

Concert Season 2025-2026



Wallingford Symphony Orchestra

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Artistry • Excellence • Community

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 Manfredo 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!

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Membership and Annual Giving

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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 50 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!

Give 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's Concert Series. Funds in Liz's name are dedicated to special initiatives.

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Uria and Johanna Manfredo 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.





October 19, 2025
Sunday 2pm

at the Ann and George Colony Hall - Wallingford CT

CHERISHED ORCHESTRAL MASTERWORKS An Evening of Orchestral Treasures

An unforgettable musical journey unfolds with Dvořák's spirited Scherzo Capriccioso and Mozart's luminous Sinfonia Concertante, blending grace, warmth, and dazzling interplay. The program flows onward with Smetana's The Moldau, a vivid musical portrait of a river's path through the Czech countryside, and Copland's Appalachian Spring, evoking the hopeful rhythms of early American life. The evening culminates in the sweeping intensity of Ravel's *Boléro*, building to a finale that is both breathtaking and unforgettable.



November 30, 2025
Sunday 2pm

at the Ann and George Colony Hall - Wallingford CT

HOLIDAY HARMONIES Wallingford Symphony of Joy

Let the sounds of the season surround you with timeless favorites that warm the heart and lift the spirit. From *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and *Silver Bells* to the magic of *Home Alone* and *The Polar Express*, this concert brings the joy of the holidays to life. Sing along with classic carols, embrace the light of Hanukkah, and revel in the splendor of Rutter's choral works and Handel's *Messiah* choruses. The evening sparkles to a close with Anderson's lively A Christmas Festival, a perfect musical gift for the whole family.

All program selections subject to change.



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March 15, 2026
Sunday 2pm

at the Ann and George Colony Hall - Wallingford CT

VOICES OF HUNGARY Honoring the Soul of a Nation Through Music

Step into a world of Hungarian brilliance through the powerful classics of Zoltán Kodály, Franz Liszt, Ernő Dohnányi, Franz Lehár, and Imre Kálmán. This dynamic program blends fiery folk rhythms, elegant operetta melodies, and commanding orchestral works that define Hungary's musical legacy. Gifted Hungarian soloists and dancers bring these masterpieces to life with passion and precision. Let the music guide you on an unforgettable journey along the Danube. Feel the heartbeat of Hungary in every note, every movement, and every moment.



July, 2026
TBD

Choate Rosemary Hall Chapel Lawn - Wallingford CT

JULY PATRIOTIC POPS! An All-American Celebration Under the Stars

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a star-spangled evening of American pride. From *This Land Is Your Land* to *God Bless America*, enjoy beloved anthems, classic Broadway tunes like *Oklahoma!*, and the unforgettable marches of John Philip Sousa. Honor our heroes with Armed Forces Salute, sing along to *You're a Grand Old Flag*, and feel the fireworks in selections from the 1812 Overture and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. A joyful tribute to America's enduring spirit!



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EXPERIENCE A SEASON OF ORCHESTRAL BRILLIANCE
This year, the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra invites you to journey through a rich tapestry of sound—from the elegance of Mozart and the rhythmic energy of Copland to the sweeping beauty of Smetana and the breathtaking crescendo of Ravel's *Boléro*. Celebrate the magic of the holidays with heartwarming seasonal favorites, brought to life by angelic choir voices. Delight in the vibrant musical heritage of Hungary through the works of Erkel, Bartók, and Dohnányi. And next summer, gather outdoors for a stirring tribute to America's 250th Independence Anniversary with a rousing program of patriotic classics. Join us for a season filled with beauty, tradition, and the power of live symphonic music.

SUPPORT THE ARTS

Support the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra by making a donation, becoming a sponsor, or placing an ad in our concert program. **Your generosity helps keep the music alive and enriches our community through live orchestral performances.**



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SEASON PASS & EARLY BIRD PRICES



Season Pass Pick-Up
Your printed season pass will be available at the Will Call table at the first concert.

Purchase your Season Pass or single concert tickets by September 22, 2025 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing, secure your seat for a year of exceptional music, special guest artists, and unforgettable performances, all at the best value before regular prices go into effect.

Early Bird Season Pass: Adult \$125 | Senior \$100
Early Bird Single Tickets: Adult \$45 | Senior \$35
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Wallingford Symphony Orchestra
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Wallingford, CT 06492

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www.wallingfordsymphony.org

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