

**LaGrange Symphony Orchestra
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LSO To Present Patriotic Memorial Day Concert

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The LaGrange Symphony Swing Band under the baton of conductor Patricio Cobos will perform "Songs That Won the War," a Memorial Day Pops concert, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 24, in Callaway Auditorium on the LaGrange College campus.

Veterans of World War II will be admitted free to this special performance consisting of songs popular among "The Greatest Generation."

The concert honors not only WWII veterans but all the men and women of our armed forces. The LSO requests that all past and current members of the military wear their uniforms to the concert and encourages families to bring their school-aged children.

As an added attraction, an exhibition of photographs and related memorabilia from World War II will be on display at the concert. Included will be many pictures of LaGrange natives in uniform who bravely served our nation in WWII.

There will also be a pre-concert picnic at the Nick Allen Pavilion on Forrest Avenue near the railroad overpass starting at 4:30 p.m. No food, drinks or other picnic supplies will be provided. People attending the concert are invited to bring their own picnic supper and supplies and join others for an enjoyable Memorial Day outing before the concert.

In addition to the eighteen-member LSO Swing Band that will perform each song, there will be solo performances by several singers and dancers, all intended to be reminiscent of a bygone era fondly remembered.

Hosting this event on stage will be Dr. Toni Anderson and Lynda Brock. Singing and dancing in solo roles will be Sharon Coffey, Tiffany Drake, John Dreher, Bradley Shaw and Darlene Shaw.

A highlight of the evening promises to be a program-ending performance of "God Bless America," transcribed for musicians by LaGrange College student Chris Owenby and sung by LaGrange College graduate John Dreher.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students sixth grade and older. Children fifth grade and younger are free with an adult, and WWII veterans are also free. All seating is general admission.

Tickets may be purchased from the symphony office prior to the day of the concert or at the Callaway Auditorium box office beginning at 5:00 p.m. the day of the concert.

For ticket information, contact the symphony office at (706) 882.0662 or e-mail symphony@mindspring.com or visit online at www.lagrangesymphony.org.

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