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ECSO – HEART-THROBBING ROMANCE– Feb 20, 2016

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### **Heart-Throbbing Romance**

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, continues its 69th season on **Saturday, February 20, 2016** at 8 PM with "Heart-Throbbing Romance", at the Garde Arts Center in New London. In honor of **American Heart Health Month**, composer Thomas Duffy appears as guest conductor for his piece *Heart-throb*, a sonic depiction of a human heartbeat featuring ECSO's principal percussionist Constance I. Coghlan. Guest artist Alan Ohkubo joins the orchestra to perform Antonin Dvořák's *Cello Concerto*, hailed as one of the greatest ever written for the instrument. Works of Dmitri Shostakovich will close the concert, beginning with his tuneful *Romance* from *The Gadfly*. His *Symphony No. 9* is light and playful, surprising at times, and ends the concert on a buoyant note. The concert is sponsored by Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and Yale New Haven Health.

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 and composer Thomas Duffy. 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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