

LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WELCOMES RETURNING MUSIC DIRECTOR ISTVAN JARAY AT FIRST REHEARSAL OF 48TH SEASON

Musicians of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra (LSO) gathered last week to hold their first rehearsal of the season and to welcome returning music director and principal conductor Istvan Jaray. A reception following the rehearsal was hosted by the LSO Board of Trustees.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Jaray's appointment to the LSO. A conductor of international reputation, Jaray, who was born in Hungary, studied with Zoltan Kodaly and Gyorgy Ligety at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, and with Sir Adrian Boult at the Royal Academy of Music in London. His distinguished career has included guest conducting appearances with the Symphonies of Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, Baton Rouge, the Brussels Radio Symphony, the Orchestra Sinfonica de Sanremo in Italy, the North Bay and Victoria Symphony in Canada, the Pittsburgh Opera Theater, and Wisconsin and Milwaukee Ballets. Jaray is also music director and principal conductor of the Johnstown (Pennsylvania) Symphony Orchestra and Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

For the opening concert of the 2004-2005 season, "Grandeur and Romance," Jaray and the LSO will perform Wagner's Overture to *Rienzi*, Bruch's Violin Concerto in G Minor and Franck's Symphony in D. The event will be held on Sunday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Livingston High School. Three other concerts will be offered during the season: the annual young people's concert on February 6, a spring concert on April 2, and the final concert of the season, "A Night at the Opera," on May 21. Season passes at a discount are available from LSO co-president Punam Bhargava at Prudential New Jersey Properties in Livingston, 973-992-6363.

Musicians interested in joining the LSO, including proficient high school and college students, may call (973) 635-8656. Percussionists and cellists are needed, but there is a need for other instrumentalists well. The LSO, a volunteer music organization of outstanding reputation, is now entering its 48th season.

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