

# LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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## LIVINGSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL CELEBRATE 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY AND MOZART ANNIVERSARY AT OPENING CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 4

During a season of celebration, the Livingston Symphony Orchestra (LSO), under the direction of Istvan Jaray, will mark its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). A gala opening concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, at Livingston High School.

Two well-loved Mozart works will be offered: *The Magic Flute* Overture, performed for the first time in Vienna only weeks before the composer's death, and the Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, now commonly called the "Elvira Madigan" Concerto. The work acquired its sobriquet after the poignant andante movement was prominently featured in the 1967 Swedish film of the same name. Soloist for the Concerto will be acclaimed Canadian-born pianist Jon Gonder. In addition, the LSO will perform Mussorgsky's popular *Pictures at an Exhibition*, orchestrated by Maurice Ravel.

Livingston High School is located at 30 Robert Harp Drive (off of South Livingston Avenue, between Northfield Road and Mt. Pleasant Avenue) in Livingston. Concert tickets (\$15 adults; \$10 seniors and students; \$5 children) may be purchased at the door. Advance tickets, as well as season passes at a discount, are available from LSO co-president Punam Bhargava at Prudential New Jersey Properties in Livingston, (973) 992-6363 or from Gail Lowenstein Realtors, (973) 994-4323, also in Livingston.

The Symphony will present three additional concerts during its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, each to be held at Livingston High School. A young people's concert, "Famous Heroes and Villains," will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 28. Children, who must be accompanied by an adult, will be admitted free of charge.

"Majesty and Brilliance," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, will showcase the winner of the LSO Young Artists Concerto Competition and include a performance of Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

The season finale, "With a Song in My Heart," on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., is billed as "a musical extravaganza celebrating 50 wonderful years of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra" that will feature works by Rodgers and Hart, Jerome Kern, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber and others.

Those who would like additional information about LSO concerts may call (973) 635-8656.

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