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ALL AGES WELCOME AT ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY CONCERT

Maestro Ted Sperling leads rising star soprano Julia Bullock on February 12

17 and under admitted free with paid adult ticket plus preconcert Instrument Petting Zoo!

(Purchase, New York) — On **Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3 pm** at the Purchase College Performing Arts Center, the Philharmonic warmly invites music-lovers of all ages to hop aboard [Principal Conductor Ted Sperling's](#) guided tour to a family-friendly program, perfect for all ages yet fully satisfying to the most sophisticated musical palates. The annual "Friends & Family" concert will feature rising star [singer Julia Bullock](#).

Julia Bullock has been described in the press as "ravishingly visceral," "the evening's most remarkable showstopper," and for her "...clarity of delivery...beauty of sound...opulent and glorious." Equally at home with opera and concert repertoire, she has both captivated and inspired audiences through her versatile artistry, probing intellect, and commanding stage presence. The orchestra will shine in Stravinsky's monumental Firebird Suite featuring 60 musicians. The program also includes Ms. Bullock singing works of Mozart, Josephine Baker, Bernstein and Gershwin plus the philharmonic performing Glinka's Russlan & Ludmilla Overture.

Before the concert children are invited to get up close and personal with the instruments at a **free Instrument Petting Zoo beginning at 2 pm**. Orchestra musicians from the Philharmonic will be on hand in the lobby to guide young listeners as they explore violins, cellos, drums and more. February 12 concert **tickets for young people 17 and under are free with a paid adult ticket**.

General Information and Tickets

The performance will take place in The Concert Hall at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, New York. Petting Zoo begins at 2 pm and concert begins at 3 pm. A pre-concert discussion with Maestro Sperling and Julia Bullock takes place inside the concert hall simultaneously at 2 pm.

Single tickets range from \$40-\$97. **Single tickets for ages 17 and under are free with a paid adult ticket, reservations required.** College student/group discounts are also available. Call the Westchester Philharmonic Box Office at (914) 682-3707 ext. 10 or visit westchesterphil.org. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card accepted.

Open Rehearsal

A free open rehearsal with the orchestra are scheduled for February 12 at 11 am in The Concert Hall. Children and families welcome. Coffee and doughnuts will be served backstage for "Phil Families". Please visit westchesterphil.org for information before attending.

EVENT AT A GLANCE

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Ted Sperling, conducting & Julia Bullock, soprano

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Pre-concert Instrument Petting Zoo. Kids attend free with a paid adult.

Full Concert Program:

Glinka: Russlan & Ludmilla Overture	Josephine Baker: La congá Blicoti
Josephine Baker: J'ai deux amours	Gershwin: Summertime
Gershwin: Walking the Dog	Bernstein: A Julia de Burgos
Mozart: "Deh vieni non tardar"	Stravinsky: Firebird Suite
(from Le nozze di Figaro)	

About the Westchester Philharmonic

Now in its 34th season, the Westchester Philharmonic is the oldest, continuously running professional symphony orchestra and largest performing arts organization of any kind in Westchester County. The Philharmonic's main stage concert series makes its home at the 1,300 seat Concert Hall at the Purchase Performing Arts Center, with outdoor concerts, chamber concerts, children's programs, and special events throughout the area, attracting savvy music-lovers from Rockland, Bergen, Fairfield, and Putnam counties, New York City, and beyond.

Founded in 1983 as the New Orchestra of Westchester under the leadership of Music Director Paul Lustig Dunkel (who became Music Director Emeritus in 2008), the orchestra was later re-named the Westchester Philharmonic. Renowned artists who have performed with the Phil include Joshua Bell, Jeremy Denk, Branford Marsalis, Midori, Garrick Ohlsson, Itzhak Perlman, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Gil Shaham, Isaac Stern, and André Watts. The Philharmonic is proudly led by two principal conductors: renowned violinist Jaime Laredo and Tony-award winning music director, Ted Sperling.

Among the many new works commissioned and premiered by the Westchester Philharmonic is Melinda Wagner's Concerto for Flute, Strings and Percussion, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1999. A new commission by David Ludwig is scheduled for debut during the 2016-17 season.

The Westchester Philharmonic has a rich history of supporting artists of diverse backgrounds and is setting a new standard for how mid-size regional symphony orchestras can have an impact on the face of classical music. Many of the composers whose works have been commissioned or premiered with the Philharmonic come from diverse backgrounds and/or are women. In fact, in just the past eight seasons the Phil has engaged 27 conductors or guest soloists of African-American, Hispanic, and Asian backgrounds. Women conductors and composers have appeared in seven of the last ten seasons.

The orchestra's award-winning education program reaches thousands of elementary school students each year and culminates in a full orchestra concert. The Phil also partners with local organizations to present free and low-cost chamber concerts, as well as to provide subsidized seating at main stage concerts, welcoming hundreds of area residents each year who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend.

The orchestra is comprised of the finest professional free-lance musicians from around the greater metropolitan area, who also perform regularly with the New York City Ballet, Orchestra St. Luke's, Orpheus, Mostly Mozart, and for many Broadway shows. Members of the Phil hold faculty positions at Juilliard, Mannes, Manhattan School of Music, Purchase Conservatory, Vassar and Bard Colleges, and at local public schools.



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THE 2017 MAIN STAGE SEASON CONTINUES

February 12 at 3 pm

Ted Sperling, conducting

Julia Bullock, soprano

The Friends & Family Concert

Glinka: Russlan & Ludmilla Overture

Josephine Baker: La conga Blicoti

Josephine Baker: J'ai deux amours

Gershwin: Summertime

Gershwin: Walking the Dog

Bernstein: A Julia de Burgos

Mozart: "Deh vieni non tardar" (from Le nozze di Figaro)

Stravinsky: Firebird Suite

**Pre-concert Instrument Petting Zoo. Kids 17 and under attend concert free.*

April 9 at 3 pm

Jaime Laredo, violin soloist-leader

Joseph Kalichstein, piano

Sharon Robinson, cello

40th Anniversary of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio

Mozart: Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5

Beethoven: Triple Concerto

June 18 at 3 pm

Andrew Litton, conducting

Conrad Tao, piano

Burgers, Beers & B-flat Minor

Weber: Overture to *Euryanthe*

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1

Dvorak: New World Symphony

**Post-concert Father's Day Barbeque: Burgers, Beers & B-flat Minor*

Single tickets: \$97-\$40

June Barbeque: \$25 adults/\$12 children

Tickets: (914) 682-3707 or westchesterphil.org

Concerts are presented at:

The Concert Hall, The Performing Arts Center Purchase College,
735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY