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The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra Kicks Off 80th Season

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Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) kicks off its 80th anniversary on Saturday, September 23, 8pm, at Naugatuck Valley Community College Fine Arts Center, under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Leif Bjaland. The Opening Night concert of the 2017-2018 Season, *Romantic Virtuosity*, showcases some of the most beloved works from the Romantic era in Western classical music, with Dvořák's *Carnival Overture*, Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*, and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. Acclaimed violinist Natasha Korsakova brings her special brand of artistry as the soloist in the Tchaikovsky. No stranger to the WSO, Korsakova has been hailed as one of most popular violinists of her generation, with the German newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung* describing her ability to play the violin as a "sinfully beautiful listening experience." Korsakova will also appear in recital at the Mark Twain House & Museum on Thursday, September 28, 6pm, as part of *Music in Great Spaces*, a new WSO performance series that presents music in architecturally exceptional spaces throughout the region.

Concert Details

Romantic Virtuosity

Leif Bjaland, *Conductor*

Saturday, September 23—8pm*

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

* *Pre-Concert Lecture from 7-7:30pm, with WSO Cultural Ambassador, Dr. Vincent DeLuise.*

Dvořák: *Carnival Overture*

Tchaikovsky: *Violin Concerto*

Natasha Korsakova, *Violin*

Elgar: *Enigma Variations*

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 our 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 the study of musical instruments and participation in musical performance is essential to creating community.

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

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