

Racine Symphony

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Racine Symphony Orchestra Announces New Artist in Residence Program Featuring Violinist Janice Martin

First week of February activities include school performances, workshops, and a solo with RSO

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The Racine Symphony Orchestra continues its 77th classical season with a new Artist in Residence Program, featuring Racine-native violinist Janice Martin. After a week of outreach activities at area schools, Martin will perform the Brahms Violin Concerto with the RSO at the Racine Masonic Center (1012 Main Street, Racine), in a concert that also includes works by Mozart and Beethoven. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 7th at 7 p.m.** RSO Music Director Andrew Massey will conduct, and a **ticketed, post-concert “Meet the Artist” reception will follow, at an additional cost.**

Following a brilliant classical solo violin NY Carnegie Weill Hall Recital debut in 1998, **Racine-native violinist Janice Martin**’s concert career has taken her to major venues on four continents. Her unique multidimensional talents wow classical, jazz and popular audiences alike in her classical concerti and recitals and her popular symphonic and small-band shows “World on a String,” “Fascinating Gershwin,” “The Many Faces of Janus,” and pops concerto “Paganini Mania!”

Janice has won major competitions, including the Washington International Competition, the Young Artist International Competition, and the Career Award Grant from the Commission on the Arts and Sciences of the National Endowment for the Arts. Janice was a recipient violinist of the Stradivari Society of Chicago to play the 1708 Burstein-Bagshawe Stradivarius Violin. She is a graduate of the Juilliard and Indiana Schools of Music.

The **Racine Symphony Orchestra**, now in its 77th season, is the oldest orchestra in continuous operation in the state of Wisconsin. Begun by Frederick Schulte, who served as conductor for many years, the orchestra has performed under the batons of Dudley Powers, Stephen Colburn, and David Becker and Alexander Platt. The RSO is dedicated to preserving our musical heritage by entertaining, educating and enriching audiences and musicians in the Racine community.

Individual tickets to the concert and reception are now on sale at **www.racinesymphony.org**.

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EVENT DETAILS

Racine Symphony Orchestra, with Janice Martin, violin

Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Racine Masonic Center, 1012 Main Street, Racine

MOZART Overture to *Le nozze di Figaro*

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 4

BRAHMS Violin Concerto in D major

Advance concert tickets (purchased or reserved by Feb. 6)

\$55 (family pass, up to 5 family members), \$23 (adult), \$20 (senior), \$5 (students ages 8-22), and free for children under 8, though tickets are required.

Day-of-concert tickets (purchased at the door)

\$55 (family pass, up to 5 family members), \$25 adult, \$22 (senior), \$8 (students ages 8-22), and free for children under 8, though tickets are required.

“Meet the Artist” reception tickets (purchased anytime; not included in concert ticket price)

\$25 per person