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WHARTON ARTS GALAXIES OF JOY: THE PLANETS IN CONCERT

Wharton Arts' New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS) invites audiences to journey across the cosmos at Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on the UCPAC's Main Stage in Rahway, New Jersey. A Celestial Celebration Featuring Holst's The Planets with NASA Visuals and a World Premiere by NJYS Composer Oliver Kahng.

Led by Artistic Director & Principal Conductor Helen H. Cha-Pyo, this spectacular concert features Gustav Holst's iconic orchestral suite, The Planets, accompanied by stunning, highdefinition NASA imagery from the NASA Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS). As the symphony journeys through Mars, Venus, Jupiter, and beyond, vivid visuals drawn from space telescope data and interplanetary missions will illuminate the music's grandeur—transforming the concert hall into a breathtaking voyage through the solar system. (Video credit: NASA's Visualization Scientific Studio, svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/12880.)

Adding to the excitement, the program includes the world premiere of PLUTO: The Gatekeeper to the Underworld by Oliver Kahng, a senior at Regis High School and a member of the NJYS Youth Symphony. Kahng's original composition offers a contemporary continuation to Holst's planetary suite, inspired by Pluto's mythological and astronomical legacy.

Said Cha-Pyo, "At this magical time of year, there's no better gift to share with family and friends than The Planets, one of the most beloved works in the symphonic repertoire, brought to life with breathtaking NASA visuals and the remarkable artistry of our NJYS Youth Symphony. This concert celebrates the wonder that connects music and imagination, featuring Pluto, a new work by one of our own student composers. I invite you to join us on a truly inspiring journey through sound and creativity.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for students and seniors, available at UCPAC.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible. high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive



(above) NJYS Youth Symphony, conducted by Helen H. Cha-Pyo, will present Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert will be presented on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at UCPAC's Main Stage, Rahway, NJ. Tickets available at: UCPAC.org

Courtesy Photo

communities.

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3-12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.



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On Saturday December 13, 2025 Santa Claus will be delivering presents with the assistance of the New Providence Volunteer Fire Department! He will deliver presents by way of our Fire Engines to your home for participating members of the New Providence community.

In order to participate, presents must be dropped off in advance at our Headquarters, located at 175 Floral Ave., on Wednesday 12/3 between 7 - 8 p.m., or Saturday, December 6th between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Presented by the Learned Kindred of Currie, the beloved concert celebrates Scotland and Ireland's rich musical and spiritual heritage through a vibrant program of traditional carols, hymns, and readings that tell the story of Christmas through a distinctly Celtic lens.

Audiences will experience stirring performances by world-class musicians on bagpipes, brass, fiddle, harp, and organ, alongside the majestic voices of the Pipes of Christmas Choir. Narrations drawn from the works of Scottish poets, scripture, and classic holiday literature bring warmth, reflection, and inspiration to the stage.

Over the years, The Pipes of Christmas has become a cherished tradition for families across generations, drawing capacity audiences from across North America and abroad.

Beyond the stage, the concert has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support educational and cultural initiatives, including music scholarships in Scotland, the United States, and Canada - helping nurture the next generation of artists and scholars.

This year's program will feature new musical selections alongside cherished favorites such as Highland Cathedral, Auld Lang Syne, and Silent

Night, performed in the rich Celtic style that has captivated audiences for over two decades.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Boston, MA December 5-6, Church of the Covenant at 7PM and Noon
- New York, NY December 13, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at 2PM
- Summit, NJ Central Presbyterian Church at 2 and 7PM

Complete information and tickets are available on the concert website at

WWW.PIPESOFCHRISTMAS.COM.

• Global Webcast of Concert Highlights to Follow

For those unable to attend in person, concert highlights will once again be shared with audiences around the world through the Pipes of Christmas Global Webcast, premiering on December 19 for subscribers.

The broadcast brings the magic of the live performances to homes across six continents, allowing friends and families everywhere to share in the music, message, and joy of the season.

ABOUT THE LEARNED KINDRED OF CURRIE

The Learned Kindred of Currie is an international Scottish heritage society dedicated to celebrating Scotland's history, language, and culture. The organization sponsors the annual Pipes of Christmas concerts and a variety of educational programs, including scholarships for young musicians, writers, and scholars.



Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert

December 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The Main Stage at UCPAC, Rahway \$24/Adults, \$19/Students & Seniors



NJYS Youth Symphony: Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Conductor

John P. Stevens High School Treble Choir: Regina McElroy and Matthew Lee, Directors

Featuring Gustav Holst's

The Planets and stunning

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World Premiere! PLUTO: The Gatekeeper to the Underworld by NJYS Youth Symphony member, Oliver Kahng.



New Jersey Youth Symphony

Wharton ARTS

Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Tickets available at UCPAC.org

TWO CONCERTS: HOLIDAY TENORS & BROADWAY THROUGH THE AGES



Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors

SAT, Dec 6 at 7:00 pm
The Presbyterian Church, Westfield
SUN, Dec 7 at 3:00 pm
Drew University, Madison

Renowned tenor fare, holiday classics, and wintertime favorites guaranteed to make the season merry.

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WED, Dec 31 at 5:00
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New Jersey Festival Orchestra ushers in the holiday season with two major December performances that showcase the full breadth of the orchestra's artistic range.

Under the direction of Maestro David Wroe, NJFO welcomes audiences to celebrate the magic of the season with Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors on December 6 and 7, followed by the orchestra's signature New Year's celebration, Broadway Through the Ages, on December 31 and January 1.

Return of the 3 Holiday Tenors features award-winning vocalists John Kun Park, Luke Norvell, and Michael DeShield, each bringing a distinct artistic profile to this beloved NJFO tradition. Park, praised for his "radiant lyricism," has appeared with major opera houses across the country. Norvell, known for his "effortless charm and ringing tenor," continues to shine as a rising star on both concert and operatic stages. DeShield, celebrated for his powerful presence and versatility, is a frequent soloist with ensembles throughout the Northeast.

The trio joins NJFO for a sparkling program of holiday favorites, classical tenor showpieces, and uplifting choral moments. They are joined by the Holy Trinity Choir of Westfield and Central Avenue Choir of Madison, adding festive warmth and community spirit to this seasonal celebration. Performances take place Saturday, December 6 at The Presbyterian Church in

New Jersey Festival Orchestra ushers in the Westfield and Sunday, December 7 at Drew bliday season with two major December University in Madison.

The festivities continue with Broadway Through the Ages, NJFO's dazzling New Year's tradition performed in Westfield and Basking Ridge. This year's concert brings together a powerhouse lineup of guest artists: Tess Marshall, acclaimed for her magnetic stage presence and vocal brilliance; Lisa Marie Rogali, a versatile performer equally at home in opera and musical theater; and Peter Kendall Clark, praised for his "commanding baritone and dramatic flair." This year's program also features stars from the Dance Theater of Harlem, adding movement, elegance, and theatrical artistry to this musical celebration. Together with NJFO, the ensemble leads audiences on a spirited journey through iconic Broadway classics.

RETURN OF THE 3 HOLIDAY TENORS

Sat Dec 6, 7 PM
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT TWIN MAPLES - DEC 6TH & 7TH

The entire family is invited to one of the areas loveliest historic homes, Twin Maples in Summit, on Saturday or Sunday, December 6 and 7 to join Santa for food and fun. The weekend event is hosted by the Fortnightly Club of Summit to benefit historic preservation.







Festivities begin at 9:15 a.m. each day with a delicious Holiday 'Breakfast with Santa' served in the beautifully decorated ballroom with catering by 'What a Dish.' For those who can't make it for breakfast, 'Brunch with Santa' will be served each day at 11:15 a.m. All seatings include a children's buffet, adult served meal, photos with Santa, live music and more. This year's beautiful holiday décor features a 'Nutcracker' theme, so don't be surprised to see Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairies and some really naughty mice. Tickets to Santa at Twin Maples can purchased be https://www.fortnightlyclub.org or through Eventbrite. Seating is limited. Pricing for Breakfast with Santa is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Please bring booster seats for children. Highchairs are not available.

The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue,

Summit, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed and built by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style in 1908 and resembles the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers. The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over thirty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women. Fortnightly Club's 104 members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club's website at www.fortnightlyclub.org.



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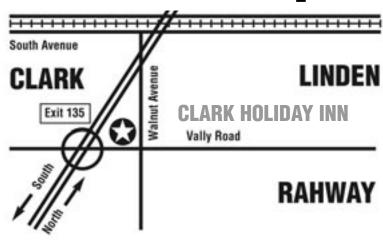
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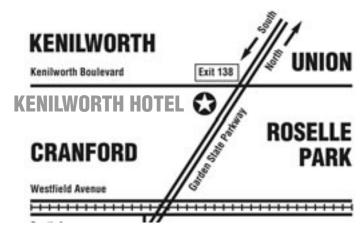
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For application forms, contact Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.

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This holiday musical program will be held in the Conti Family Community Room and is free and open to the public. The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and funds, as well as advocate for, the New Providence Memorial Library.

For more information about the Friends visit: NewProvidenceLibrary.org /about/friends-of-npml



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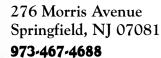
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December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM - Celebrate the magic of the season as Opera at Florham presents its beloved Annual Holiday Spectacular at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown, NJ.

After an incredible turnout at our recent Due Soprani e Un Tenore concert, you've GOT to get your tickets for the December 7th Holiday Spectacular! This concert will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown, which offers FREE PARKING and plenty of room in the beautiful sanctuary—so gather your friends and family for an afternoon of festive music and joy.

Whether you're a lifelong Opera lover or discovering Opera at Florham for the first time, this delightful performance captures the spirit of the holidays through music that transcends generations. From beloved Arias to familiar seasonal melodies, the Holiday Spectacular is a joyful celebration of artistry and community - perfect for audiences of all ages.

Opera at Florham's Holiday Spectacular is more than a concert—it's a heartwarming experience that has become a highlight of the holiday season across New Jersey. Each year, this festive performance transforms St. Margaret of Scotland Church into a winter wonderland of music, where world-class voices and live accompaniment inspire wonder and joy.

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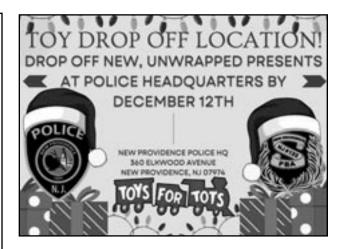
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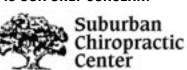
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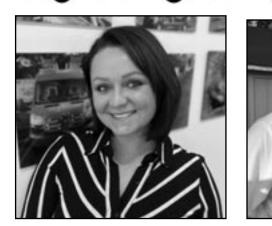


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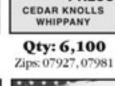
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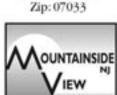
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—2:30 p.m. The New Providence Senior Citizens 11:00am special with presentations, performances, or "special" bingo. For program details and a full calendar please visit newprov.us/278/Seniors.

Wed., Dec. 3 at 11:00am, Club Meeting, Birthdays & New Providence HS Sociology Students Thur., Dec. 4 at 11:00am, Cross-Stitch Craft (register in advance)

Fri., Dec. 5 at 11:00am, Pizza Bingo with Free pizza provided by Spring Grove

Wed., Dec. 10 at 11:00am, Club Meeting & New Providence Middle School Chorale performance Thur., Dec. 11 at 12:00pm, Holiday Luncheon at Primavera Regency (purchase tickets in advance)

Fri., Dec. 12 at 11:00am, Bingo with Holiday Refreshments provided by Cranford Park Care

Mon., Dec. 15 at 12:00pm, Sandwich Making Service Project

Wed., Dec. 17 at 11:00am, Club Meeting & Discovery Orchestra Performance

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The concert, titled "One Happy Family" will explore the different families of instruments that make up an orchestra.

Music Director Michael Avagliano will lead the orchestra in performances of Strauss's Serenade for Winds, Gabrieli's Canzon per sonar septimi toni a 8, Barber's Adagio for Strings and Brahms Symphony No. 2.

The Summit Symphony has been providing free orchestral concerts for the Summit area since 1938. Their 2025-26 season will include 3 performances, on December 7, March 15, and May 17.

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