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Plainfield Symphony opens season with special guest Jamie Bernstein

Music Director Charles Prince and the Plainfield Symphony welcome Jamie Bernstein, the daughter of famed composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, to their 91st season opener on Saturday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. *Master Class with Jamie Bernstein* will be an interactive performance of music and lecture offering a once in a lifetime event for local music lovers and students to listen and learn about the great American modernists in an intimate setting.

Charles Prince explains, "In this Master Class we will explore how three great American composers, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Charles Ives used the other's melodic and compositional ideas to both pay homage to their predecessors and to emphasize their own uniqueness. However, unlike a real class, there won't be a test at the end."

Jamie Bernstein adds, "Composers are famous for quoting each other. When is a quote a borrowing, and when is it a theft? Is there a difference? Should we be outraged? Not at all! We should be delighted when the composers are clever about it."

Reserved seats to this concert are \$45 and General Admission is \$25. Tickets can be purchased with a credit card at www.plainfieldsymphony.org. For more information, 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

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

Interviews with Charles Prince or Jamie Bernstein 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.