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2001 Hunter Park Summer Series Kicks Off in Manchester

After appearing together in a sold-out concert at Rutland's Paramount Theatre in 2000, folk legend Arlo Guthrie reunites with the VSO for the opening performance of the 2001 Hunter Park Summer Concert Series in Manchester, Saturday, July 21. Since 1998, Arlo's been performing his most beloved songs with full orchestration provided by some of America's finest symphony orchestras. This is a rare opportunity to see and hear a musical and cultural icon as you've never seen or heard him before.



Jaime Laredo



Arlo Guthrie

"The American Century," a weekend-long celebration of American music, kicks off with the greatest Big Band of all time and concludes with two musical giants of the 20th century, George Gershwin and Aaron Copland. Swing, sway, and dance the night away, Friday, July 27 to the incomparable strains of the one and only Glenn Miller Orchestra. Return Saturday, July 28, as Associate Conductor Anthony Princiotti conducts the VSO in Gershwin's classic, *Rhapsody in Blue*, and Copland's stirring suite from *Appalachian Spring* and Chorus Director Robert De Cormier leads the VSO Chorus in choral works of Thompson, Billings, Barber and Joplin.

The fourth and final concert of the Summer Series features celebrated VSO Music Director Jaime Laredo, leading the VSO with very special guest pianist, Jeffrey Siegel. The program includes some of the greatest Russian romance works of all time: Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmilla* Overture, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique," and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Call the VSO TicketLine for tickets and information. Prices are \$35-\$29 for Gold Circle seating, \$27-\$19 for Pavilion adult, \$24-\$17 for Pavilion student and \$12-\$9 for Lawn adult. Children tickets are free with advance purchase of an adult ticket.

Sponsor of and official lodging for the 2001 Hunter Park Summer Concert Series is Stratton Mountain Resort. Free advance student tickets are generously underwritten by Mack Molding. Concert sponsors are Orvis, Cassella,

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Hunter Park has seating for 1,750 under the pavilion, with additional lawn seating on a gently sloping hill outside, making it ideal for enjoying music and summer in Vermont. All performances begin at 7:30 pm. Gates open at 5:00 pm.



Glenn Miller

FROM THE WINGS

by Eleanor Long

Carole Furr, our box office manager for nearly two years, has left us to pursue an accounting degree, and we wish her the best. We gave her some gifts at a farewell lunch the other day, and she gave us one, too: the results of a recent statistics project she did which proved the geographic epicenter of VSO Chorus membership to be Buel's Gore, near Huntington. As the lone trumpeter who played there during our 50th anniversary "251" Project can attest, it's not even a one-horse town, so I doubt the Chorus will be shifting its rehearsals there any time soon!

Conversation at Carole's lunch then turned to fluency in other languages. With an office manager who speaks perfect French (and "rusty" Arabic, Urdu, and Mandarin) and a new technical director who majored in French, we can boast at least a bilingual office. But the rest of us agree we're shy about our foreign language skills. Carole recommended a glass of wine to counteract inhibitions, and I mentioned that I can jabber away quite nicely in French in my dreams. I've had scads of French, plus a couple years of college German, but "merci" and "danke" are where my conversational comfort level ends.

I guess this doesn't come as much of a surprise to those who know that even speaking English can be daunting for me. Did I ever have the gift of gab, and if so, where did it go? As long as I can remember, I've been the one sitting in the back row and hoping I don't get called on. My professors in college would write on my papers, "Such interesting ideas—why don't you contribute more in class?" but even flattery couldn't loosen my tongue. When I had to go out on stage on the occasion of my surprise Second Oboe Chair endowment last March, Daryl Donley literally pushed me out (from the wings), with the promise, "You don't have to talk!"

There's hope for me, though. I've done two radio interviews, spoken at several Board meetings, and introduced a concert. (All right, it was a youth concert, but it still counts.) Our cable access TV show, "On Stage," requires me to hold forth on camera (not live, but that counts, too!) for 5-6 minutes every couple of months. I used to worry about it for weeks ahead and now I only worry about it for days. It's an excuse to get my hair done, after all, and so far my inner dingbat hasn't peeked through too often....

It helps that my segments for "On Stage" are about SymphonyKids,

a subject near, dear, and exciting. Last time I got to share our year-end totals, which I'm also proud to announce in this newsletter. Including Musicians-in-the-Schools, the Musical Petting Zoo, and Orchestral Youth Concerts, this season we presented 214 performances in 114 different towns and reached over 26,000 schoolchildren—a new VSO record!

Many of you probably suspected that it was only a matter of time until I succumbed to the temptation to use this column for product endorsement. Vermont Pure and Coca-Cola both support the VSO, but recently we had an extra reason to be grateful to the latter company. Evan Wisell, our aforementioned office manager, en route to Brattleboro for our May 6 concert with a precious cargo of programs and tickets, noticed smoke coming from his car engine. He stopped, opened the hood, saw flames, and had the presence of mind to douse the fire with his Coke. Needless to say, while waiting for a tow truck, Evan passed the time cursing fluently in several languages.

This article has been brought to you by Coca-Cola, the Official Extinguisher of the VSO.

Annual Fund Update

We are almost there—68% of our \$200,000 Annual Fund goal is currently in the VSO coffers, but we still need to raise just over \$64,000 by August 31 to make it.

What does the Annual Fund do? Quite simply, it puts on concerts. This source of income helps augment concert sponsorship and ticket revenues, the latter of which, even with a full house, do not come close to paying for a concert. The Annual Fund will be bringing the

likes of Pierre Amoyal, Jonathon Biss, Kevin Deas, and Michael Tree to the stage next season, as well as the wonderful Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 and a truly beautiful Vaughan Williams piece, *Flos Campi*. The Annual Fund also pays a necessary portion of SymphonyKids, the VSO's musical offerings for young people.

Please consider playing a very special part in making the VSO's season a success. To learn how you can contribute, contact Diane Harrison at the VSO: (802) 864-5741 or (800) VSO-9293, ext. 20.

The VSO Goes Hollywood

This year's Summer Music Festival Tour brings the best of Tinseltown to eight of the state's most beautiful outdoor venues June 29 through July 8. Under the direction of guest conductor Richard Kaufman, Principal Pops Conductor for the Dallas Symphony, "Music from the Silver Screen" highlights Hollywood's most memorable scores. Relax under the stars while listening to John Williams' "March" from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, whistle along to the "Colonel Bogey March" from *Bridge over the River Kwai* and reminisce with a tribute to the works of one of America's most popular film composers, Henry Mancini. Each performance concludes with fireworks and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture (weather permitting).

"I am looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to working with the musicians of the Vermont Symphony on this summer's concert tour," said Richard Kaufman. "Conducting great music with a wonderful ensemble in such a beautiful place is indeed a very special opportunity for any conductor. I can't wait!"



Pack a picnic and enjoy the show

The Summer Music Festival Tour schedule is as follows:

Middlebury College Alumni Stadium, Middlebury	Friday, June 29 at 8:00 pm
Hildene's Meadowlands, Manchester	Sat., June 30 at 7:30 pm
Quechee Polo Field, Quechee	Sunday, July 1 at 7:30 pm
Grafton Ponds, Grafton	Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30 pm
Shelburne Farms, Shelburne	Wed., July 4 at 7:30 pm
Hathaway Farms Soccer and Polo Fields, Rutland	Friday, July 6 at 7:30 pm
Three Stallion Inn, Randolph	Saturday, July 7 at 7:30 pm
Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe	Sunday, July 8 at 7:30 pm

With the exception of Middlebury, all Summer Music Festival concerts begin at 7:30 pm with gates opening earlier for picnicking. The Middlebury concert begins at 8:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$20-\$25 for adults and \$5-\$12.50 for children under 18. Children's tickets are free with advance purchase for the Rutland, Hildene, Quechee and Randolph events.

For more information about any of these performances visit our website at www.vso.org. Tickets are available at local outlets or by calling (802) 864-5741, ext. 12 or (800) VSO-9293, ext. 12.

Calling All Volunteers!

The VSO needs dozens of volunteers to make our summer festival concerts go off without a hitch. Got a free evening? Why not join other area music lovers in helping out the VSO this summer.

Volunteers are needed to help with musician hospitality, parking, handing out programs, taking tickets, and general "gofering." You'll get a free t-shirt, you'll get to hear a concert for free—and it's fun!

If you're interested, please contact the VSO Volunteer Coordinator, Allison Greene at (802) 864-5741, ext. 16 or (800) 876-9293, ext. 16 and let her know which concert(s) and duties appeal. Thank you!

Fanfare Online

The VSO's quarterly newsletter, Fanfare, is now available online. Simply go the VSO's newly renovated website at www.vso.org, click on the "News" section and follow the link to Fanfare. If you're new to the internet, e-mail fanfare@vso.org and we'll send you the link so all you have to do is click. See you online!



Second Annual Garden Tour to Benefit Vermont Symphony Orchestra



Plans are in full bloom for the 2nd Annual "VSO Garden Tour," hosted by the Rutland Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 23, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The self-guided tour will feature eight spectacular gardens located in Rutland City, Mendon and Shrewsbury.

The participating gardens were selected for their distinctive styles, and offer a festive variety of both formal and informal designs. From the romance of an English cottage garden, to the nostalgic allure of an old-fashioned perennial garden, to the creative ingenuity of a patio container garden, patrons can enjoy each garden at their own pace and take home a wide array of ideas for their own homes. Visitors will be treated to a live musical performance during one leg of the tour, provided by a talented duo of musicians from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Door prizes will be awarded at each garden location, including gift certificates from Gardener's Supply Company of Burlington, and VSO concert tickets.

VSO Garden Tour tickets are \$15, and are available at Mr. Twitter's Garden & Gift Emporium and Book King in Rutland, Mike's Country Store in North Clarendon and Meadowsweet Herb Farm in Shrewsbury. Tickets will also be available on the day of the event at Mr. Twitter's and at Meadowsweet. In addition, tickets can be purchased through the VSO toll-free concert line: (800) VSO-9293, ext. 12. The event will take place rain or shine.

Funds raised through this event will support the annual VSO concerts in Rutland. The 2001/2002 concert schedule includes a Summer Pops Concert on July 6, the Made in Vermont Music Festival on October 5, a Holiday Pops Concert on December 16, and a Spring Concert on May 5.

For more general information about the 2001 VSO Garden Tour, call Mr. Twitter's at (802) 773-0795.



The VSO Presents the Three Bs, Times Two..

But we're not talkin' about Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. On Sunday, August 12, and Friday, August 24, the VSO will present its first annual "Bluegrass, Brew and Barbecue" events. On August 12, Banjo Dan and the Mid-Nite Plowboys will perform at Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington. Join us from 4:00 to 7:00 pm for a barbecue buffet and a tasting of local microbrews. Golfing contests, symphony style, will also be offered.

Vermont National County Club, located at 1227 Dorset Street in South Burlington, is the perfect setting for a sweet bluegrass performance and a scrumptious barbecue (including chicken, burgers, and more). Microbrews from Long Trail Brewing Company will be featured in the tasting. Iced tea and soda will also be available. Tickets are \$45 per person. This event is made possible by the Region 1 Friends of the VSO. For tickets or more information, contact Diane Harrison at the VSO: (802) 864-5741 or (800) VSO-9293, ext. 20.

Up north, the Region III (North Country) Board of Trustees is going to have its hands full this coming fall, with four events scheduled for their area: Made in Vermont, SymphonyKids, Messiah, and Holiday Pops. A kickoff event is definitely in order! On Friday, August 24, we will reprise the "Three Bs" with a party at the Gateway Center in Newport at 6:00 pm. Entertainment will include a bluegrass band, cookout fare from Mulligan's Restaurant and a variety of brews. The evening will also include a 50/50 raffle and doorprizes. To make a reservation for the evening (tickets are \$25 per person) please call Carolyn Lyster at (802) 744-6839 by August 17. All proceeds go to support VSO programs in the North Country.



We're Holding Your Seats

The best seats in the house are waiting for you! Your Vermont Symphony Orchestra is celebrating a new era of excellence under the artistic leadership team of Music Director Jaime Laredo, Associate Conductor Anthony Princiotti and VSO Chorus Director Robert De Cormier.

The VSO's 2001/2002 Flynn Season offers three subscription alternatives that are sure to fit anyone's busy schedule. In addition to the two-concert "New Attitudes" and the five-concert "Masterworks" options, you may also choose a new mixed-series subscription — two Friday "New Attitudes" performances and three Saturday "Masterworks" concerts at the same discounted "Masterworks" price.

A spectacular line-up of artists and repertoire awaits you.

2 0 0	<p>Saturday, October 13, 8:00 pm Jaime Laredo, conductor Pierre Amoyal, violinist VIVALDI Concerto for Two Violins in a minor SAINT-SAENS Violin Concerto No. 3 in b minor RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2 in e minor</p>	<p>Saturday, December 1, 8:00 pm Anthony Princiotti, conductor Louise De Cormier, narrator VSO Women's Chorus COPLAND Appalachian Spring Suite MENDELSSOHN Midsummer Night's Dream</p>
	<p>Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, 8:00 pm Jaime Laredo, conductor Jonathon Biss, pianist BEETHOVEN Coriolan Overture BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4 BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5</p>	<p>Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, 8:00 pm Robert De Cormier, conductor Janice Chandler, soprano Kevin Deas, baritone VSO Chorus BRAHMS A German Requiem</p>
	<p>Saturday, May 4, at 8:00 pm Jaime Laredo, conductor Michael Tree, violist Members of VSO Chorus ZWILICH Concerto Grosso V. WILLIAMS Flos Campi BERLIOZ Harold in Italy</p>	

Many of these concerts are sure to be sell-outs. Order your tickets today. "Masterworks" and mixed-concert subscriptions range in price from \$157 to \$38; "New Attitudes" from \$63 to \$15. Don't forget the "Masterworks" Series student subscriber rate — for only \$25, you can now share five nights of great music with your children or grandchildren!

Subscribers can also reserve tickets now for two traditional sell-out performances: the VSO's July 4th concert at Shelburne Farms and December 15 Holiday Pops at the Flynn.



Take a Pass at a Passat!

Want to get a great deal on a new car *and* help the VSO? The VSO is raffling a 2001 VW Passat. Proceeds will be used to support VSO programs and educational outreach. Only 500 raffle tickets will be sold! The drawing will take place on October 7 at the Made in Vermont Music Festival finale concert at St. Michael's College Recital Hall in Colchester, VT. You don't have to be present to win.



Tickets are available at VSO Summer Festival, Hunter Park and Made in Vermont concerts and at the VSO office, or by calling (800) VSO-9293, ext. 12.

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