

**LaGrange Symphony Orchestra
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Male Choir Joins LaGrange Symphony for Two Christmas Performances

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The LaGrange Symphony will be joined by the Sons of Lafayette Male Choir, conducted by Loren L. Pinkerman, for two Christmas concerts this holiday season.

On Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Callaway Auditorium the LSO, led by Patricio Cobos, will present "Christmas with the LSO and Sons of Lafayette." Sponsored by Batson-Cook Construction, this will be the third concert in the symphony's 2007-2008 subscription series.

On Saturday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. in Callaway Auditorium the symphony, led by guest conductor Manuel Diaz, will rejoin the Sons of Lafayette and conductor Loren Pinkerman for a second Christmas music program.

Tickets for each concert will be sold separately, with reserved seating at the first concert and general admission seating for the second concert. Tickets are not interchangeable at these two events.

The symphony will open Tuesday evening's performance with a jazzy Duke Ellington arrangement of the Nutcracker Suite, followed by Johaan Hummel's bassoon concerto, featuring soloist Constantin Barcov, and Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride. The male choir and symphony will then perform Vivaldi's "Gloria in excelsis," the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*, and a trio of other seasonal songs. The program will conclude with an audience sing-along.

Saturday afternoon's concert will include all music from the December 11 concert except the bassoon concerto. There will be five additional chorus selections on the December 15 program, including an Austrian carol transcribed for strings by LaGrange College music major Chris Owenby, and an arrangement of "Winter Wonderland" transcribed for strings by LaGrange Police detective Rob Kirby.

Reserved tickets for Tuesday may be purchased from the symphony office prior to the day of the concert by calling (706) 882-0662. Tickets for this event are \$25 and \$15 for adults and \$5 for students sixth grade and older, with children fifth grade and younger admitted free with an adult.

General Admission tickets for Saturday's concert may be purchased from any member of the Sons of Lafayette or at Hill Street House or by calling the symphony office at (706) 882-0662. All tickets for this afternoon concert are \$15,

and seating is not reserved.

While it is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance, tickets will also be sold based on availability at the box office at Callaway Auditorium forty-five minutes prior to each event.

Doors will open forty-five minutes before each performance, and concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early.

For more information, contact the orchestra at (706) 882-0662 or e-mail symphony@mindspring.com or visit online at www.lagrangesymphony.org.