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Starry, Starry Nights

Long Island Philharmonic brings music of Olympian proportions to the summer stage

The Long Island Philharmonic will once again present free outdoor parks concerts in mid-August. This summer's theme, "Summon the Heroes," is in recognition of the 2008 Summer Olympics and in honor of those that are fighting overseas, along with a few all-time classical favorites. Performances will take place at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park and at the Chapin Rainbow Stage in Heckscher Park as part of the 43rd Annual Huntington Summer Arts Festival. These performances officially mark the start of the Philharmonic's milestone 30th "Pearl Jubilee" Season.

The Philharmonic offers special thanks to David Lerner Associates for their generous sponsorship of the 2008 *Music Under the Stars* concerts. These concerts are also made possible, in part, through support from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Nassau County Department of Recreation, Parks and Support Services; Suffolk County under the auspices of the office of Cultural Affairs, Steve Levy, County Executive; the Huntington Arts Council; and the Town of Huntington.

Friday, August 15, 2008 · 7:30 p.m. at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
Saturday, August 16, 2008 · 8:30 p.m. at Heckscher Park, Huntington Village

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: Summon the Heroes

Long Island Philharmonic
David Wiley, conductor & piano

Smith/Arr. Wiley	"The Star-Spangled Banner"
Willson/Arr. Ricketts	"Seventy-six Trombones" from <i>The Music Man</i>
Beethoven	Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67 I. Allegro con brio
Mozart	Piano Concerto No. 21, K. 467, "Elvira Madigan" II. Andante
Tchaikovsky	<i>Marche Slave</i> , Op. 31
Vangelis/Rose	"Chariots of Fire" from <i>Chariots of Fire</i>
Williams	"Summon the Heroes" – 1996 Summer Olympics theme
Williams	"The Raiders March" from <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>
Mendelssohn	The Hebrides Overture, Op. 26 "Fingal's Cave"
Arnaud	"Bugler's Dream" – Olympic theme
Berlin/Ades	A Symphonic Portrait
Various	Armed Forces Medley
Sousa	"Stars and Stripes Forever"

*Program is subject to change

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About the Long Island Philharmonic

The Long Island Philharmonic, currently in its 30th season, is the largest performing arts organization and the only professional orchestra in the region. Founded in 1979 by folk singer Harry Chapin and group of local business leaders, the Orchestra was conceived as an artistic institution that would serve as the cornerstone of Long Island's cultural life. Today, the Philharmonic continues to provide cultural and educational programming of the highest level to the residents of Long Island. Considered one of the nation's most honored and respected regional orchestras, the Long Island Philharmonic was designated a "Primary Arts Organization" by the State of New York. The Philharmonic is the resident orchestra of the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and an inaugural inductee of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame.

The Long Island Philharmonic is noted for excellent artistic leadership beginning with founding Music Director Christopher Keene (1979-1990), followed by Marin Alsop (1990-1996), David Lockington (1996-2000), and current Music Director David Wiley who has led the Orchestra since 2001.

More than 30,000 lives are enriched each year by the Philharmonic's extensive Arts-in-Education and Community Engagement Programs, Random Acts of Music (RAM) presented in schools, concert halls, libraries, hospitals, museums, and community centers. Among these are Youth Concerts, the Annual Young Artist Competition, the Master Class Series, numerous In-School Programs, Orchestra at Work, and Kids at Concerts.

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