

Thrill to Copland at a New Venue - SOPAC

Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland's masterpiece for brass and percussion, used in many commercials and television shows and synonymous with the spirit of America, will be featured on Sunday, October 21, at 3:00 PM at the new South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC). Our first *Discovery Concert™* of the season, *Discover Fanfares*, will probe the special timbre effects and harmonies that make this fanfare so spine tingling. The concert will also explore Paul Dukas' contrasting *Fanfare from La Péri* - then be surprised by fanfares you may have never listened to before by mystery Russian composers!

SOPAC, which opened in November 2006, features a 415 seat state-of-the-art live performance hall. With only twelve rows in the orchestra and six in the Mezzanine, each seat is so close to the stage you can make eye contact with the performers. There are a wide variety of dining options in the village of South Orange for those who plan to couple *Discover Fanfares* with dining before or afterwards.

Discovery Concerts™ are educational, entertaining and interactive, and are appropriate for ages 13 and up. Tickets are \$40, with Seniors & Students at \$32. Tickets may be purchased by using the order form on page 3. ☰

Discover Handel's *Messiah* in Prudential Hall



Hallelujah! One of the most recognized pieces of music in the world is the *Hallelujah* Chorus from *Messiah* by Handel. Find out *why* this music never fails to move us. In a departure from our past tradition, on Sunday December 23, at 3:00 PM in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall, The Discovery Orchestra will present *Discover Handel's Messiah*. This *Discovery Concert™*, complete with audience Listening Guide, will explore the *Hallelujah* Chorus. After intermission, *Part I* of *Messiah*, the "Christmas Portion," will be performed in its entirety, culminating with a repeat of the beloved *Hallelujah* Chorus. The Discovery Orchestra and Chorus of professional singers will be joined by soprano Andrea Matthews, mezzo-soprano Jan Wilson, tenor John Tiranno and baritone Glenn Boothby. Don't miss this opportunity to get yourself into the holiday mood!

Tickets: \$75 (priority seating), \$55, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$15

Seniors & Students : \$44, \$40, \$32, \$24, \$12

Groups (10 or more): \$27.50, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$7.50

Tickets may be purchased by using the order form on page 3.

The 2007-2008 *Discovery Concert™* Series is sponsored by The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation  , Peapack-

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Additional funding for *Discover Handel's Messiah* provided by  and Forest D. Jones & Marda Higdon Jones.

NJPAC & SOPAC have been designed to accommodate the needs of individuals with physical disabilities. See www.njpac.org and www.sopacnow.org for further details.



CONDUCTOR'S CORNER

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George Marriner Maull

Thanks

We all have much to be thankful for, but nowhere is this more apparent on a daily basis than in the non-profit world. We are very grateful for all of you who attend our performances and support our endeavors. Audience members are our primary concern and your ticket purchases and contributions tell us that we're hitting the mark.

Behind the scenes are the members of our excellent Board of Trustees who help to govern, maintain accountability and make extraordinary gifts of time and financial resources. We would especially like to thank six Trustees who have completed their Board service this past season: Kathleen Cree, John Kilbourne, Debra Morrison, James Sullivan, Linda Quinn and Alexander Vella. The input of our Board of Advisors is also highly valued.

All of our corporate and foundation contributors – especially Chubb & Son, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, Johnson & Johnson, Morgan Stanley & Company, The New York Mercantile Exchange Charitable Foundation, Peapack-Gladstone Bank and Wabba Travel, as well as our individual event sponsors, Forest D. Jones and Marda Higdon Jones, Gay Ebers-Franckowiak, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kurak, Mr. & Mrs. Sterling L. Pierson and Rick & Ellen Spingler deserve a great round of applause for making our season a reality.

We would also like to acknowledge our two largest supporters, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for their continuing financial underwriting of our mission and activities. Their belief in what we do, as demonstrated by their generous gifts, is not only financially comforting but also a great boost to morale. Personally, I am very lucky to have such a fine staff to collaborate with in the persons of Virginia Johnston, Jeanne Maass and Diane Lester.

What would we ever do without the gracious hosts of our *Intimate Evenings* and *Musical Gardens*? Likewise, we couldn't function without our volunteers, especially Guy Brenner! So when the members of The Discovery Orchestra and I are on stage performing for you this season, be listening for the big, unspoken "THANKS!"



This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



Listening Courses

Fall in Love with Music in One Day

Saturdays, 10 am–3 pm

Explore the elements of music with Maestro Maull and dramatically increase the pleasure you receive from the music you love. No prior training is necessary for this one-day session with one of classical music's most passionate advocates. Lunch is included. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

November 3, 2007

Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon

May 17, 2008

South Orange Performing Arts Center, South Orange

Course Fee: \$60/Seniors & Students: \$50

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World's Other Favorite Violin Concerto Brahms Violin Concerto

three Wednesdays, October 17, 24, 31, 2007, 2:00–3:30 pm

Presented by JCC Metrowest, West Orange

To enroll call 973-530-3480

Fall in Love with Mendelssohn

Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 "Italian"

four Wednesdays, November 7, 14 (no 21), 28, December 5, 2007, 10–11:30 am

Presented by The Montclair Adult School

To enroll call 973-746-6637

Join Maestro Maull for NJPAC's Bank of America Classical Series Overtures—musical Discovery sessions one hour before the following Prudential Hall performances:

Sunday, October 28, 2007—St. Petersburg Philharmonic

Saturday, November 10, 2007—Teatro Lirico d'Europa: Tosca

Sunday, December 9, 2007—Izhak Perlman

Overtures are free with purchase of concert tickets (call 1-888-GO-NJPAC or visit www.njpac.org).

Maestro Maull will also offer SO Who's Listening pre-concert Discovery sessions forty-five minutes before the following South Orange Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm performances:

Chanticleer—Sunday, October 7, 2007

Juilliard Up & Coming Classical Soloists Series

Wednesday, October 24 & November 14, 2007

Wednesday, January 9 & April 9, 2008

SO *Who's Listening* sessions are free with purchase of concert tickets (call SOPAC at 973-313-2787 or visit www.sopacnow.org).



All Listening Course venues are wheelchair accessible.

Accessibility Statement

The Discovery Orchestra makes every effort to accommodate the needs of individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities for all its programs and activities as well as at its administrative office. Upon request, specific accommodations will be made subject to our available resources. Large Print Programs and Listening Guides will be available for our Discovery Concerts and in-home recitals. Please see a Discovery Orchestra staff member or usher at the concert venue before the performance begins.

If you need special seating due to a disability, please let us know when you place your order.

“Accelerando”

“Why”, you might ask, is “Accelerando” in quotation marks? Because this column is not being written by its usual author. After seven years serving as The Discovery Orchestra’s Executive Director, Hewitt Vinnedge Johnston has retired and moved with his wife Cynthia to South Carolina. Hewitt, a retired Episcopal clergyman, brought a lifetime of people skills – certainly a great asset for any ED – to the post. Not as well known was the fact that Hewitt is also an accomplished pianist, and extremely knowledgeable musician, who also played both the bassoon and the viola.

While carefully nurturing the many personal, corporate and governmental relationships surrounding the orchestra, Hewitt relished our orchestral performances, *Messiahs*, chamber music events, the Viennese Ball *and* our transition to being The Discovery Orchestra. With all of the inevitable ups and downs associated with arts organizations, Hewitt’s natural pastoral touch was always a source of great comfort.

Having retired in June, Hewitt and his wife Cynthia are now settling into their new, beautiful home in South Carolina which puts them within a manageable drive of their son and his family in Tennessee. We are sure that many happy visits in both directions will transpire. All of us at The Discovery Orchestra wish Hewitt and Cynthia the very best life has to offer. You are indeed missed! ☹

News

The Discovery Orchestra is proud to announce that the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) have awarded the orchestra a total of \$80,000 in support for the 2007-08 season. These affirmations of our new direction are also reflected in the comments received with the grants. The Dodge foundation’s chief officer David Grant noted: “...an orchestra whose unique contribution is helping people learn how to listen to classical music” and the NJSCA peer review panel lauded TDO for the “significant public benefit to be realized through this approach to lifelong learning”.

During last season, The Discovery Orchestra was guided through a comprehensive strategic planning process by consultant Addie Backlund through the Partnership in Philanthropy and made possible by a grant from The New Jersey Cultural Trust. This plan for the next three years of TDO’s life calls for five strategic priorities to be realized: increase understanding and appreciation of orchestral and chamber music masterworks; build The Discovery Orchestra brand; capture and deliver musical discovery through audio and video means; take advantage of collaborative opportunities; and ensure financial and organizational stability.

The search for our new Executive Director is well underway under the expert guidance of Trustee Stephanie Pinson, President of the prestigious firm of Gilbert Tweed in New York City. A number of candidates have already been vetted and it is hoped that a new ED will be in place no later than December. ☹



TICKET ORDER FORM

Discovery Concerts™

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Seniors & Students	SUBTOTAL
Fanfares 10/21/07		\$40		\$32	
Four Seasons 2/24/08		\$40		\$32	
West Side Story 4/17/08		\$40		\$32	

Discover Handel’s Messiah

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Seniors & Students	Qty	Groups	SUBTOTAL
12/23/07							
Priority seating		\$75		–		–	
Cur. Orch.		\$55		\$44		\$27.50	
1st Tier Front							
Side Orch.		\$50		\$40		\$25	
1st Tier Rear							
2nd Tier		\$40		\$32		\$20	
3rd Tier		\$30		\$24		\$15	
4th Tier		\$15		\$12		\$ 7.50	

Listening Courses

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Seniors & Students	SUBTOTAL
11/03/07		\$60		\$50	
5/17/08		\$60		\$50	

In-Home Recitals

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Student	SUBTOTAL
Nadine Robinson 11/02/07		\$60		\$30	
Hyperion Knight 1/25/08		\$60		\$30	
Robert Ross 5/02/08		\$60		\$30	
Exit 9 6/08/08		\$60		\$30	
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Artists and programs subject to change. No refunds available.

Intimate Evenings



November 2, 2007
Nadine Robinson, soprano
Discover Song
Far Hills Residence

January 25, 2008
Hyperion Knight, pianist
Discover Chopin
Far Hills Residence

Reservations: \$60 / Students (ages 10-18): \$30
Series sponsored by Morgan Stanley & Company;
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Discover *The Four Seasons*
Sunday, February 24, 2008
3:00 pm
SOPAC

Discover *West Side Story*
Discovery Concert™ & Gala
Thursday, April 17, 2008
NJPAC

Volunteers Needed

The Discovery Orchestra is looking for volunteers that would be able to help in the office as needed with mailings and other office functions. If you would like to help, please contact Diane Lester in the orchestra office at (908) 226-7300, x10.

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