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ECSO - THE SOUNDS OF WINTER - Jan 9, 2016

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### **The Sounds of Winter**

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, continues its 69th season on Saturday January 9, 2016 at 8 PM with "The Sounds of Winter", at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Composer Polina Nazaykinskaya demonstrates her ability to sonically conjure imagery of a winter Russian village with her work, *Winter Bells*. The renowned violinist and St. Louis Symphony concertmaster David Halen joins the ECSO to end the first half in a performance of one of the most iconic works of the violin repertoire, the *Violin Concerto op. 77* by Johannes Brahms. The evening's finale is the rarely performed symphonic masterpiece, *Symphony No. 1* by Vasily Kalinnikov. The concert is sponsored by Chelsea Groton Bank and Dominion.

Ticket holders are invited to a pre-concert chat sponsored by The Friends of the Symphony at 7 PM given by ECSO Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada, composer Polina Nazaykinskaya, and guest artist David Halen. Ticket prices range from \$28 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](http://www.gardearts.org) or through the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 860-443-2876.

### **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.

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](http://www.ectsymphony.com) for more information and follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ectsymphony](http://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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