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The ECSO kicks off the 2017-18 season with a concert full of revolutionary sounds. Richard Wagner's *Tannhäuser Overture* is representative of the composer's visionary impact upon opera with his "total work of art" philosophy. Following, acclaimed pianist and Steinway Artist Mark Markham takes to the stage to perform Sergei Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. This concerto is considered a revolution in and of itself as the soloist and orchestra both play important roles in its performance. After the first half, the concert concludes with Ludwig van Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3*. Beethoven subtitled this work *Eroica* (heroic), and it was originally dedicated to Napoleon Bonaparte. Musically, this symphony stretched the parameters of the Classical era, to make way for the Romantic period. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Symphony.

Ticket holders are invited to a pre-concert chat at 7 PM given by ECSO Music Director, Toshiyuki Shimada and guest artist Mark Markham. All attendees are also invited to a free post-concert reception hosted by Toshiyuki Shimada and board member John Anthony. 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.

**17-18 Season general copy:**

We are beyond excited to announce our 71st season's lineup, curated by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada. Exquisite soloists from near, far, and within our very own orchestra ranks will take the stage next year. The chosen programs will continue to highlight the orchestral excellence that has become synonymous with the ECSO. Major repertoire selections include Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3 (Eroica)*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and Mahler's *Symphony No. 5* among many others. Our season comes to a ravishing close through a celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th Anniversary with a concert presentation of *Candide*, a collaborative project uniting our artistic community for a presentation like no other in the region.

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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. The ECSO will continue to offer those under 30 years of age and active or retired military members \$12 tickets in premium sections. Patrons can also take advantage of the Pick 4 subscription, which enables people to schedule our concerts around their busy lives.

*Founded in 1946, the mission of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.*