small group of semi-finalists will be invited to perform with the HSO in a working rehearsal setting. Three finalists will be named, and those young artists will perform with the HSO in a public performance to determine the top three winners. These winners will split cash prizes totaling \$3,000.

Dates and additional information about the Young Artists Competition will be released in late fall 2014.

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