

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is celebrating 50 years of providing memorable musical experiences to people of all ages and we ask you to join us in support of this milestone anniversary.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra was founded on June 4, 1973, as the Oakway Symphony to serve the people of Wayne and Oakland Counties. It was reincorporated under its present name, Livonia Symphony Orchestra, in 1988 to serve the residents of Livonia and surrounding communities. It is a nonprofit, 501c3 organization and tax exempt to the extent allowed by law.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra has been a musical force in Southeast Michigan for 50 years. Performances and events throughout the year include talented musicians, an internationally respected conductor, special guest artists from around the world, a variety of programming from the classics to Broadway and the best of popular music.

The LSO has had only two Music Directors during its 50-year history; the Founder Francesco Di Blasi and the current Music Director, Maestro Volodymyr Shesiuk, who began as a violinist and later became the Music Director. Volodymyr will be celebrating his 30th year as our conductor this year. Carl Karoub served as the Assistant Conductor from the beginning of the orchestra until his retirement in 2021.

In addition to providing an excellent opportunity for talented musicians to perform, the LSO focuses on education for youth through its Musical Outreach Program. We provide new and refurbished instruments for students in the Livonia and Clarenceville upper elementary and middle schools to promote their love of music. Also, our musicians make classroom presentations of the various instruments that make up an orchestra to encourage interest in music.

Our musicians would be delighted to have you attend our Anniversary Gala on April 20<sup>th</sup>, our May 11<sup>th</sup> Concert, our Bennett Memorial Golf Outing June 7<sup>th</sup> and our Free Patriotic and Pops Concert on June 13<sup>th</sup> so you might see how much they love making beautiful, harmonious music for their audience. The details for the remaining events are on the reverse side of this letter.

We are very proud of our orchestra and hope you feel the same.

Thank you for considering donating to support your LSO. Whatever you can give from your heart, will be greatly appreciated. Your help will allow us to continue providing quality orchestral music for many years to come.

Proud to be associated with the LSO and its Board of Directors, Sister Mary Ann Smith, CSSF -- President

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## Help us celebrate by joining us and enjoy listening to our talented musicians for these remaining events during our 50th Anniversary Year!

Saturday May 11, 2024 – "Celebration" featuring LSO Concertmaster Dr. Ying-Li Pan at 4:00PM Clarenceville High School Schmidt Auditorium tickets\* are \$25.00

Our Anniversary Gala Celebration brings our 50<sup>th</sup> Year to a close with dinner, a performance by our LSO and tributes to our musicians and Music Director/Conductor Saturday April 20, 2024 at Burton Manor, Livonia MI.

Tickets\* are \$50.00

Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> – Bob Bennett Memorial Chip in for the Arts

Whispering Willows Golf Course - \$99 per golfer

11:00am Lunch and registration – noon Shotgun – Post Golf Gathering and Prizes

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Patriotic and Pops FREE Concert and City Ice Cream Social
Kirksey Community Center
Ice Cream Social 5:30 Concert 7:00pm

Kicks off Music from the Heart and Spree Week

\* LSO Concert tickets available at Livonia Bennett Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile; at the door the day of the performance; or on our website livoniasymphony.org

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