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ECSO - A HERO'S LIFE – OCT. 24, 2015

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The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will open its 69th season on Saturday, October 24, at 8 PM with “A Hero’s Life”, at the Garde Arts Center in New London. ECSO Music Director, Toshiyuki Shimada, conducts a performance that begins with Ludwig van Beethoven’s *Leonore Overture No. 3*. Clarinetist and guest artist David Shifrin will then join the orchestra to perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Clarinet Concerto No. 1 in A Major*. Mr. Shifrin is an in-demand chamber musician who has collaborated with Wynton Marsalis, Emmanuel Ax, and André Watts, to name a few. Following the concerto is the concert’s title inspiration, Richard Strauss’s epic auto-biographical tone poem *Ein Heldenleben* (A Hero’s Life). This work quotes many of Strauss’s other tone poems, and requires a large orchestra to realize its soaring melodies and themes. The Friends of the Symphony are sponsoring the season-opening concert.

Ticket holders are invited to a pre-concert chat at 7 PM given by ECSO Music Director, Toshiyuki Shimada and guest artist David Shifrin. All attendees are also invited to a free post-concert reception hosted by ECSO Board President, Bob Reed and his wife, Mary Reed. Ticket prices range from \$28.80 to \$62 with \$12 tickets available for any person under 30 years of age, and active or retired military personnel. You can purchase tickets online at: www.gardearts.org or through the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 860-443-2876.

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Escape and refresh with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra! The ECSO performs 6 classical concerts from October to May at the Garde Arts Center in New London.

The ECSO offers a range of affordable seating options from \$62 to as low as \$12 for attendance to one concert. New this season, the ECSO will offer those under 30 years of age \$12 tickets in premium sections. Additionally, \$12 rush tickets will be available the night of every concert to those under 30 and any active or retired military.

Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada has programmed an exciting season showcasing the ECSO's critically acclaimed virtuosity and scope of repertoire ranging from Classical and Romantic-era favorites to newly composed, cutting-edge international works. Visit www.ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ectsymphony.

Founded in 1946, the mission of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra is to perform high quality symphonic music and conduct educational outreach programs.

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