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THE 2018 HAMDEN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' FIREWORKS



FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2018

7:15 PM

TOWN CENTER PARK AT MEADOWBROOK



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About Us

Hamden Symphony is excited to return to the Town Center Park Stage for its 2nd appearance at the Hamden Volunteer Firefighter's Fireworks. An all-volunteer orchestra of more than 60 musicians from the Greater New Haven area and beyond, Hamden Symphony members share a passion for rehearsing and performing great music together.

Founded in 1962 by Ruth T. Brooks, the Orchestra provides cultural enrichment to the community of Hamden, Connecticut through its series of concerts, its annual Young Musicians Concerto Competition (YMCC), the Ruth T. Brooks Scholarship Award, and the rewarding experience offered to its members and guest-artists.

The Orchestra's commitment to the musical development of local students is a source of great pride. For the last 49 years the Hamden Symphony Orchestra's YMCC has provided an invaluable educational experience to gifted high school musicians in the area; the chance to perform as a soloist with a full symphony orchestra. The competition is held annually each winter, and the winners are featured at the Orchestra's spring concert. In addition, for over 35 years the Orchestra has honored a graduating Hamden High School senior, who has demonstrated excellence in their musical studies, with the Ruth T. Brooks Scholarship Award. The 2018 winner of this award was Ryan Murphy (Piano, Guitar and Voice), who is one of this evening's featured vocalists.

From 1969-2007, Hamden Symphony Orchestra was under the baton of Maestro Paul Gacek. To honor his distinguished leadership, continuing support and several return appearances to the podium in recent years, Maestro Gacek was officially designated Hamden Symphony Orchestra's "Conductor Laureate" in 2017.

In 2008, Vesna Mehinovic became the Music Director of Hamden Symphony Orchestra. Under Vesna's baton, the Orchestra has continued to expand, and has presented compelling and innovative concert-programs, that have featured new compositions, talented instrumental and vocal soloists, and even dance and multimedia components.

Hamden Symphony Orchestra
Vesna Mehinovic, Music Director

Featured Vocalists:

Anjanine Bonet
Genesis Brito
Claudia Hague
Karen Kriner
Ryan Peter Murphy
Louis Napolitano

Eric Buggie, Announcer

Concert Program

The Star Spangled Banner John Stafford Smith & Francis Scott Key
arr. H.W. Davis

Ryan Peter Murphy, Vocalist

The Stars & Stripes Forever John Phillips Sousa

God Bless America Irving Berlin
arr. Keith Christopher

Claudia Hague & Louis Napolitano, Vocalists

Seventy-Six Trombones (*from The Music Man*) Meredith Wilson
arr. Leroy Anderson

Disney Magic Various Artists
arr. Bob Lowden

Genesis Brito, Vocalist

Musical Highlights from Rocky Bill Conti
arr. Bob Lowden

Battle Hymn of the Republic William Steffe & Julia Ward Howe
arr. Peter Wilhousky

Anjanine Bonet & Ryan Peter Murphy, Vocalists

Intermission

Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back John Williams
arr. John C. Whitney

Journey's Greatest Hits Jonathan Cain, Steve Perry & Neal Schon
arr. Victor Lopez

Louis Napolitano, Vocalist

A Tribute to Henry Mancini

Henry Mancini
arr. Calvin Custer

At Last

Harry Warren & Mack Gordon
arr. Dave Wolpe
Karen Kriner, Vocalist

American Patrol

Frank White Meacham
arr. Jerry Gray for the Glenn Miller Orchestra

God Bless the USA

Lee Greenwood
arr. Keith Christopher
Claudia Hague & Louis Napolitano, Vocalists

Armed Forces Salute

Various Artists
arr. Bob Lowden
Anjanine Bonet & Ryan Peter Murphy, Vocalists

America The Beautiful

Samuel A. Ward & Katharine L. Bates
arr. Carmen Dragon
Anjanine Bonet, Claudia Hague, Ryan Peter Murphy &
Louis Napolitano, Vocalists



The Philadelphia Museum of Art - site of the "Rocky" stairs

Summer 2018 Musicians

Violin I

Susan Paisley '04
Concertmaster,
The Ruth T. Brooks Chair

Elizabeth Braddon '16
Kelsey Haugh '18
Brittany Homa '05
Natalie Jimenez-Lara '06
Fred Leng '12
Anna Schneer '91
Frank Schneer '91
Annette Viall '18

Violin II

Amber Knight '16
Cheryl Roberts '17
John Scalici '08
Elaine Zaia '18
Lawrence Zukof '14

Viola

Karen Kriner '13
Margaret Liddell '74
Rolland Strasser '17

Cello

Elizabeth Baldwin '17
Jessica Payne '09
Victor Pickett '16
Jill Pollison '84
Cai Roberts '17

Bass

Amy Baker '15
Nicole Granucci '18
Andrew Muench '15
Daniel Schlorff '09

Flute & Piccolo

Susan Knox '17
Judith Kramer Koret '08
Nicole Siley '16
Dagmara Zeidenbergs '18

Oboe

Terri Bennett '16
Liana Tilton '15

Clarinet

Anne Cory '14
Reesa Gringorten '12
Kathy Muench '15
Samuel Petry '16

Bassoon

Stephanie Buggie '14
Eric Glaviano '17

Alto Saxophone

Ezekiel Daye '18
Briana Wyman '18

Tenor Saxophone

Michael Ciacciarella '18
Sarah Miller '18

Baritone Saxophone

Jack Garber '18

French Horn

Evan Gambardella '16
Will Hartog '18
Sue Mattero '17
Jessica Shaver '96

Trumpet

Michael Cristina '16
Jack Garber '18
Ed Crowder '16
Larry Spector '16

Trombone

Leslie Amatrudo '16
Bill Gambardella '92
Molly Gambardella '11
Bill Gaudette '18
Jose Lara '04

Tuba

David Neider '17

Keyboard

Betsy Goldberg '15

Drums & Percussion

Ulla Heede '18
Paul Kamenitsky '15
David Liskov '10
William Mulligan '18
Chihiro Tsukamoto '05

About the Performers

Anjanine Bonet is originally from California, and has been a New Haven resident for the past 12 years. She can be found singing joyfully with Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus, playing violin in bands with friends, or teaching violin. She is excited to be a part of this celebration.

Genesis Brito is a rising senior at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden. She is very immersed in her school's extra-curriculars as this upcoming school year's president of Show Choir and vice president of the Drama Club, as well as a member of the Honors Chamber Choir. Her previous experiences in theatre and musical theatre include multiple shows in middle school, *The Little Mermaid* (sophomore year), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (junior year), and *Stories I Ain't Told Nobody Yet* (junior year). This Fall she will take on a lead role as Shelly in this year's Sacred Hear Academy musical, *Leader of the Pack*.

Claudia (Quinn) Hauge, Soprano, is honored to be performing with the Hamden Symphony Orchestra for the first time. She is a Sophomore at ECA (Educational Center for the Arts) in New Haven and is an aspiring singer/songwriter, composing songs on guitar and piano. Quinn lives and breathes music, and has written more songs than she can count, which she performs regularly at Quattro's in Guilford.

Karen Anne Kriner, raised in a family of musicians in Norfolk, Virginia, began playing viola at the age of 10 and has played all her life in various ensembles and orchestras. In the late 1980's she attended VCU for classical viola performance and began studying voice. In the early 1990's, she began her singing career as lead female vocalist in top-40 cover bands, traveling the south-eastern states. After taking a break from the music scene in VA, she was excited for the change of scenery and location. In summer 2013, she moved to Hamden, CT with her fiancé Nicholas Souris. In the fall of 2013, Karen joined the soprano section of "Another Octave: Connecticut Women's Chorus" and the viola section of the "Hamden Symphony Orchestra". She serves on both boards of directors and is also the publicity coordinator for AOCWC. Karen is also very passionate about chiropractic and works as an insurance & billing manager in Wallingford. She loves singing and playing viola and feels very lucky to have found venues to pursue her true passions here in Hamden, CT.

Ryan Peter Murphy is a 2018 graduate of Hamden High School and Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) in New Haven. Ryan has performed at Carnegie Hall, NFL's Walter Camp Football Foundation, and the National Cathedral. He has been featured in the world premiere musical "We Have Always Lived in the Castle" at Yale

Repertory Theater, and the world premiere musical "Her Song", written by Jill Nesi and Nick Fradiani Sr, which performed in prestigious venues across CT including the Ivoryton Playhouse, State Capitol and many more. He was a finalist for the Berklee High School Jazz Festival Solo Competition at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, and recently became a finalist for Michael Feinstein's SongBook Academy in Indiana. He also has sung the National Anthem for the March of Dimes, New Haven Open Final at Yale, and appeared in a Hasbro TV Nerf Commercial.

Louis Napolitano is a recent graduate of Quinnipiac University's Film program. He was heavily involved in the theater and arts program at Quinnipiac. He plans on pursuing a Master's degree at Quinnipiac in Interactive Media and Design. He is currently employed as a Territory Manager for Incrediflix.

Vesna Mehinovic has been the Music Director and Conductor of Hamden Symphony Orchestra since 2008. She began her formal education in music by receiving a diploma in Music Theory and Piano Teaching and Performing from the High School for Music in Sarajevo. She continued her Bachelor of Arts degree in Conducting and Music Theory at the Sarajevo Music Academy, and a Master of Arts in Conducting and Music Theory at Wesleyan University in Middletown.

Vesna has been the recipient of many honors in her native country, and is the first professional woman to conduct an orchestra in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She specialized in Conducting at the Academy for Music and Stage Arts in Graz, Austria in the class of Milan Horvat. Ms. Mehinovic has also served as guest conductor for orchestras in Austria, Serbia, and Croatia.

While in the United States, she has worked with several church and non-religious choirs both in Connecticut and Arizona. As a music teacher Vesna has taught in many elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as having worked with college students at Yale and Wesleyan Universities. Currently, she teaches music and directs the Orchestra and Choirs at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden. She is also the Conductor of the Quinnipiac University Orchestra, and Organist & Choir Master at St. Michael's Church in Naugatuck.

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Hamden Symphony Orchestra

2018-2019 Season

Fall Concert

Featuring Naomi Senzer, Flute

Friday November 16th, 7:30 PM

Spring Concert

*Celebrating 50 Years of the
Young Musicians Concerto Competition*

Sunday April 28th, 3:00 PM

Hamden Memorial Town Hall

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Hamden Symphony Orchestra seeks musicians interested in joining the group its 2018-2019 season. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm at Hamden Memorial Town Hall. If you are interested in joining, please visit the link below for more information and an up-to-date list of openings or email info@hamdensymphony.org.

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