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The Waterbury Symphony presents *Master Musician Garrick Ohlsson*

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The Waterbury Symphony brings light into the dark of winter with Franz Haydn-Symphony No. 100 and Johannes Brahms- Piano Concerto No. 2. The WSO presents ***Master Musician Garrick Ohlsson***, Sunday, March 11th at 3 PM at NVCC Fine Arts Center, featuring Grammy award winning pianist Garrick Ohlsson, conducted by WSO Music Director Leif Bjaland.

Since his triumph as winner of the 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition, pianist Garrick Ohlsson has established himself worldwide as a musician of magisterial interpretive and technical prowess. Although long regarded as one of the world's leading exponents of the music of Frédéric Chopin, Mr. Ohlsson commands an enormous repertoire, which ranges over the entire piano literature. Mr. Ohlsson has come to be noted for his masterly performances of the works of Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert, as well as the Romantic repertoire.

The program opens with Haydn's 100th symphony, which begins with a wistful sigh of woodwinds, but soon gives way to music of joy and exuberance, ending in a literal crash of cymbals brilliant enough to illuminate even the gloomiest of winter days. The program concludes with Johannes Brahms' brilliant Second Piano Concerto. A distant opening horn call invites listeners to enter a mysterious, enchanted world. Virtuosity and profound depth of feeling are required in equal measure in this concerto, traversing a passionate *scherzo*, an intimate dialogue between cello and piano, and a concluding rondo full of gypsy swagger. Tickets available online at waterburysymphony.org, or by calling 203 574-4283.

Concert Details

Master Musician Garrick Ohlsson

Leif Bjaland, *Conductor* / Garrick Ohlsson, *Pianist*

Sunday, March 11—3pm *

NVCC Fine Arts Center, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT 06708

* *Pre-Concert Insights: 2-2:30pm with WSO Cultural Ambassador, Dr. Vincent DeLuise.*

Program:

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) - *Symphony No. 100 in G major, "Military"*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) - *Piano Concerto No. 2 in Bb major, Op. 83*

Garrick Ohlsson, *Piano*

Tickets & Subscriptions

Single tickets start at \$20, with special discounts available to seniors, students, groups, and children. Subscribers enjoy exclusive benefits all season long, with flexible packages beginning at just \$54. To purchase, visit www.waterburysymphony.org, or call 203-574-4283.

About Waterbury Symphony Orchestra

Founded in May 1938 under the direction of Maestro Mario DiCecco, the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) has spent the past several decades promoting the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of symphonic and orchestral music. Originally incorporated as the Waterbury Civic Orchestra (1940), the Symphony and its mission have grown in both vision and artistic merit, expanding from a community orchestra to the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (1956). The WSO has been led by Music Director and Conductor Leif Bjaland since 1994.

The WSO builds connections across the region with exploratory concerts, events, and educational programs. The WSO maintains a firm commitment to produce programs that are of value to its patrons, participants and community partners. This commitment is rooted in the Symphony's core belief that music education and shared cultural experiences are essential to creating community.

The WSO has been Orchestra-in-Residence at Naugatuck Valley Community College since 1992.

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