

Racine Symphony

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The Racine Symphony Orchestra Announces its 2010 - 2011 Concert Season

The Racine Symphony Orchestra is proud to kick-off its 79th Season with the first of two Summer Pops Concerts held at Racine's Civic Center. **Pasquale Laurino, Music Director for the RSO**, will conduct the first **Summer Pops concert on Friday, June 25**. Maestro Laurino is no stranger to the RSO audience; he last conducted and was soloist three summers ago. Laurino will lead the orchestra in our traditional *Star Spangled Spectacular* patriotic tribute honoring our Active Duty Troops and Veterans. Any active duty or reserve member of the Armed Forces wearing their uniform will be admitted to the concert for free.

Richard Carsey, the RSO's dynamic Summer Pops conductor returns for the second **Summer Pops concert on Friday, August 27**. **Becky Spice and Greg Berg** team up again to sing your favorites in the themed concert *Do You Remember?* The RSO Giving Back program joins hundreds of orchestra around the United States with the second annual *Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive*. Bring your donations to help support our own Racine County Food Bank.

On **Saturday, October 23** at 7:30 pm the RSO Presents, *A Baroque Celebration*. The evening is a collaboration between the RSO and guest artists **Choral Arts Society of Southeastern Wisconsin**. **Pasquale Laurino teams up with James Schatzman** to celebrate the return of these two wonderful organizations performing together again. First Presbyterian Church at 716 College Avenue is the perfect location for this concert.

In addition to the Summer Pops, the RSO will also be presenting its seasonal favorite, the **Holiday Pops Concert, Friday, December 3**. Local High School Choirs join **Pasquale Laurino** and the orchestra for our traditional holiday concert. The evening is guaranteed to lift your spirits and kick off your holidays on a high note.

All Pops concerts begin at 7:00 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm, and are held at Racine Civic Center, 5 Fifth Street. The doors open at 5:30 pm and as in previous years you may bring in your own food but not alcoholic beverages.

Each year the RSO invites **Fifth grade students from Racine County** to a free concert. Starting a new tradition last season, this forty-five minute concert is open to anyone in the community. On **Tuesday March 22, 2011**, at Grace Church, 3626 Hwy 31, at 9:15 and repeated at 10:45 am come and listen to the free concert conducted by **Pasquale Laurino**.

The **RSO's final concert** for the 2010-11 season will be *Celebrating Teens* on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at **First Presbyterian Church**, Seventh and College Avenue, beginning at 7:30 pm. **Pasquale Laurino** will repeat the highly successful **RSO Youth String Invitational**, where local high school students selected through an audition process will play, seated next to professional members of the orchestra. Music selected will be from compositions written by major composers when they were in their teens. The **RSO Giving Back program** supports the **Health Care Network** at this concert. Donate unopened packages of over the counter products, like sugar free cough medicine, Claritin or Benadryl.

A New Fun Fundraiser Concert this Summer – *Music for a Summer Evening*

The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread has invited the RSO to hold a fundraiser on the grounds of Wingspread. The orchestra will perform under a tent on Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm. Enjoy elegant hor d'oeuvres and beverages, followed by exceptional desserts and coffee. Wingspread will be open for tours and a voice and silent auction are all part of the festivities that evening. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

Tickets for all of the events are available by calling the RSO office, 636.9285 or going online at www.racinesymphony.org.

EVENT DETAILS

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