

LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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ASHLEY KIM, 12, WILL BE SOLOIST WITH LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT ON JANUARY 28

Twelve-year-old virtuoso violinist Ashley Kim will be soloist with the Livingston Symphony Orchestra (LSO) at a young people's concert, "Famous Heroes and Villains," on Sunday, January 28. The event, under the direction of guest conductor Michael Stratechuk, will be held at 2 p.m. at Livingston High School auditorium and will feature music associated with fictional and legendary figures – from Harry Potter, Superman and James Bond to William Tell and Hansel and Gretel. Other works to be performed include Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, selections from *Star Wars* and "March to the Scaffold" from Hector Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*. Stratechuk, who regularly conducts the Metropolitan Orchestra of New Jersey, will speak with the audience about a program he describes as "a fantastic voyage" in which selections from both the classical and popular repertoire will be explored. Children, who must be accompanied by an adult, will be admitted free of charge.

Soloist Ashley (Ji-Soo) Kim, who will be heard with the LSO in a performance of the first movement of Edouard Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnol*, began her violin studies at the age of five and made her concerto debut at nine performing Haydn's Violin Concerto in G Major. Her early teachers included Zolan Jakovic and Nam Cheol. She has also performed at a master class with violinist Philip Setzer. Since 2005, Kim has been a student of respected violin pedagogue Naoka Tanaka at The Juilliard School. Her playing has been praised for its gracefulness, color, expressive temperament and projection in performance. The young artist frequently performs in duo-recitals with her brother, pianist Hyung-Do Kim. She is a resident of Palisades Park, New Jersey, where she is a 7th grade student in the gifted and talented program. She likes playing chamber music and reading novels.

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Tickets for the Young People' Concert (\$15 adults; \$10 seniors) may be purchased at the door. Livingston High School is located at 30 Robert Harp Drive (off of South Livingston Avenue, between Northfield Road and Mt. Pleasant Avenue) in Livingston. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at two Livingston locations: from Symphony co-president Punam Bhargava at Prudential New Jersey Properties (973) 992-6363 and from Gail Lowenstein Realtors (973) 994-4323.

During its current season, the LSO will present two additional events: a spring concert, "Majesty and Brilliance," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, featuring the winner of the LSO Young Artists Concerto Competition and a performance of Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*; and the final performance of the Symphony's 50th anniversary season, "With a Song in My Heart," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. The season finale is billed as "a musical extravaganza celebrating 50 wonderful years of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra." Both concerts will be held at Livingston High School. Additional information may be obtained by calling (973) 635-8656.

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