



the **new** Bowling Green CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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A Parade of Stars for Orchestra Kentucky's 10th Anniversary Season

As the 2008-2009 concert season comes to a close, Orchestra Kentucky announces an outstanding line-up for the 10th anniversary season *A Perfect 10*. The VIP Series, Retro Series, Children's Cushion Concerts, and special event favorites return, plus the new Young at Art Series, for anyone who feels like a kid! There will be great music for all ages and subscribers to the concert series get the best seats at the best price.

Orchestra Kentucky's special events kick off July 4th with *A Star-Spangled Spectacular* featuring special guest Stacey Allen, winner of the first Orchestra Kentucky Star competition. The great music continues at the Orchestra's 10th Anniversary Gala, featuring the 5th Dimension and their classic hits *Aquarius*, *Wedding Bell Blues* and *Up, Up and Away* at a cabaret-style dinner and concert. May brings special events *Czech Mix* on May 15th featuring Antonin Dvorak's masterpiece "The New World Symphony" and on May 23rd, *Hymnfest IV* fills the sanctuary of First Baptist Church with an afternoon of traditional hymns.

The VIP Series kicks off with special guest vocalist Janine Turner, best known for her roles on television's *Northern Exposure* and *Friday Night Lights*. Ms. Turner will be joining the orchestra September 14th for *Made in America*, a concert featuring masterpieces of America's greatest composers, including Bernstein, Gershwin and Copland. The series continues October 26th with *The British Invasion* featuring the best in classical and popular music from the British Isles. On November 30th, the orchestra brings Multiple-Grammy winning Gospel great Sandi Patty to Bowling Green for an evening of the season's best.

On January 11th, the orchestra rings in 2010 with *Bach and Fourth*, a concert of music from J.S. Bach, the King of the Baroque period, Stravinsky's Baroque-inspired *Pulcinella Suite*, Liszt's fourth *Hungarian Rhapsody*, and the fourth movement of Brahms's fourth symphony. The March 1st concert, *Mancini Magic*, will feature Orchestra Kentucky and the OK Chorale performing original arrangements of Mancini's greatest hits including the unforgettable theme from *The Pink Panther*. The orchestra rounds out the VIP Series on April 19th with *Easy to Love* as the Orchestra, OK Chorale, and guest vocalists present music by Broadway greats, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Rodgers and Hart, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The VIP Series will be held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church. Preceding each concert at 6:45 p.m., Maestro Jeffrey Reed discusses the music to be performed in his *Coffee Chat with the Maestro*, sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Formerly known as the regular series, the VIP Series, or Variety in Programming Series, highlights the delicate blend of classical and popular music represented on each concert, as well as the importance of the patrons who make the concerts possible.

The Retro Series brings back audience favorites *Beatlemadness* on August 7th and 8th and *Countrymadness* on November 6th and 7th plus two new exciting concerts. The Orchestra will perform *Christmas Madness* on December 18th and 19th, a concert of seasonal rock-pop favorites including songs from the Beach Boys, the Carpenters, John Lennon, Bruce Springsteen, Elvis and many more. To celebrate the Orchestra's 10th Anniversary, the *Best of Retro* features the best of *The '70s Show*, *Motownmadness*, *Countrymadness*, *One-Hit Wonders*, and *Rock 'n Roll Heaven*. Songs will be selected by the public through on-line voting (visit www.OrchestraKentucky.com for more information) and the concert will be performed February 5th and 6th of 2010.

All concerts in the Retro Series are held at the Capitol Arts Center and begin at 8:00 p.m. Subscriptions for the Retro Series are on sale now so call the orchestra office at (270) 846-2426.

For a fun family event, the *Young at Art* concerts begin July 18th at 6:00 at the Bowling Green Ball Park. This concert series will feature *Heroes and Legends*, a fun-filled day of music at the ballpark including music from *Indiana Jones*, *Superman* and the *Lone Ranger*. On October 31st the orchestra performs *A Halloween Spooktacular* at the Capitol Arts Center featuring ghoulish music followed by children trick-or-treating with Bowling Green's downtown merchants, and the concert series culminates at Living Hope Baptist Church on January 30th with *The Magical Music of Walt Disney*, Disney's best music accompanied by projected stills and movie clips from Disney films.

The Children's Cushion Concerts will return to the Historic L&N Depot on Sunday January 24th at 2:00pm with an entire series of concerts devoted to the instruments that make up the orchestra. The concerts will focus on the string, brass, woodwind and percussion instrument families.

For information on upcoming Orchestra Kentucky concerts and to purchase subscriptions for any of Orchestra Kentucky's concert series, call 270-846-2426 or go online at www.OrchestraKentucky.com.

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