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ECSO – SOUNDS FROM FAR AND NEAR

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The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, continues its 69th season on **Saturday March 19, 2016** at 8 PM with "Sounds From Far And Near", at the Garde Arts Center in New London. The concert begins with Johannes Brahms's boisterous *Academic Festival Overture* followed by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara's *Cantus Arcticus: Concerto for Birds and Orchestra*, a composition featuring birdcalls from the Arctic Circle. Bringing in sounds from a closer origin, the ECSO brass section is featured in the *Concerto for Brass and Orchestra* by American composer James Beckel. Cellist **Jung-Hsuan Ko**, the 2014-15 ECSO Instrumental Competition winner is the soloist for the evening in Dmitri Shostakovich's *Cello Concerto No. 1, Op. 107*. Closing the concert is Richard Wagner's *Die Meistersinger Prelude*. The concert is sponsored by **Quanta Services**. 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. 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 or through the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 860-443-2876.

The following evening, the Norwich Diocesan Choir, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus, and the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem, Op. 48* at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, **Sunday, March 20** at 7:30pm. The evening will begin with Mozart's *Ave verum corpus, K. 618* and *Laudate dominum, K. 339*. ECSO Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada leads this Palm Sunday Concert which will feature guest vocalists: Soprano, Sarah Yanovitch and baritone, Maksim Ivanov. Known for its peaceful and hopeful nature, the Fauré *Requiem* remains among the best-loved classical pieces from one of the most influential French composers. This concert is generously sponsored by **Savings Institute Bank & Trust**. Tickets to this concert are available through the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 860-443-2876 and will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free to children 17 and under. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen.

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 for more information and follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ectsymphony.

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