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**The Waterbury Symphony Presents *Bourbon & Bach***

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Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with its 2017-2018 season, *Sonic Structures: A Visual Journey of Sound and Our Surroundings*

**Concert Details**

**Bourbon & Bach:** March 24, Saturday 7PM\*

Featuring Doug Perry, *percussionist*

Presented as part of *Music in Great Spaces*, non-subscription performances in exceptional spaces throughout the region.

Litchfield Distillery, 569 Bantam Rd, Litchfield, CT 06759

\*Doors open at 6:30pm—performance run time 7pm-8pm

*Refreshments provided by Waterbury Country Club, generously sponsored by Brass Axe Capital.*

Percussionist Doug Perry to perform a solo recital in the Litchfield Distillery in which music by J.S. Bach is paired to the ambiance of the distillery. The space of the distillery will also play into the repertoire. Perry blurs the lines of genre and allows music of all styles and backgrounds to share the same stage. This will include a premiere by composer Natalie Dietterich, specially commissioned by Perry for this performance.

Originally a jazz drummer and vibraphonist, Doug Perry has expanded his activities to include classical percussion, electronic music, rock and popular music. His creativity and versatility has allowed him to participate in a wide range of musical settings, whether it be playing timpani in an orchestra, vibraphone in a jazz combo, or providing original music for multimedia collaborations. Perry holds a Bachelor of Music from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Music from the University of Kansas, and an Artist Diploma from the Yale School of Music.

Nestled in the hills of northwest Connecticut, the Litchfield Distillery is Connecticut's newest micro-distillery. Their mission is to produce exceptionally distilled spirits handcrafted from the highest quality, regionally harvested grains.

*\*Bourbon & Bach Program*

J.S. Bach - *Suite No.3 in C major (BWV 1009)* (transcribed for marimba)

Natalie Dietterich - "*distill*" A unique piece which will be performed using bourbon bottles from the Litchfield Distillery, inspired by the space and process of making bourbon.

J.S. Bach (arr. Doug Perry) - "*Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen*" (BWV 244-3)

Toby Fox (arr. Doug Perry) - *Undertale Variations* (a theme and variations from the wildly popular "Undertale")

Rich "Disasterpeace" Vreeland (arr. Doug Perry) - "*Panacea*", (transcription of a piece from a game called "Hyper Light Drifter")

Rich "Disasterpeace" Vreeland - "*The Apple Palace*"

Olivier Messiaen - "*O Sacrum Convivium*" (transcribed for marimba)

Michael Laurello - "*Rose*" (transcribed for marimba and electronics)

*\*Program subject to change*

**Tickets**

Single tickets to this performance are sold out. To learn more about future performances and events, visit

[www.waterburysymphony.org](http://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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