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Plainfield Symphony Announces its 92nd Season

The Plainfield Symphony, New Jersey's oldest community symphony, continues to make history as it announces its 92nd subscription concert season. Music Director Charles Prince has another groundbreaking season planned that features a Mahler event, a Spanish guitarist, a young pianist, a homecoming for a popular American soprano and masterwork compositions from Schumann and Beethoven.

The season begins on October 1, with *Bartok/Schumann* featuring concertmaster Evelyn Estava playing the Bartok *Violin Concerto No. 2*. Afterwards, the symphony will perform Schumann's *Symphony No. 4*. In November, the symphony welcomes another Gold Prize winner from the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, this time performing the Shostakovich *Piano Concerto No. 1* with 16 year-old Justin Wong. The second half of the evening features a performance of one of the most well known classical music compositions ever written and recorded, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*.

In March, the symphony welcomes touring Spanish flamenco guitarist Pedro Javier Gonzalez to Plainfield for a performance of the highly acclaimed Joaquín Rodrigo composition *Concierto de Aranjuez*. The symphony will also perform the rhythmic *Three Cornered Hat Suite* from Spanish composer Manuel de Falla.

The season ends on April 28 with a Mahler event that includes a very special homecoming for American soprano Lisa Daltirus. Ms. Daltirus grew up singing in Plainfield churches and now travels the country performing the title roles in such operas as *Tosca*, *Aida* and *Il Trovatore*. With the Plainfield Symphony, she will sing from the Mahler songbook *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* and then join the symphony for a rousing performance of Mahler's *Symphony No. 4*. Before the concert, the audience is invited to join Music Director Charles Prince for a *Chat with Charles* pre-concert lecture and performance. The chat starts at 7:00 pm and the concert starts at 8:00 pm.

Season tickets for the 2011 – 2012 subscription concerts are now on sale. To purchase season tickets, visit www.plainfieldsymphony.org. Or for a brochure, call 908-561-5140.

Plainfield Symphony 2011 – 2012 Subscription Concert Season **Charles Prince, Music Director**

October 1, 2011 8:00 pm

Bartok/Schumann

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloist: Evelyn Estava, Concertmaster

Bartok *Violin Concerto No. 2*

Schumann *Symphony No. 4*

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

November 5, 2011 7:00 pm

Beethoven's Fifth LIVE!

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloist: Justin Wong, Gold Prize Winner of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey

Shostakovich *Piano Concerto No. 1*

Beethoven *Symphony No. 5*

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

March 10, 2012 7:00 pm

Encounter Español

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloist: Pedro Javier Gonzalez

Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez*

de Falla *Three Cornered Hat Suite*

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

April 28, 2012 8:00 pm

Mahler in Song and Symphony

Conductor: Charles Prince

Soloist: Lisa Daltirus

Mahler *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*

Mahler *Symphony No. 4*

Pre-concert "Chat with Charles" lecture and performance starting at 7:00 pm

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 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.