

# LSO

LaGrange  
Symphony  
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Dr. Patricio Cobos  
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## NEWS AND NOTES

December 16, 2008

### LSO to feature Choral Society of West Georgia in traditional holiday concert



Andre Gaskins

The LaGrange Symphony Orchestra continues its 2008-2009 concert series, "Classical Sounds from Near and Far," with "Christmas with the LSO" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 in Callaway Auditorium.

Guest conductor Andre Gaskins will lead the orchestra in 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*.

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Leroy Anderson's birth, the LSO will feature several of Anderson's classic holiday compositions including *A Christmas Festival*, *Suite of Carols*, *Bugler's Holiday* and the ever popular *Sleigh Ride*. "It's hard to imagine that someone actually wrote *Sleigh Ride*. It's as though *Sleigh Ride* is one of those pieces of music that seems as though it has always been around; just another wonderful part of everyday life" ([www.leroyanderson.com](http://www.leroyanderson.com)).

Joining the symphony for this special concert is the Choral Society of West Georgia led by Artistic Director Bettie Biggs. Consisting of Bel Canto LaGrange and the LaGrange Civic Chorale, the combined choruses will perform Mendelssohn's *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining*, the timeless classic *Joy to the World*, and other seasonal favorites.

Concertgoers are urged to purchase tickets in advance to ensure their seats for this popular holiday celebration. Tickets may be purchased from the symphony office by calling 706.882.0662 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. 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](mailto:info@lagrangesymphony.org), or visit us online at [www.lagrangesymphony.org](http://www.lagrangesymphony.org).



Bettie Biggs



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## Choral Society is integral part of LaGrange arts scene

The **Choral Society of West Georgia** is an independent, non-profit organization committed to musical excellence throughout West Georgia and East Alabama. Consisting of **Bel Canto LaGrange**, a women's vocal ensemble, and **The LaGrange Civic Chorale**, a choir for men and women, the two organizations hold four concerts yearly.

The **LaGrange Civic Chorale** will perform a celebration of great opera choruses on March 14, 2009. **Bel Canto LaGrange** will perform a spring concert entitled "Southern Serenade" in June 2009. This event will feature love songs accompanied by a full afternoon English Tea.

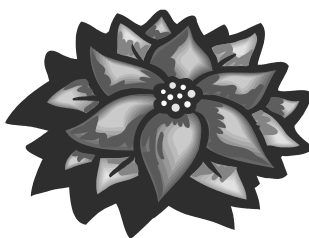
Membership is open to anyone in the area. For more information contact Bettie Biggs at 706.882.2734 or by e-mail at [choralsociety@bellsouth.net](mailto:choralsociety@bellsouth.net).

## Featured artists feted at post-concert reception



Violinist Sergiu Schwartz, composer Lee Johnson, soprano Sewell Griffith, LSO conductor Patricio Cobos and tenor Ed Biggs are pictured (l-r) at a reception following the November 18th LaGrange Symphony Orchestra concert which featured the second live performance of Johnson's work, "The Spheres 3.6.9" Symphony No. 8.

More than 100 concertgoers greeted the performers during the reception that was held at the Wes and Missy Cochran Gallery, a partnership with the LaGrange Art Museum.



## Happy Holidays from the LSO

Maestro Patricio Cobos and the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra wish you and yours a holiday season filled with love and joy and hope for a safe and prosperous New Year.