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**WESTCHESTER PHILHARMONIC BRINGS CHAMBER
CONCERTS TO DOWNTOWN WHITE PLAINS**

***Sundays with the Phil to feature principal musicians from the orchestra
and offers audiences a chance to get closer to the music***

(White Plains, New York) — The Westchester Philharmonic and ArtsWestchester (formerly the Westchester Arts Council) team up for **Sundays with the Phil**, a series of two chamber concerts that are part of the ArtsWestchester's Arts @ the X series in downtown White Plains held January through June.

On **Sunday, January 25 at 2 pm** the Philharmonic presents **Robert Burns and the Masters of the Scottish Violin**. The works of the legendary bard will be celebrated on the date of his 250th anniversary with music of the great Scots violin masters whom his work inspired. Featuring lachrymose airs, grand strathspeys, and ferocious jigs and reels from the works of Niel Gow, William Marshall, J. Scott Skinner and others. Musicians include champion fiddler and Philharmonic violinist Paul Woodiel; Susie Petrov, piano; and Anja Wood, cello.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn. On **Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm**, to get the bicentennial started, a Westchester Philharmonic string quartet will play quartets of Haydn and Debussy. Featuring Philharmonic concertmaster Robert Chausow; Eva Burmeister, violin; Ah Ling Neu, viola; and Lanny Pakin, cello.

The concerts are shorter in length than the average musical event, running about an hour, and are aimed at local residents looking to add music to their Sunday afternoon or for families interested in introducing music to younger audiences. The unique and intimate setting at Arts @ the X also offers patrons a chance to get closer to the music.

Performances and Tickets

Sundays with the Phil

Sunday, January 25 at 2 pm

Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$30 reserved seating; \$15 general admission; \$10 discount for children, students, seniors, & ArtsWestchester members.

DAY OF SHOW: \$5 additional per ticket.

Call the Arts @ the X Box Office: 914-428-4220 x223 to order by phone.

Box office hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. and two hours prior to show time.

Events at:

Arts @ the X

31 Mamaroneck Avenue at Martine Avenue

White Plains, New York 10601

Sponsors of Arts @ the X include Entergy Nuclear Northeast, Jacob Burns Foundation, New York State Council on the Arts, Jacqueline & Arthur Walker, The Liman Foundation, Deborah & Alan Simon and A. Maren Hexter.

About the Westchester Philharmonic

The Westchester Philharmonic orchestra, which is led by world-renowned Artistic Director Itzhak Perlman, is the only fully-professional symphony orchestra devoted to serving the people of Westchester County. Founded in 1983, the Philharmonic fulfills its mission in the concert hall, in the community, and in the classroom. Currently, the Philharmonic performs a main stage Concert Series at the Performing Arts Center Purchase College and partners with local agencies to present free and low-cost concerts for all County residents. Its award-winning education program serves over 2,000 elementary school students.

The orchestra is comprised of the finest musicians from the greater New York area and has worked with the world's finest soloists, including Midori, Joshua Bell, and the late Isaac Stern. With a focus on presenting the best music of the past and present, the orchestra places particular emphasis on providing young musicians with an opportunity to perform with, or compose for, a professional symphony orchestra early in their careers. The Philharmonic has become a home for living American composers and has proudly commissioned many orchestral works such as Melinda Wagner's *Concerto for Flute, Strings and Percussion*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

The orchestra is dedicated to inviting and attracting people of diverse backgrounds to its concerts and continues to explore new partnerships with local schools, libraries, and community centers, so that all in the community have the opportunity to experience the joy of a live, classical music concert.

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