



Brilliant Performance

As fireworks light up the sky, Orchestra of Northern New York professional musicians stand for applause at the end of the annual "Pops Concert" in Watertown's Thompson Park in July.

Exciting Programs, Broader Appeal Planned for 2024-25

Greetings,

Although it has only been a few short months since my appointment as Music Director, thanks to some wonderful guidance and assistance from ONNY's board, administration, and personnel, I feel like we are prepared to present an exciting set of programs in our upcoming season!



Michael J. Colburn
ONNY Music Director & Conductor

In an effort to broaden our appeal, we are redefining our programming parameters, as evidenced by the first concert, "Spaced Out - Music Inspired by Space!"

This program contains elements one might associate with one of our "Masterworks" concerts in featuring the music of Richard Strauss, Franz Josef Haydn, Edvard Grieg, and Gustave Holst.

But the remainder of the concert will feature music composed by the incomparable John Williams for the Star Wars saga. It promises to be a program that will appeal to a wide age range, as it has a little something for everyone.

And for those Star Wars fans who are itching for a chance to break out the costumes of your favorite characters, stay tuned for details on a costume parade and contest!

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's "Holiday in Brass" program, we will reprise the format with a new slew of holiday favorites!

The program will feature some very imaginative and creative arrangements of familiar tunes, such as "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "The Christmas

Song," as well as some beautiful and moving settings of some less familiar selections, such as Percy Grainger's "Sussex Mummings' Carol" and "Rhapsody for Hannukah."

It promises to be a concert that will put everyone in a wonderful holiday mood!

As you might surmise from the title, April's "Delights and Dances" program focuses on music inspired by dance.

It begins with Ottorino Respighi's beloved "Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1," based on lute music by Renaissance and Baroque Italian composers.

The program then leapfrogs into the 20th Century with Michael Abels "Delights and Dances," a work that abounds with references to a variety of popular music styles, including Blues, Gospel, and Bluegrass.

This selection is scored for a string quartet of soloists accompanied by string orchestra, and our performance will feature the virtuoso talents of the Julia Trio.

Based in Potsdam, the Julia Trio includes Liesl Doty, Shelly Tramposh, and Marie-Elaine Gagnon, and they will be joined by frequent collaborator and ONNY member Tim Yip to round out our quartet of soloists.

The second half of the concert will feature Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, perhaps the epitome of a classical work inspired by dance.

As with our October concert, this program promises to appeal to a wide range of tastes and expectations and would be an excellent introduction for anyone curious about attending an orchestra concert!

I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming ONNY season, and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at our concerts in Potsdam, Watertown, and throughout the North Country!

Michael J. Colburn
Music Director & Conductor

Our values:

Excellence, Respect, Community and Sustainability

Dear Neighbor,

It is my pleasure to present The Orchestra of Northern New York (ONNY) 2023-2024 Annual Report to the Community.

ONNY's mission is to enrich the quality of life for all people in our region by sharing the power of music to inspire, educate, and entertain.

We are the only year-round professional symphony orchestra from Rochester to Burlington and Ottawa to Syracuse.

The Orchestra's vision is to have people of the North Country embrace ONNY as the leading producer of orchestral music of all genres. Our values are excellence, community, respect, and sustainability.

This past July, I assumed the role of Board President after the completion of Kimberly Busch's (Hannawa Falls) second term as president. I am grateful to Kimberly for her steadfast leadership through the COVID lockdown and ONNY's subsequent return to the stage.

In May of 2024, ONNY's Board concluded an 18-month-long search for its next Music Director and Conductor.

The search committee reviewed over 80 applications from the US, Canada, and Europe before selecting two finalists to perform during our 2023-2024 Season of Discovery.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Music Director Search Committee's recommendation to hire Colonel Michael J. Colburn (USMC, ret.), North Hero, VT, to lead the artistic vision for our organization.

Following a successful first concert set in July entitled "An American Salute," Mr. Colburn has programmed our 37th Season, which is set to begin in October 2024.

As we look to the future, our talented and capable Board of Directors has adopted the following set of goals for the coming year:

1. Aid our new Music Director in a successful first year
2. Meet or exceed the fundraising goal for Board directors
3. Meet or exceed the organization's budgetary goals to achieve a balanced or surplus budget
4. Develop the next strategic plan
5. Support management efforts to develop new audiences, business support, and revitalize existing relationships.
6. Increase visibility of ONNY in communities and schools

Nothing beats word-of-mouth advertising. If you are so inclined, consider taking a moment to invite your friends and family to the next ONNY concert.

We have a free ticket voucher program for first-time concertgoers. For more information, please contact ONNY's Executive Director, Kathy Del Guidice, at info@onny.org or call (315) 212-3440.

ONNY would not be possible without the support of our wonderful North Country communities.

From housing orchestra members, to moving equipment and distributing posters and concert programs, our volunteers play an instrumental role in bringing professional orchestral music to the region. In return for their service, volunteers receive free tickets to ONNY performances.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers! If you would like to become an ONNY volunteer, please give us a call, send us an email, or fill out the online form at onny.org/support.

In the remainder of this report, you will find details about ONNY's operations over the past year.

I hope you find this report helpful and informative. For long-time patrons, thank you for making ONNY part of your family.

If you are new to ONNY, I hope you will join us for exciting, inspiring, and educational musical experiences.

With gratitude,

Kevin A. Angstadt
President, Board of Directors



100% PARTICIPATION BY ONNY BOARD

Seventeen people from 13 communities across Northern New York volunteer their time and give generously of their talent to govern the only professional, year-round orchestra in the North Country and Adirondacks.

One hundred percent of board directors contribute financially to support ONNY.

Meeting monthly, the group focuses on programming, finances, marketing, operations, and outreach and engagement.

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The Orchestra of Northern New York performs for students earlier this year.

Outreach in the Adirondacks

For the last few summers, 671 people enjoyed concerts of "Music Amid the Pines." Concerts were held in Childwold, Wanakena, and Lake Clear, and in Potsdam.

These programs were made possible by support from the Secret Sits Pro Musica Ensembles, Inc., a charitable organization dedicated to "Better Music, Better World." TSS, Inc. was created in memory of Marie

S. Patten of Athens, GA and Gull Pond, NY.

In 2021, TSS donated \$125,000 to ONNY for these outreach activities and other initiatives, including in-school performances, throughout the Adirondacks.

School programs began last year when more than 746 students at 11 schools, including 200 at St. Regis Falls Central School, delighted in performances by the Potsdam

Brass Quintet and the Aria Reed Trio. More concerts will take place in 2024-2025.

The "Music Amid the Pines" concerts and in-school performances were also supported by a generous donation from James and Diane Woods, Armonk and Gull Pond, NY.

ONNY thanks the Presbytery of Northern New York for graciously hosting these concerts.

Programs for Young People

Exceptional students attending the Crane School of Music are invited to perform with the seasoned professional musicians that comprise the Orchestra of Northern New York.

High expectations are set for these apprentices and they enjoy an extraordinary opportunity to play with a symphony orchestra.

Since 2019, The Secret Sits Pro Musica Ensembles, Inc., of Athens, GA and Gull Pond, NY, has underwritten the apprentices' fees.

As a result, more than 80 students have received an unparalleled experience and compensation as young professional musicians. ONNY is grateful to TSS, Inc., for its support of this apprenticeship program.

Young Artist Competition

Last year while the Board was searching for a new Music Director, the James and Katherine Andrews Young Artist Competition (YAC) was put on hold. It will return in January 2025.

The YAC offers middle school and high school students interested in "Striving for



Michael Wong, Crane '26, wears several hats at ONNY as Student Production Assistant, Social Media Coordinator and Crane Student Apprentice (violin).

Excellence" the opportunity to reach their highest level of artistry.

Students vie for the top three prizes. The

winner earns \$500 and the chance to solo their competition piece with the full orchestra at a future date.

More information can be found on the ONNY website at onny.org/youth-programs.

Challenge for Young Artists

Another ONNY program for aspiring musicians and vocalists is the Vernice N. Church Challenge for Young Artists.

Middle school and high school students who are "Pursuing Artistic Growth" and wish for a learning vis-à-vis competing experience are encouraged to participate.

Feedback from ONNY musicians and Crane faculty enables both vocal and instrumental students to receive valuable input about their NYSSMA selection prior to that event.

The Challenge will be held in April 2025.

This year, fifteen students from Massena to Rome, NY, obtained excellent advice to help them further prepare for NYSSMA in May.

Music Business Intern

Zoe Williamson Crane '24, of Massena, NY, spent twelve weeks this summer as a Music Business intern, working closely with ONNY Executive Director Kathy Del Guidice on many projects.

She earned academic credit and a stellar recommendation in the process.

"This hands-on experience allowed me to see the practical side of my studies and understand the finer details of the music business," she said.

'During my internship, I grew both personally and professionally, gaining valuable skills that will shape my future career.'

Zoe Williamson, Crane '24
Music Business Intern

Ways to Support the North Country's Professional Orchestra

- Become a monthly donor for a nominal amount and watch your donation grow
- Make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one
- Contribute to the Music Fund to help ONNY purchase/rent music
- Sponsor a Principal or Section Chair in the Orchestra
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- Provide for ONNY in your estate planning
- Donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or annuities
- Make a Charitable Qualified Distribution from a taxable IRA
- Bring a friend to a concert



Michael Colburn conducts the "Pops Concert" in Watertown's Thompson Park.



ONNY string section in concert.

New ONNY Music Director Has Extensive Experience, Committed to New Music

Michael J. Colburn is a freelance guest conductor and clinician who regularly leads professional and student ensembles in festivals, residencies, and a variety of other settings throughout the country.

In June 2024, he was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Orchestra of Northern New York, a professional orchestra based in Potsdam, NY.

He is also the Music Director and Conductor of the Me2 Orchestra in Burlington, VT, a classical music organization devoted to erasing the stigma of mental illness through supportive rehearsals and inspiring performances.

He also serves as an Affiliate Artist at the University of Vermont.

In 2024, he became a member of the Educational Consultant team at the Conn Selmer Division of Education.

From 2014 until 2022, Colburn served as the Director of Bands at Butler University in Indianapolis, where he conducted the Butler University Wind Ensemble and offered instruction in conducting, euphonium, and the history and literature of the wind band.

Before his tenure at Butler, Colburn served for 27 years in "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, where he held a variety of positions including Principal Euphonium (1991-1996), Assistant Director (1996-2004), and Director (2004-2014).

As Director, Colburn was music advisor to the White House and regularly conducted the Marine Band and Chamber Orchestra at the Executive Mansion and at the Presidential Inaugurations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

He was promoted to Colonel by President Bush in a private Oval Office ceremony in 2007, and in 2014 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Gen. James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Medal of Honor by the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic Board of Directors.

Committed to the promotion of new music, Colburn has commissioned band works from several highly accomplished composers including John Williams, Michael Abels, Stacy Garrop, Michael Gandolfi, David Rakowski, Melinda Wagner, Michael Schelle, and Frank Felice.

He has served as the chair of the Sousa-ABA-Ostwald Award, and as an adjudicator for the Sudler Award, the Barlow Endowment, Music for All, and the Col. George S. Howard Award for Excellence in Military Bands.

Colburn is a Past President of the American Bandmasters Association, has been a board member of the National Band Association, and currently serves as Vice President for Project Enhancement for the John Philip Sousa Foundation.



Michael J. Colburn
ONNY Music Director



The woodwinds section performs.

ONNY Musicians The Heart and Soul of the Orchestra

Each season the Orchestra of Northern New York employs more than 100 professional musicians and Crane Student Apprentices to perform in one or more of its concerts.

The core group of musicians consists of about 45 talented people.

Two-thirds of the orchestra is comprised of local professionals, who come from North Country and Adirondack communities, from Saranac Lake to Cicero.

Many are members of the Crane faculty; indeed, sixteen of the nineteen principals are Crane professors.

The remaining third of the orchestra includes musicians who travel from around New York State and Canada to fill certain seats that cannot be musician-staffed locally.

These outside professionals receive free housing, thanks to volunteer host families who generously open their homes, provide a clean bed and a few meals for three days of rehearsals and concerts.

A select number of exceptional Crane students are hired as apprentices.

They learn from seasoned professionals, many of whom are their Crane teachers.

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your life easier
so there is
time for the arts!*

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With Deep Appreciation!

The impact of donors on the Orchestra of Northern New York is profound and far-reaching.

ONNY donors provide essential support for programs, whether sponsoring a musician's chair in the Orchestra, underwriting a youth program or a school concert, and helping to pay the fees of our talented professional musicians.

Contributions and grants are our lifeline as they represent 66% of the funds needed to produce a season.

They enable ONNY to achieve its

goals of offering discounts for seniors and students, keeping ticket prices affordable, and hiring the best musicians we can. In short, they make a tangible difference in people's lives.

The following individuals, businesses, and organizations have our deepest gratitude for their support in the last year.

If you were a donor in 2023-2024 and your name does not appear below, please accept our sincere apology for the oversight and contact Executive Director Kathy Del Guidice to correct our records.

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These gifts quickly total large gifts that may not be possible otherwise.

It is wonderful to have such dedicated

patrons!

Monthly donations are indeed a fantastic way to provide consistent support to an organization you care about.

The process is easily accomplished online at onny.org/donate. Such support is greatly appreciated.



Performing Live

Above, Michael J. Colburn, ONNY Music Director, conducts the orchestra. At right, the brass section performs.

Another Way to Support the North Country's Professional Orchestra

In the past, the Orchestra of Northern New York has been the beneficiary of Qualified Charitable Distributions that allow individuals, age 70½ or older, to donate directly up to \$105,000 from a taxable IRA instead of taking their Required Minimum Distributions.

It is not a tax-deductible gift but does reduce one's reportable income.

Gifts of securities, such as stocks and bonds, are welcome. Donating appreciated stocks, bonds, or annuities

provides special tax advantages including no tax on capital gains and, many times, a charitable deduction for the full market value.

Finally, planned gifts through one's will or trust can be a huge boost to ONNY. In fact, such a gift of \$80,000 is how ONNY's endowment fund was started several years ago.

In all cases, discuss your intentions with your financial advisor.

Please remember ONNY in your philanthropic giving.

NYS Council on the Arts Awards \$40,000 to ONNY in 2023 and 2024

The New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency, with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, awarded a \$40,000 grant in 2024 to the Orchestra of Northern New York for the second consecutive year.

ONNY is grateful for the ongoing support of NYSCA's Music Program. Funds may be used for general operating support, but ONNY targets its grant monies for professional musician fees, which represent 32% of annual expenses.

NYSCA funding is a competitive application process. The results of this year's request for 2025 will be known in December 2024.

Why Do We Support ONNY?

For well over thirty years we have supported the Orchestra of Northern New York. It is the only opportunity in the North Country to experience the artistry of a full symphony orchestra made up of professional musicians who play a wide variety of music from classical to popular. Part of our enjoyment has come from hosting visiting musicians in our home and getting to know them. We support ONNY because our experience has been wonderful, and we look forward to this upcoming season of concerts.

Tom and Suella Young
Potsdam

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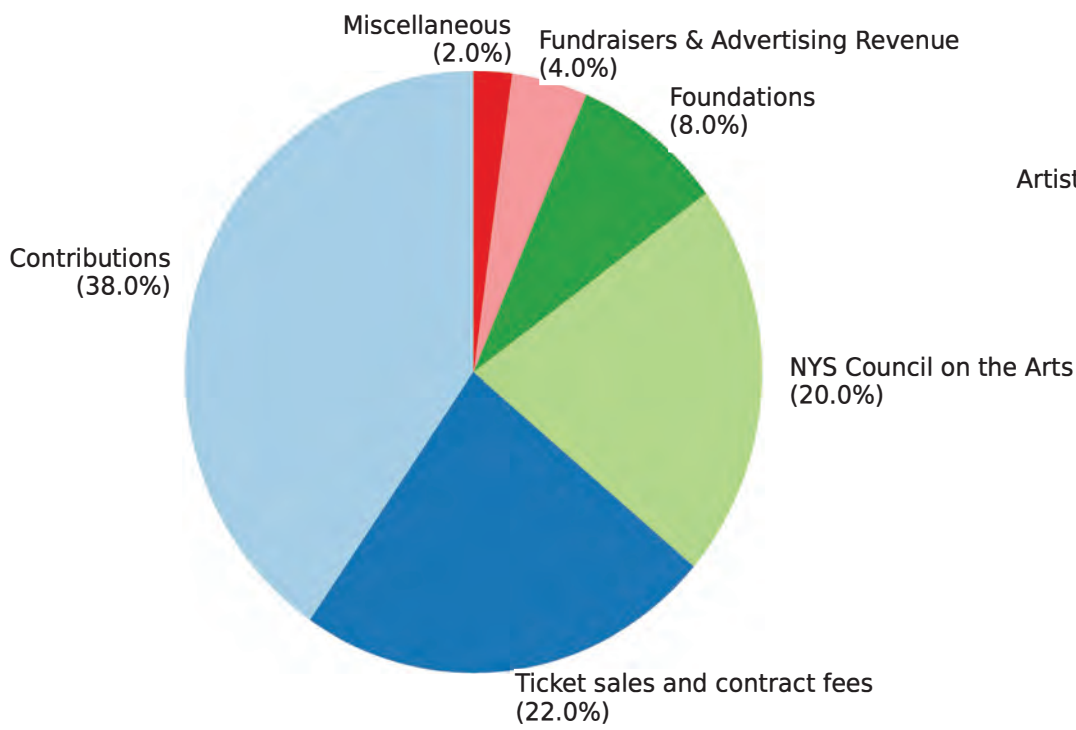
Your Support Allows ONNY to Present Many Valuable Programs



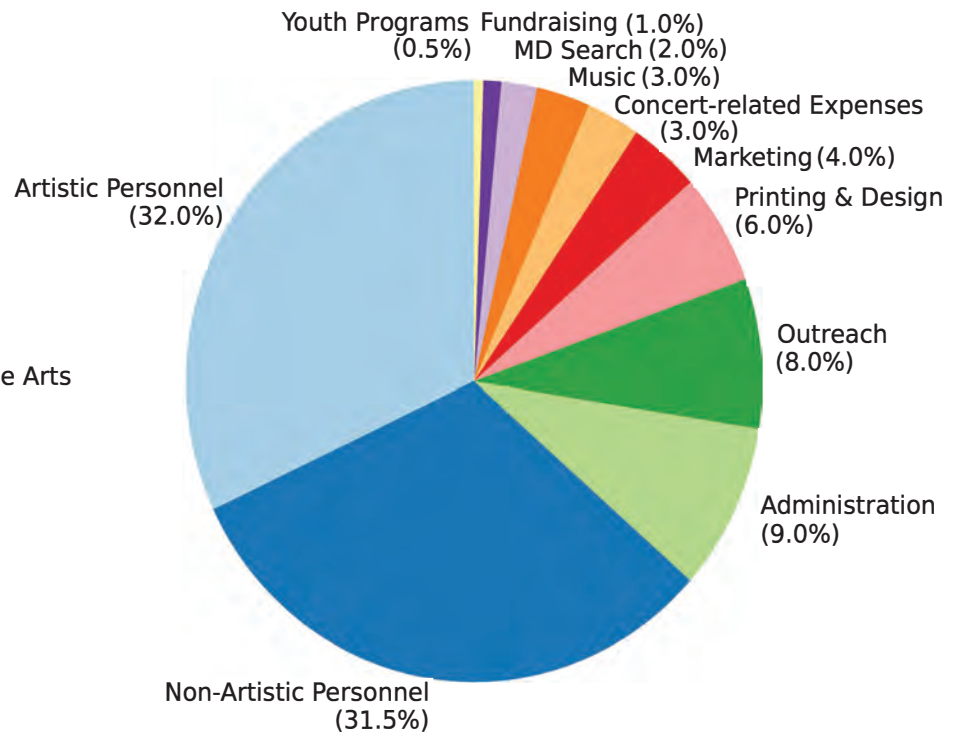
Post-Concert Reception

Many supporters of the Orchestra of Northern New York fill the Hosmer Gallery at SUNY Potsdam following a recent concert. Receptions such as these, sponsored by local businesses, provide the opportunity to meet others who also appreciate the power of music to inspire, educate, and entertain.

Revenue by Category



Expense by Category



Noteworthy Facts

Finances For Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- \$198,574 -- Actual Income
- \$207,825 -- Actual Expenses
- \$ 9,251 -- Net Loss on Operations
- \$ 27,487 -- Total Other Revenue (endowment & interest earned)
- \$ -1,646 -- Total Other Expenditures
- \$ 16,590 -- Net Revenue

Programs

- 9 performances of four concerts (summer, fall, holiday, and spring)

Venues

- Hosmer Hall, SUNY Potsdam
- First Presbyterian Church, Watertown
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown

2023-2024 Attendance

- 7,950

2024-2025 Ticket Prices

- \$30 Adults
- \$27 Seniors (62+) and Military Personnel
- \$10 College Students with I.D.
- \$5 Teens (13-17)
- Free for Children (12 and younger)

Annual Budget

- \$209,650 -- for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

'The things I learned from my experience in music in school are discipline, perseverance, dependability, composure, courage and pride in results... Not a bad preparation for the workforce!'

Gregory Anrig
President, Educational Testing Service



Outreach in the Adirondacks

For the last few summers, 671 people enjoyed "Music Amid the Pines" at small Presbyterian churches in Childwold, Wanakena, and Lake Clear, and in Potsdam. The concerts as well as in-school performances were coordinated by the Orchestra of Northern New York and supported by generous donations from TSS, Inc. and James and Diane Woods, Armonk and Gull Pond, NY. Above, an audience enjoys a performance by Margaret Chalker and Mekayla Fountaine in Lake Clear. Below, Jamcrackers performs.



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a Musical Space Odyssey

OCTOBER 19, 2024 - HOSMER HALL, SUNY POTSDAM - 7:30 PM | **OCTOBER 20, 2024** - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WATERTOWN - 3 PM
RICHARD STRAUSS - FANFARE FROM ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA | **FRANZ JOSEF HAYDN** - OVERTURE TO IL MONDO DELLA LUNA
EDVARD GRIEG - "MORNING MOOD" FROM PEER GYNT | **GUSTAV HOLST** - "MARS," "VENUS," AND "JUPITER" FROM THE PLANETS
JOHN WILLIAMS - STAR WARS SUITE FOR ORCHESTRA | **JOHN WILLIAMS** - STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

Long before space travel became a reality, composers were motivated by what they could see - or imagine - in the heavens above. Whether it was the sun, the moon, planets, or stars, these celestial objects have been the source of some of the most inspiring and imaginative music ever heard. Join us as we take a musical interplanetary journey, courtesy of composers ranging from Haydn to John Williams, with a little birthday sojourn in honor of the grandfather of all cinematic space music, Gustav Holst.

ONNY'S HOLIDAY

in Brass

ALSO POSSIBLY SARANAC LAKE OR PLATTSBURGH
DECEMBER 14, 2024 - HOSMER HALL, SUNY POTSDAM - 7:30 PM | **DECEMBER 15, 2024** - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WATERTOWN - 3 PM
GUSTAV HOLST - CHRISTMAS DAY | **VICTOR HERBERT** - MARCH OF THE TOYS | **ERIC WHITACRE** - LUX ARUMQUE
PHIL SNEDECOR - THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS | **STEPHEN BULLA** - RHAPSODY FOR HANNUKAH | **PERCY GRAINGER** - SUSSEX MUMMERS' CAROL
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY - "LE CHOCOLAT" FROM THE NUTCRACKER | **LEROY ANDERSON** - A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Back by popular demand, ONNY once again rings in the holiday season courtesy of our virtuoso brass and percussion! We've lined up a new program of music that celebrates the traditions of Christmas and Hannukah with imaginative arrangements of all your holiday favorites. We ho-ho-hope to see you there!

DELIGHTS

and Dances

APRIL 26, 2025 - HOSMER HALL, SUNY POTSDAM - 7:30 PM | **APRIL 27, 2025** - TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WATERTOWN - 3 PM
OTTORINO RESPIGHI - ANCIENT AIRS AND DANCES, SUITE NO. 1 | **MICHAEL ABELS** - DELIGHTS AND DANCES
LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN - SYMPHONY NO. 7

ONNY waltzes into spring with this program of music inspired by dance! We begin the program with Respighi's imaginative and beloved orchestral setting of Renaissance lute music, Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1. African American composer Michael Abels, best known for his film collaborations with Jordan Peele, is the composer of Delights and Dances, a work for string quartet soloists and string orchestra. The work is heavily influenced by Blues, Bluegrass, and other popular styles, and will feature the members of the "Julia Trio + 1" as soloists. The concert concludes with Beethoven's ultimate tribute to dance, his incomparable Symphony No. 7.

Newcomers Invited to Attend ONNY Concert on Us!

The ONNY Board's Marketing Committee is engaged in an Audience Development Initiative that offers a voucher for a complimentary ticket to any concert of one's choosing for individuals who have never been to an ONNY concert.

ONNY asks current patrons to help introduce neighbors, friends, and co-workers to this wonderful musical experience.

To request a voucher to share with an ONNY newcomer, email info@onny.org or call 315-212-3440.



The strings section of the Orchestra of Northern New York performs at a recent concert.

Many Benefits of Music Education

Research shows that at least some musical education has a positive impact on social and cognitive development of children. And these effects are long lasting – better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal and literacy skills.

Alan Harvey
Musician and Neuroscientist

ONNY President Honored With '20 Under 40 Award'

The Orchestra of Northern New York offers its congratulations to Kevin A. Angstadt, Ph.D., President of ONNY's Board of Directors as of July 1, 2024, who was recognized recently as an emerging leader in our region with a Watertown Daily Times "20 Under 40 Award."

Only three people from St. Lawrence County were among the twenty individuals receiving the honor.

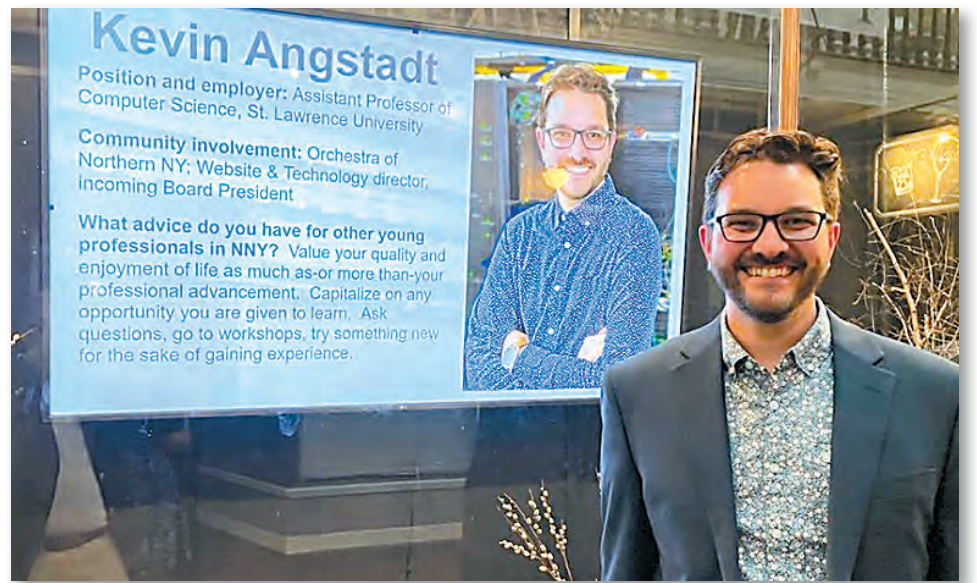
Dr. Angstadt has been the Orchestra's volunteer Webmaster for eleven years and its volunteer Technology Director for the last four years.

Prior to his presidency, he served as Vice President of the Board, Chair of the Board Development Committee, and Co-chair of the Personnel Committee. He also worked on the Marketing and Finance Committees.

Kevin is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at his alma mater, St. Lawrence University, where he has begun his fifth year as a member of the Math, Computer Science, and Statistics Department.

His research expertise is in the intersection of computer architecture, programming languages, and software engineering where he developed programming support for emerging hardware technologies.

Although he teaches a breadth of computer science courses, he generally focuses on more



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system-oriented courses.

In 2020, Kevin received his Doctorate in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Michigan. There, he was also an Engineering Teaching Consultant for the Center for Research and Learning on Teaching in Engineering.

In 2016, he received a Master of Computer Science (MCS) from the University of Virginia. In 2014, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, Mathematics, and German Studies from St. Lawrence University. He originally hails from Latham, NY and now resides in Madrid, NY.

Through Oct. 12, 2024

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Complete the order form below and mail payment to: ONNY, PO Box 488, Potsdam, NY 13676, call 315-212-3440 or purchase your tickets online at onny.org. Skip the line at the box office and receive your tickets for each performance by email. They are sent when your order is processed. Or, to receive your tickets by first class mail, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order. Tickets may also be purchased at the box office one hour before each concert. Children, 12 and younger, are always admitted free, but tickets are required and issued only in person.



	POTSDAM DATES			WATERTOWN DATES			PRICE/TICKET	SEASON TICKET	TOTAL
	10 / 19	12 / 14	04 / 26	10 / 20	12 / 15	04 / 27			
ADULT							\$30	\$77	\$
SENIOR (62+) MILITARY							\$27	\$69	\$
COLLEGE STUDENT							\$10	\$26	\$
TEENS (13-17)							\$5	\$13	\$
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