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American Celebration Concert to Feature Homegrown Talent



Douglas R. Hooker, P.E.

Hooker in harmony on stage and off

As Vice President and East Director for PBS&J, one of the nation's largest engineering and architecture firms, Douglas Hooker often juggles a cacophony of sounds in the form of contractors and clients and is responsible for producing a harmonious result for every project.

At home, Hooker works at his piano and with other instruments to accomplish the same harmony, as evidenced by his 2006 composition, *Sinai Symphony*.

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Mezzo-soprano Emily Landa will be the featured soloist when the LaGrange Symphony presents its "American Celebration" concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, in Callaway Auditorium. She will perform "Eight Poems of Emily Dickinson," arranged and orchestrated by Aaron Copland.

Emily Landa, a graduate of LaGrange High, completed her graduate studies at the Manhattan School of Music in 2004. She returns to Georgia in her first local performance since 2003, when she sang excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* with the symphony. In 1998 and again in 2000 she won the Barbara Malis Music Award, originated by the LaGrange Woman's Club and administered by the LaGrange Symphony.

Also on the program will be the second-ever performance of the *Sinai Symphony*, composed by Douglas Hooker of Atlanta. Inspired by his trip in 1990 to the Middle East and the Holy Land, this work took Hooker sixteen years to complete. It was first performed by the Dekalb Symphony on April 4, 2006.

Immediately following the concert, there will be a free reception at Kazan, located at 134 Main Street in downtown LaGrange. All concertgoers are invited.

Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for adults and \$5 for students sixth grade and older. Children fifth grade and younger are always free with an adult. While it is recommended that tickets be purchased from the symphony office prior to the day of the concert, tickets will also be sold based on availability at the Callaway Auditorium box office beginning at 7:00 p.m. the night of the concert.

For tickets or more information, contact the symphony office at 706.882.0662 or e-mail symphony@mindspring.com or visit online at www.lagrangesymphony.org.



Emily Landa

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Composed over a span of sixteen years, and inspired by a 1990 trip to the Holy Land, Sinai Symphony is the culmination of one man's journey.

For Hooker, climbing Mount Sinai was "a life-changing experience" that launched a journey which he described as "an exploration of my life's meaning and purpose and the examination of my relationships with others and with God."

While in LaGrange for the LSO's performance of Sinai Symphony on February 5, Hooker plans to talk with students about the profound impact music has had on his life.

Concertgoers on February 5 are in for a special treat as they experience the harmonious sounds that represent Douglas Hooker's journey of a lifetime.



Youth Orchestra and BRASS 5 in Concert January 17, 2008

The LaGrange Symphony is grateful to Dr. Harvey and Eve Saunders for their generosity in making possible an appearance by BRASS 5 with the Lafayette Youth Orchestra. Their contribution also provided for a concert and a workshop conducted by BRASS 5 for students in the Troup County School System.



Fred Newman Highlights Family and Children's Concerts

LaGrange native Fred Newman returns to his hometown as host of the annual LSO Family and Children's concerts.

On Thursday, March 27 Newman and the LSO will perform at Langdale Auditorium for school children in the Valley, AL area. Performances for third graders in the Troup County area are scheduled for Friday, March 28 at Callaway Auditorium.

Newman's visit will culminate with the LSO family concert on March 28 at 6:00pm in Callaway Auditorium. For more information, call 706.882.0662 or log on to www.lagrangesymphony.org.

Join us for the post-concert reception

All concertgoers are invited to a free reception immediately following the February 5 concert at Kazan at 134 Main Street in downtown LaGrange.