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Happy holidays from everyone at the Hershey Symphony Orchestra!

We hope that our holiday concert is a part of your annual holiday tradition or that you decide to make it a part starting this year.

The season can be so busy and the true meaning can easily escape us in the hustle and bustle. Music will help remind you of the beauty and joy of the holidays.

Thanks to the dedicated musicians and the incredible high school choir from Lower Dauphin High School for sharing their talents.

If you're looking for a gift for someone special on your holiday shopping list, why not pick up a gift card for the Hershey Symphony? Just go to our website for details.

As you consider your year-end giving, thank you for keeping our orchestra in mind. Your tax-deductible donation of any amount is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead to 2024, please mark your calendars for our final three concerts of our 55th anniversary year. We will see you at Founders Hall on February 17 and March 23 and then back at the Hershey Theatre for our final concert on April 26. We also hope you'll join us for our special anniversary gala on Sunday, April 28. Details to come!

Wishing you all a holiday filled with peace, joy and beautiful music!

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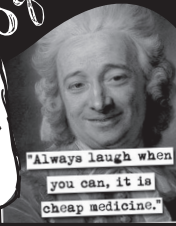
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Happy Holidays!

It brings us great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as we celebrate our Holiday Spectacular.

This annual event has become a cherished tradition in our community, and this year promises to be nothing short of extraordinary. The Symphony musicians, under the direction of our esteemed conductor Maestro Greg Woodbridge, have been diligently preparing to enchant and captivate you with a magical evening of musical brilliance. Along with our talented musicians, we are joined tonight by

members of the outstandingly talented Lower Dauphin High School choir, under the direction of Director Elizabeth Colpo.

As you've all come to know, the Symphony's Holiday Spectacular is a testament to the talent and dedication of our musicians, who pour their hearts into every note and make this holiday tradition so special. This year's program was carefully curated to evoke the spirit of the season with festive favorites that will surely leave you filled with joy and warmth.

Thank you all for sharing your holiday season with us and for your continued support of our organization. It is only through the generosity of supporters like you that the Symphony is able to bring these musical traditions to our community.

Warm regards,

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Maestro Gregory Woodbridge



Gregory Woodbridge begins his tenure as Music Director of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra this season, which will include three Masterworks and three Pops Concerts. He also holds the position of Associate Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and Music Director/Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO). He continues to inspire impassioned performances from orchestras at all levels, student through professional, and has been praised for his exceptional musicianship and artistry on the podium.

Maestro Woodbridge began studying piano at the age of seven and violin at the age of nine. He holds degrees from Penn State University, and furthered his conducting studies with Michael Jinbo (the Pierre Monteux Conducting Institute in Maine); Leonid Korchmar (Kirov Opera and St. Petersburg Conservatory); Ennio Nicotra (founder of the Ilya Musin Society); and Gustav Meier and JoAnn Falletta at the Conductor's Institute Richmond Symphony Masterclass.

Maestro Woodbridge was previously Music Director and Conductor of the Central PA Youth Orchestra, the Wednesday Club Youth Orchestra, the Central Pennsylvania Symphony and the York Youth Symphony Orchestra. In addition to having served as guest conductor for the Hershey Symphony for five years, other previous conducting engagements include, York Symphony (PA), the PMEA Region IV-V State Orchestra Festival, the Lebanon Valley College-Community Orchestra, the Messiah College Orchestra, and return engagements with the Hershey Symphony at Mt. Gretna's Summer Theatre Series. He has also led the Harrisburg Symphony on their Masterworks and Pops Series. Maestro Woodbridge lives in Mechanicsburg, PA with his wife Heather and their two children, Delaney and Liam.

He is honored to serve as the new music director and conductor for the Hershey Symphony and continue this extraordinary 55-year tradition.



Personnel for Today's Concert

Violin I

John Gazsi-
(*Principal*)
Michele Allen
Priscilla Howard
Angela Lansinger
Mike Sha
Laurie Williamson
Tiffany Young Yanelli

Violin II

Michal Peterson-
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Chris Bradley
Deanna Geiter
Arlene Gibble
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Jaci Verghese
Sarah Wagner

Viola

Susan Hoffman-
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Dolores Dillon
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Christina Lacey
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David Wang

Cello

Scott Kuntz-
(*Principal*)
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Leah Hagenbuch
Ian Hunt
Shirley Nolt
Jennifer Reese
Todd Rubey
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"Pas de Deux"

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky

The Christmas Song

Mel Torme, arr. Lowden

Polar Express

Alan Silvestri, arr. Brubaker

Intermission

A Feast of Carols

arr. Randol Alan Bass

Fantasia on "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav" Robert Wendel

Fantasia on We Three Kings

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Chip Davis

Sleigh Ride

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Soprano 1

Nicole Estes
Abigail Foran*

Soprano 2

Amber Abela*
Paige Miller
Aubrey Subbio
Beth Tylwalk
Marina Weidman*
Brynn Woodall

Alto 1

Chloe Chang
Lauren King
Rachel Linnell

Alto 2

Kaitlyn Hoffman*
Sylvia Linnell
Kathy Segura-
Hernandez

Tenor 1

Nathan Wolfe*

Tenor 2

Ethan Ingalsbe
Jack Prigodich
Keshav Thapa

Bass 1

Mason Barrick
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Nikolai Wagner

Bass 2

Silas Howard
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Elizabeth M. Colpo



Elizabeth M. Colpo, DMA, is Past-President of the American Choral Directors Association's PA chapter (ACDA-PA) and serves as Director of Choirs at Lower Dauphin HS.

Under Dr. Colpo's direction, the Lower Dauphin HS Chamber Singers were a 2021 National Finalist for *The American Prize in Choral Performance (HS Division)*.

A National Board Certified teacher, Colpo holds a DMA in Choral Music Education at Boston University, an MM in Choral Conducting (Messiah University), K-12 Certification (Penn State University), a BA in Music & Accounting (Muhlenberg College-Magna cum Laude), and additional study at Westminster Choir College.

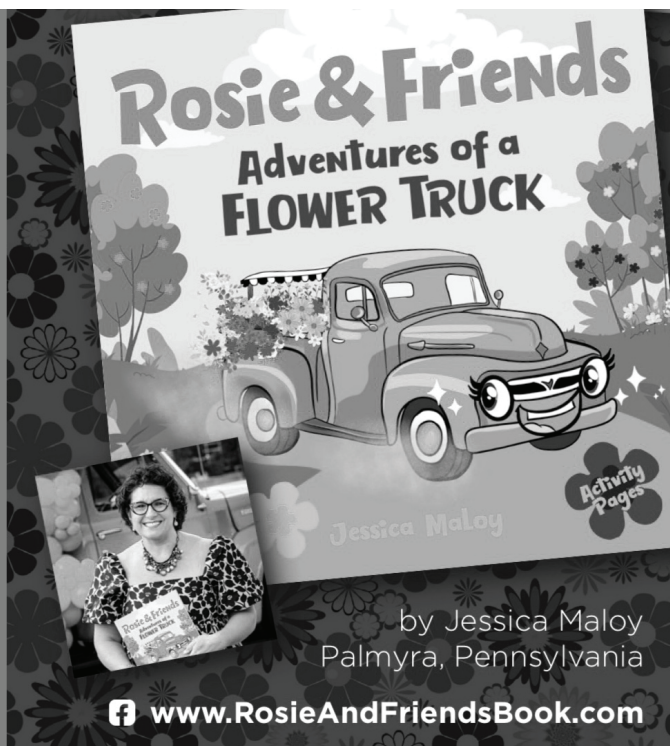
Dr. Colpo has performed as a vocal soloist with the York and Hanover Symphonies, the Susquehanna Chorale, the Unforgettable Big Band, and Theatre Harrisburg.

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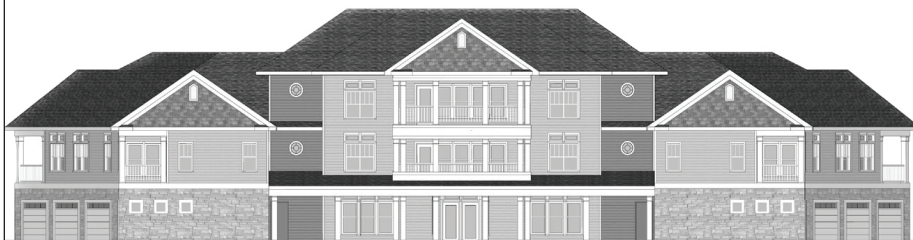


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Dr. Dackow's tenure with the Hershey Symphony encompassed 32 years. During her tenure, the Hershey Symphony became one of the finest volunteer symphony orchestras in America and was invited to play at

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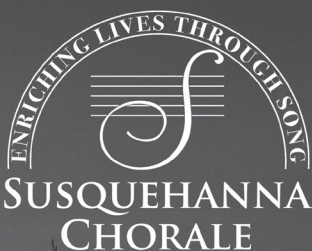
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