

Racine Symphony

O R C H E S T R A

The Elephant in the Room at the Summer Pops Concerts

Again, this year Richard Carsey, our musicians and soloist made the Summer Pops Concerts magical. In addition, we enjoyed great music, renewed friendships and food, either purchased or brought in. However, there was an elephant in the room...the Civic Center management previously informed the RSO that the carry-in food policy would be changing at our Holiday Pops concert. Happily, the voice of the Pops audience was heard and at the August concert, Mayor Dickert announced the carry-in food policy was rescinded. For all future Pops concerts, audience members will be able to bring in their own picnic or purchase food at the event. Thank you Mayor Dickert and the Civic Center management for understanding how important that option is to our audience.

The RSO and Audiences Give Back to the Community

The RSO Board and staff are reaching out to our audience again to help another nonprofit in our community. At our October 17 *RSO Presents* Chamber concert we will collaborate with **Health Care Network, Inc.** provides free/low-cost health care to residents of Racine County who have no health insurance and are of limited income. This is made possible through the efforts of over 350 medical and dental professional who volunteer their time. For the fiscal year that ended June 30, these volunteers provided 10,056 health care appointments. We are asking our audience to look over their *Wish List* and bring to the concert unopened packages of the following: **Over the Counter (OTC) antibiotic cream (triple antibiotic); OTC antifungal creams; nasal spray; sugar free cough medicine; any type of Robitussin; OTC Zyrtec, Claritin or Benadryl.**

For the second time this season we will collaborated with the **Racine County Food Bank** putting on our own local *Orchestras Feeding America* food drive. At the Holiday Pops concert on Friday, December 4, we will repeat the food drive again. More than 59,000 people in Racine County received food last year and on average 62,000 pounds of food are distributed monthly. The six top food items needed are; **canned fruit, peanut butter, tuna fish, beef stew, canned meats and canned pasta with meat.**

Both organizations count on the Great Racine community to help. We hope your generosity and support to the RSO embraces these two special organizations.

The RSO Presents – A Study in Contrast

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17, 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. *The RSO Presents* a Chamber concert with a twist. Enjoy Fumi Nishikiori Nakayama playing Chopin joined by the Spring City Winds playing a Poulenc for the first half of the concert. Sam Chell and the music of Benny Goodman delight us for the second half. Tickets are available online at www.racinesymphony.org or by calling the RSO office at 636.9285.

Home for the Holidays Pops Concert

The RSO will present its seasonal favorite, the Holiday Pops Concert, Friday, December 4, conducted by Andrew Massey. Choirs from local high schools join the orchestra again this year in a holiday tradition that just keeps getting better. Invite your family and friends to enjoy classic holiday music. The concert begins at 7 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. Tables and general admission tickets for the Pops concerts are available online at www.racinesymphony.org or by calling the RSO office at 636.9285. New this year is an option to purchase single table seats. If you would like to sit at a table but do not have tablemates, just reserve a seat and we will fill the remaining places with fellow music lovers.