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Plainfield Symphony welcomes Jamie Bernstein at 91st Season Opening Concert

The Plainfield Symphony, New Jersey's oldest community symphony, welcomes a very special guest to begin its 91st season. On September 25, Music Director Charles Prince will welcome Jamie Bernstein, daughter of famed composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein, to lead a unique interactive performance entitled *Master Class with Jamie Bernstein*. The evening will feature insights into the inspirations of her father and other great American modernists and the music they composed . . . or borrowed . . . or stole. After you listen to Ms. Bernstein along with the music of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Charles Ives, you can decide for yourself.

On November 6, the symphony premieres its first performance ever of a Mahler symphony. Maestro Prince will lead the symphony in the groundbreaking Mahler Symphony No. 1. *Mahler's First* will begin with the Mozart Violin Concerto #5 with Concertmaster Evelyn Estava as soloist.

March brings virtuosity on many levels as the symphony performs *Virtuoso Variations* featuring the Gold Prize winner of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey. Just 11-years old, Seth Blumer will join Maestro Prince on the stage to perform the Bach Piano Concerto in D minor. The evening also features the beloved Rossini *La Gazza Ladra* Overture and the infamous Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4.

The 91st season concludes with a springtime salute to the best of French opera. *L'Opera Francais* will feature two very special soloists to perform highlights from Bizet's *Carmen* and Saint-Saens' *Samson and Delilah*. Plus, in February 2011, the symphony will once again perform its annual Free Family Concert. Guest Conductor Roger Stubblefield leads this season's free concert in a family-friendly pops performance called *Classical Gems!* -- classical music you never knew you knew, but you know you love.

Season tickets for the 2010 – 2011 subscription concerts are now on sale and early bird discounts are available through June 30. To purchase season tickets with a credit card, visit www.plainfieldsymphony.org. Or, if you need a brochure, call 908-561-5140.



September 25, 2010 7:00 pm

Master Class with Jamie Bernstein

Conductor: Charles Prince

Music of Bernstein, Copland and Ives

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

November 6, 2010 8:00 pm

Mahler's First

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloist: Evelyn Estava

Mahler: *Symphony No. 1*; Mozart: *Violin Concerto #5*

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

February 2011

Free Family Concert: Classical Gems!

Conductor: Roger Stubblefield

Interactive pops concert of classical favorites. Short concert programmed for kids and adults alike.

Exact date, time and location to be determined

March 5, 2011 8:00 pm

Virtuoso Variations

Conductor: Charles Prince

Guest Pianist: Seth Blumer, Gold Prize winner of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey

Bach: *Piano Concerto in D minor*; Rossini: *La Gazza Ladra Overture*; Tchaikovsky: *Symphony No. 4*

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

April 30, 2011 7:00 pm

L'Opera Francais

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloists: To be announced

Highlights from Bizet's *Carmen* and Saint-Saens' *Samson and Delilah*.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

The Plainfield Symphony, established in 1919, is New Jersey's oldest community symphony and the third oldest in the country.

Interviews with the Music Director, special guest and soloists can be arranged by calling or emailing the contact information listed above.

Subscription concerts are held at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, (908) 756-2468, www.crescentonline.org.