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ECSO – CROWNING GLORY – April 30, 2016

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The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, concludes its 69th season on Saturday April 30, 2016 at 8 PM with "Crowning Glory", at the Garde Arts Center in New London. The ECSO season finale features many works of royal occasion, and begins with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Coronation March*. Guest Steinway artist **Eva Virsik** is featured in Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 19*, which Mozart himself played at Leopold II of Austria's coronation. Performed at every British coronation since 1727, George Frideric Handel's *Zadok the Priest* from *Coronation Anthem* follows. Closing the concert in grand style is Edward Elgar's *Coronation Ode*, which contains a lyrical version of the graduation staple Pomp and Circumstance. The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus unites with soloists Sarah Yanovitch, Caroline O'Dwyer, Terrence B. Fay, and Brian Vu to perform Elgar's sweeping masterpiece. The concert is sponsored by **Olde Mistick Village** and **The Washington Trust Company**.

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.

ENCORE PERFORMANCE OF THE TROMBONES:

Called the "boiler room of the ECSO" by The Day for their consistent excellence in major works for orchestra, **The Trombones of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra** (TECSO) return to the recital stage on **Wednesday, April 27 at 1pm** with "*Follow the Lieder*" at the Waterford Community Center. *Lieder*, German for songs, spotlights choral music by Haydn, Brahms, Schubert, Mendelssohn, and Peeters with four trombones. Featuring **Mark Weaver, Terrence Fay, Victor Johnson, and Wesley Mayhew**, this trombone quartet has performed recitals across the state of Connecticut. Their repertoire ranges from transcriptions of works by the great masters, to original works for four trombones. Critics have said that a performance by TECSO takes the listener on a journey to explore the broad range of sonorities that can only be accomplished by the voices of four trombones. This recital concert is sponsored by Waterford Senior Services and the Waterford Women's Club and is **free and open to the public**. The Waterford Community Center is located at 24 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT 06385, United States.

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.

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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