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NEWS AND NOTES

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LSO performs kaleidoscope of music from around the world



Lee Johnson



Sergiu Schwartz



Sewell Griffith



Ed Biggs

The LaGrange Symphony Orchestra continues its 2008-2009 concert series, "Classical Sounds from Near and Far," with "Music: The Invisible Art" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 18 in Callaway Auditorium.

This concert will present a kaleidoscope of music from around the world. Featured will be the colorful voice of contemporary American composer and LaGrange's own Lee Johnson, followed by the flowing voice of a traditional Korean folk song and the majestic German voice of Richard Wagner.

Each part of this program celebrates the unique role of music in culture. The concert will open with the second performance of Johnson's "The Spheres 3.6.9" Symphony No. 8, a work that Johnson has described as "a symphony about the world of music." Included in this performance will be violin soloist Sergiu Schwartz, soprano Sewell Griffith, tenor Ed Biggs, the Columbus State University Chamber Singers, directed by Constantina Tsolainou, and the LaGrange College Chamber Choir, directed by Debbie Ogle.

Also on the program will be "Variations on a Korean Folk Song," which features music based on the ancient Korean folk song "Arirang." This music is said to bind together culturally the peoples of North and South Korea. The concert will conclude with the Preludes to Act III and Act I of Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*, an opera that celebrates the wonders of music.

This event is made possible in part by a generous donation from Gay & Joseph, CPA P.C. in honor of Lee Johnson.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from the symphony office by calling 706.882.0662 prior to the day of the concert. Tickets will also be sold at the Callaway Auditorium box office beginning at 7:00 p.m. the night of the concert. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early.

Adult tickets are \$25 for Mezzanine seating and \$15 for seats in the Orchestra and Gallery. Tickets for students sixth grade and older are \$5. Children fifth grade and younger are admitted free with an adult.

For tickets or more information, please contact the LSO office at 706.882.0662 or e-mail info@lagrangesymphony.org, or visit us online at www.lagrangesymphony.org.

Join us for the post-concert reception

All concertgoers are invited to a free reception immediately following the November 18 concert at LaGrange Art Museum - Cochran Gallery located at 4 East Lafayette Square in downtown LaGrange. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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LSO Sponsors Fourth Annual Food Drive

It's time for the 4th annual LSO food drive to benefit the LaGrange Interfaith Food Closet. Help assist those less fortunate in our community by bringing non-perishable food items to the Callaway Auditorium lobby prior to the start of the November 18th concert. Together we can enrich our community through music and service.

LSO Christmas Concert features Choral Society of West Georgia



Make plans now to join us and guest conductor Andre Gaskins on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Callaway Auditorium for the annual LaGrange Symphony Orchestra Christmas concert.

Joining the orchestra this year will be the Choral Society of West Georgia and Artistic Director Bettie Biggs in a program to feature a mix of secular and spiritual selections, including works from Felix Mendelssohn and Leroy Anderson.

Children will especially enjoy music from the classic holiday movie, *The Polar Express*. Don't miss this annual holiday tradition, which promises to be filled with the joy of the season.



LYO performs under the baton of Lee Johnson

The Lafayette Youth Orchestra performed its "Fall Concert" October 27 in Callaway Auditorium. Also on the program was the Lafayette Youth Orchestra String Ensemble directed by Callie Hammond. Here new LYO Music Director and Conductor Lee Johnson is seen encouraging audience participation with LYO players in the background.