

# west suburban symphony

August 2019

Dear Educator,

On **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**, the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra of Hinsdale will present its 28th annual concert for school children, ***A Musical Adventure***. This concert is a wonderful opportunity to share the excitement of a live orchestra performance with your students at a modest cost.

Conductor Peter Lipari will lead our internationally acclaimed orchestra in music that will capture your students' imagination – all while teaching them about the sound of each instrument in the orchestra, how orchestra members make music together, and the emotions evoked by music.

Your students will be delighted by the program, which features lively music by Dmitri Shostakovich. We will perform the exhilarating first and third movements from his *Symphony No. 9* and all of his *Ballet Suite I*, a compilation of six short waltzes, polkas, and other dances.

To help you prepare your students for the concert, we suggest the following YouTube recordings: for the symphony, Georg Solti's 1994 recording with the USSR Ministry of Culture Symphony Orchestra (third movement starts at 12:10 into the recording), and for the ballet suite, the recording by the Bolshoi Theater Orchestra.

The program is especially well suited for students in grades 3-6. In the past, entire grade levels, band and orchestra members, and general music classes have attended

A registration form is included with this letter. Reservations with payment are accepted first-come, first served, until all seats are filled.

I hope to see you on October 22!

Sincerely,



Richard Lukes, President  
West Suburban Symphony Society

### Fast facts for the October 22, 2019, concert

<b>Location</b>	Christ Church, 501 Oak Brook Road (aka 31 <sup>st</sup> Street) – at York Road, just east of Route 83. <i>See back of this sheet for more information about the concert venue.</i>
<b>Time</b>	Identical 45-minute performances at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. <i>We recommend your group arrive 15 minutes before the starting time of your concert, to allow time for students to take their seats.</i>
<b>Cost</b>	\$5 per student, with chaperones free (1 chaperone suggested for every 12 students)
<b>To attend</b>	Mail in the enclosed form and full payment. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, based on postmark. Full payment is required to guarantee space.
<b>Questions?</b>	Call 630-435-1055 or write to us through <a href="http://www.westsubsymphony.org/contact-us">www.westsubsymphony.org/contact-us</a>

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## Concert Venue

The West Suburban Symphony has rented Christ Church of Oak Brook as the venue for this educational concert. The Society has used this facility for past educational concerts, and has received occasional questions regarding the use of a church for the concert.

Because the Symphony does not own a concert hall, it rents space for its performances from schools, churches, and other facilities. Performing in churches is a common practice for community orchestras nation-wide, due to a shortage of reasonably priced traditional concert halls and limited rental availability of school auditoriums.

Christ Church provides an outstanding venue for this event:

- Seats over 1000 schoolchildren
- Ample bus parking
- Easy to reach from major highways
- Wheelchair accessible
- Excellent acoustics
- Good lines of sight for the audience
- Low cost

In addition, school auditoriums with comparable features are not available for rental in October, due to set construction for, and presentation of, theater productions.

The West Suburban Symphony is not affiliated with any religious organization, there is no religious content in the concert program, and no church representative will participate in the program or interact with the students.

**NAME OF SCHOOL(S)**

District number if a public school \_\_\_\_\_

School name  
*(if multiple schools are on this reservation, list each school and indicate where primary point of contact works)*

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School location/phone  
*(if multiple schools are on this reservation, give information for the school where primary point of contact works)*

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City / zip \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY CONTACT FOR THIS RESERVATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work email \_\_\_\_\_  
*(your reservation confirmation will be sent to this address)*

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person attending concert? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKUP CONTACT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person attending concert? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS**

During the concert, emergency contact information for students attending will be available from:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION REQUEST**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ fee for \_\_\_\_\_ students at \$5.00 each *(checks payable to West Suburban Symphony – no refunds)*

\_\_\_\_\_ expected number of chaperones

Preferred concert time: \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 a.m. Is the other time acceptable? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

To help us plan seating, how many of your students do you expect will be in wheelchairs? \_\_\_\_\_

To help us plan parking, please estimate how many vehicles are likely to be transporting your students: \_\_\_\_\_ cars \_\_\_\_\_ buses

Would you like a symphony docent to visit your school to speak with your students and demonstrate an instrument before the concert? *(Note: Docent availability is not guaranteed.)* \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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*Please keep a copy of this completed form for your records. Your order will be confirmed by email.*