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Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra and String Ensemble

Winter Celebrations Concert: December 14, 2015

The Winter Concert will be held at 7pm on December 14, 2015 at Northeast Academy Elementary School in Groton. The concert will open with the String Ensemble, followed by the Youth Orchestra. Two of the Youth Orchestra musicians will be performing solos as well. Highlights will include music by Tchaikovsky, Handel, and Mozart. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door. **Shannon Stevenson**, Music Director/Conductor for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Strings Ensemble says, "The String Ensemble students will perform some very exciting and challenging pieces at this first concert of the year. I am so proud of how hard they have worked in preparation for this concert. They are a talented group of young musicians." Eastern Connecticut Youth Symphony Orchestra Music Director/Conductor **Kate Anderson** says, "I am very excited to have our newly formed ECSYO musicians perform at our 1st concert of the season. The students have been working diligently on our pieces that will showcase their many musical talents. We will be performing a range of pieces that feature classical favorites like Tchaikovsky to a modern day hit from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. We are very eager to showcase solos as well as a string quartet selection from Corelli. With a brand new ensemble, these student musicians have been a great joy to work with and we are all thrilled to share our performances with the surrounding community."

Windham Falls Estates Performance: December 21, 2015

On December 21, the ECSYO and Strings Ensemble will take the show on the road to the Windham Falls Estates, a senior living community in Groton. This is an opportunity for the String Ensemble & ECYSO musicians to share their musical talents with their local community. Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra board President **Shelly K. Wilson** comments, "This performance will allow our musicians to witness the joy music can bring. Often we perform for family and friends, so it will be a treat to share our concert with a broader audience." The concert is from 6:30-7:30pm.

Audition information: January 4, 2016

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra and String Ensemble will hold auditions on January 4, 2016. These auditions are open to all students in grades 3-12 (3-6 is for string ensemble, 7-12 is for ECSYO). All students are asked to perform a short musical excerpt and to meet with the conductors. The ECSYO and String Ensemble are always looking for new members to build the wonderful orchestra program. Rehearsals will be every Monday evening at the Northeast Academy School, Groton from 6:30-8:30pm. Please visit www.ecsyo.com for more details.

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra 15-16 Season general copy:

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.

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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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