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# Concert Season

2023-2024



Annual Giving

## Wallingford Symphony Orchestra

Phillip T. Ventre, Music Director



[www.wallingfordsymphony.org](http://www.wallingfordsymphony.org)

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*A Sophisticated Cultural Jewel in Wallingford, Connecticut*

### Your invitation to Support the Arts and Enjoy our Spectacular Concert Season

The WSO is a non-profit organization. Funding is achieved through ticket sales, individual and corporate donations, grants and various events. These donations make possible unique musical experiences and bring professional orchestral music to the Wallingford area.

#### Why give to the WSO?

Music heals the soul and brings joy to those who listen.

Donors are the lifeblood of the Arts! Your donation enables the WSO to foster community building through its concerts. It also introduces children to the Arts by supporting the Uria and Johanna Manfreda Fishbein Children's Concert Series, as well as special initiatives through the Elizabeth Mushinsky Mitchell Concertmaster Chair. Your donation allows people to come together in solidarity for their love of the Arts and love of community!

*Phil Ventre*  
Phil Ventre  
Music Director

#### Membership and Annual Giving

Join the Wallingford Symphony Society



Call us at (203) 697-2261

Visit our website:  
[wallingfordsymphony.org](http://wallingfordsymphony.org)



**Concertmaster** \$2000 and up  
Acknowledgement in all WSO media promotions and printed material and 4 tickets to all concerts in the current season series.

**Angel** \$1000 and up  
Acknowledgement in printed material and 3 tickets to all concerts in the current season series.

**Patron** \$500 and up  
Acknowledgement in printed material and 2 tickets to all concerts in the current season series.

**Donor** \$250 and up  
Acknowledgement in printed material and 1 ticket to all concerts in the current season series.

**Friend** \$50 and up  
Acknowledgement in concert program

### WSO Dedicated to Quality Music

For 49 years, the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra has been dedicated to bringing quality music to Wallingford and surrounding towns. Founded in December, 1974, the WSO is composed of a 60-member ensemble of professional musicians. The inaugural concert was endorsed and funded by the Horizons Committee of the Wallingford Bicentennial Commission as a project in tribute to our nation's 200th anniversary. The WSO performances have grown to include not only an annual season comprised of multiple indoor concerts; but also special events throughout the area, including an outdoor summer Pops Concert. A volunteer Board of Directors oversees the operation of the orchestra; meeting monthly to monitor the budget, plan and approve the concert season and organize fundraising.



*Keep the Music Alive!*

to support the Arts  
to honor someone  
for the love of music  
to inspire creativity  
to extraordinary music  
to your community

#### The WSO Endowment Fund

Established by the WSO Board of Directors to support its future performances and to offset expenses and any recurring administrative costs.

#### Elizabeth Mushinsky Mitchell Concertmaster Chair

Established by the WSO Board of Directors as permanent recognition of 'Liz' Mitchell. She was a leader and volunteer at the symphony for over 40 years. Liz was President of the Board of Directors and chaired the Fishbein Children Concert. Funds in Liz's name are dedicated to special initiatives.

#### Uria and Johanna Manfreda Fishbein Children's Concert Series

Established to support a special program that buses elementary school students to concerts specifically for children. Held in the WSO venue, it brings exposure to music programs and provides children with skills that they can carry with them to succeed in school and life.

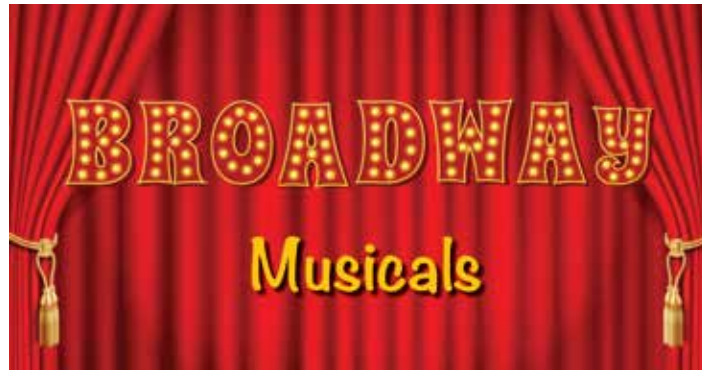


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October 22, 2023  
Sunday 4pm  
at the Ann and George Colony Hall

Our Spooktacular Halloween Concert will feature Halloween orchestral classics and selections from Jaws, Psycho and Ghost Busters. The WSO and The Frantic City Band will perform Michael Jackson's Thriller and ACDC's Highway to Hell. They will conclude with music by ZZ Top, Metallica, Black Sabbath and Guns N' Roses.



March 10, 2024  
Sunday 2pm  
at the Ann and George Colony Hall

Our March concert is On Broadway! Music from the longest running Broadway musicals, Phantom of the Opera, Chicago, The Lion King, Wicked, Cats, including music for Broadway by two of America's greatest composers, Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland.



December 17, 2023  
Sunday 2pm  
at the Ann and George Colony Hall

Our Annual Holiday Concert will feature music from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker and cherished holiday carols and songs, including beloved music from Broadway and Hollywood.



July, 2024  
Sunday 7pm  
on Choate Rosemary Hall Chapel Lawn

Our annual July 4th Pops features America's Greatest Pops, Jazz, Broadway and Hollywood Composers, featuring music by Leroy Anderson, Scott Joplin, Louis Armstrong, George Gershwin, Morton Gould, Ferde Grofé, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Alan Menken and John Williams.



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This year's concert season 2023-2024 begins with the Spooktacular Halloween concert. WSO performs with the Frantic City Band ACDC's Highway to Hell, Michael Jackson's Thriller & Halloween Rock Classics. All performances except for the Summer Pops Concerts will take place in the newly built Ann and George Colony Hall on the beautiful campus of Choate Rosemary Hall. The new building is dedicated to music, dance, and voice; and constructed with acoustics that offer a rich atmosphere for symphony concerts.

October 22, 2023

Sunday, 4:00pm at the Ann and George Colony Hall

**Spooktacular Halloween Concert!** Our WSO concert will feature the greatest classical and Hollywood Halloween/Horror film music. WSO will have a rock band, Frantic City Band, perform with them ACDC's Highway to Hell, Michael Jackson's Thriller & more Halloween Rock Classics.

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July /2024

Sunday, 7:00pm on Choate Rosemary Hall Chapel Lawn

**July 4th Weekend Pops!** The Music of America's Greatest Pops Composers, Hollywood and Broadway composers and our traditional patriotic finale!

### HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Tickets are available on our website:  
www.wallingfordsymphony.org

Call us at: (203) 697-2261  
or purchase directly at:

Gallagher Travel Shoppe  
369 Center Street  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
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**Individual Tickets**  
Adult \$30  
Student \$20  
15 ys & younger accompanied  
with an adult are FREE.



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### Individual Tickets

- Adult \$30
  - Student \$20
- 15 ys & younger accompanied with an adult are FREE.

Please indicate your concert preference and # of tickets on the bottom of this form.



- Please renew my membership
- I am a new member

WSO Endowment Fund Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth Mushinsky Mitchell Concertmaster Chair Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Uria and Johanna Manfreda Fishbein Children's Concert Series Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

My Gift is in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Corporate Gift Matching

Please send your company application along with your gift

### Individual Tickets

Please indicate the concert(s) and # of tickets you would like to attend

- Spooktacular Halloween Concert (10/22/2023)  # \_\_\_\_\_ Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Student
  - Holiday Carols & Songs (12/17/2023)  # \_\_\_\_\_ Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Student
  - Broadway Musicals (03/10/2024)  # \_\_\_\_\_ Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Student
  - July 4th Weekend Pops (July/2024)  # \_\_\_\_\_ Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Student
- FREE- no tickets required

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