

LaGrange Symphony Orchestra
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Symphony to Launch New Season New Season with All Mendelssohn Program

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The LaGrange Symphony Orchestra opens its 2008-2009 concert series, "Classical Sounds from Near and Far," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, in Callaway Auditorium.

The program for this All Mendelssohn concert includes *Hebrides Overture* in B minor, Violin Concerto in E minor, and Symphony No. 4 in A Major. Sergiu Schwartz, professor of violin holding The William B. and Sue Marie Turner Distinguished Chair in Violin at the Schwob School of Music, Columbus State University, will be featured as violin soloist for this performance.

Sergiu Schwartz's international concert appearances have taken him to major music centers around the globe as a soloist with orchestras, in recitals and in chamber music concerts. "Following in the footsteps of his fellow countrymen Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman, he is a product of the best of European romantic interpretative style and 20th-Century American technical acuity," states New York's *Newsday*, while *Le Soleil* (Canada) notes that "he stands out as one of the best violinists of his generation."

Immediately following this concert there will be a free reception at the LaGrange Art Museum, located at 112 Lafayette Square in downtown LaGrange. All concertgoers are invited.

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.

Season tickets are also available now for \$125.00 and \$75.00. If you haven't already purchased your season tickets for the 2008-2009 season, please consider doing so now and enjoy the convenience of reserving the seats of your choice for all five of our upcoming Subscription Series concerts in a single transaction.

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