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Fireworks and Free Admission Spark **Music in the Park with the Long Island Philharmonic**

The Long Island Philharmonic will bring some of the world's greatest music to Long Island, celebrating the Islip Arts Council's 32nd Annual Free Philharmonic Concert. *Music in the Park* will be held at Heckscher State Park in East Islip on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 8:00 PM. Led by Music Director David Stewart Wiley, the program will feature works by beloved American composers, including Leonard Bernstein, Morton Gould, Billy Joel, John Philip Sousa, and John Williams. The concert will conclude with Tchaikovsky's rousing *1812 Overture* and fireworks presented by Grucci.

The Philharmonic offers special thanks to David Lerner Associates and Capital One Bank for their generous sponsorship of the *Music in the Park* concert. Major Funding is provided by Suffolk County Legislature, Legislator William Lindsay, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Long Island Region, Town of Islip, LI Radio Group, Cablevision, NY Community Bank Foundation, Barbash Family Fund, Continental Airlines, Simbrom & Campisi & Associates, WSHU, 50 Plus LifeStyles/Prime Time Travel Club, Fireworks by Grucci, Hammer Magazine, Media Mechanix, New York State Council on the Arts, Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs, and Knapp Swezey.

Saturday, July 17, 2010 · 8:00 p.m. at Heckscher State Park, East Islip

MUSIC IN THE PARK **Presented by the Islip Arts Council**

Long Island Philharmonic
David Stewart Wiley, Music Director & Conductor

Smith/arr. Wiley	“The Star-Spangled Banner”
Cohan	<i>Star-Spangled Spectacular</i>
Hanson	Finale from Symphony No. 2, “Romantic”
Joel	<i>Elegy: The Great Peconic</i>
Sousa	<i>The New York Hippodrome</i>
arr. Ricketts	<i>Satchmo: A Tribute to Louis Armstrong</i>
Burns	<i>Flying</i>
arr. Brubaker	<i>What's Up at the Symphony?</i>
Williams	“The Raiders March” from <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>
Willson	“Seventy-six Trombones” from <i>The Music Man</i>
Bernstein/arr. Mason	Selections from <i>West Side Story</i>
Gould	<i>An American Salute: When Johnny Comes Marching Home</i>
Berlin/arr. Ades	<i>Irving Berlin: A Symphonic Portrait</i>
Rodgers/arr. Bennet	Medley from <i>The Sound of Music</i>
	<i>Victory at Sea</i>
Tchaikovsky	<i>1812 Overture</i>

*Program subject to change

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About the Long Island Philharmonic

The **Long Island Philharmonic**, having just ended its 31st season, is the largest performing arts organization and the only professional orchestra in the region. Founded in 1979 by folk singer Harry Chapin and a 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 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 Stewart 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, 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.

About the Islip Arts Council

The **Islip Arts Council** was created in 1974 by a resolution passed by the Islip Town Board. At that time, the purpose of the Council was to act as an advisory body to the Town Board on cultural matters. All the members of the Arts Council were appointed by the Town, and all – including the chairman – were volunteers. The total budget each year was only \$5,000, and most of the funds were unspent.

In 1976, Lillian Barbash was named chairperson, and the Islip Arts Council was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Arts Council. The incorporation status made it possible for the Arts Council to apply to Suffolk County, New York State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, Foundations, and the private sector for funding. With these additional funds and continued support of town government, the Arts Council expanded an existing series of free concerts and created new cultural programs to serve the Town of Islip and the Long Island Community at large. Over the past 34 years, the Islip Arts Council operating budget has grown to more than \$200,000 and is still growing.

About the Music Director

David Stewart Wiley has proven to be a strong, innovative, and inspiring young American music director, leading orchestras to artistic success, especially in challenging times. Wiley serves concurrently as Music Director & Conductor of our Long Island Philharmonic and Virginia's Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. Prior to these positions, he served as Assistant Conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Active as a guest conductor, pianist, lecturer and composer, Wiley conducts professional orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad. He has guest conducted in nearly all U.S. states, including the symphonies of San Francisco, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Minnesota, Saint Louis, Atlanta, Oregon, Honolulu, Utah, and Buffalo. Wiley's growing career has taken him to dozens of countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa – most recently to Italy, Germany, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. From 1999 until the summer of 2006, Wiley was the Artistic Director & Conductor of the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival in Virginia.

David Stewart Wiley became the fourth Music Director of our Long Island Philharmonic in 2001. Wiley is credited with bringing significant artistic growth, energy, and excitement to the Long Island Philharmonic and Chorus, with double-digit ticket sales increases each year over the past few seasons.

David Stewart Wiley won the prestigious Aspen Conducting Prize, which led to his engagement as Assistant Conductor for the 1994 Aspen Music Festival. In 1995, after being invited to conduct the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall, he was awarded a Conducting Fellowship at Tanglewood, where he conducted several performances. Wiley holds a Doctor of Music in Conducting from Indiana University, where he had also received his Master of Music degree, a degree in Piano Performance with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a degree in Religion, summa cum laude, from Tufts University, where he co-founded the Tufts Amalgamates. Wiley was honored this season by the Roanoke branch of the NAACP as “2009 Citizen of the Year” in the arts category – a testament to Wiley's deep and lasting involvement with the African-American community.

As a solo pianist, Wiley has performed with numerous major orchestras throughout the United States including Minnesota, Indianapolis, Oregon, Honolulu, Wheeling, and at the Aspen, Garth Newel, Wintergreen, and Prince Albert (Hawaii) summer festivals. He has also appeared as a jazz pianist in Boston's Symphony Hall and in recital appearances throughout the U.S., as well as in China, Russia, Romania, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Bulgaria.

Wiley's CDs include an album of French cello concerti with Zuill Bailey on Delos International, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 "Choral", American Piano Concertos with Norman Krieger on Artistic 4, "David Wiley & Friends: Classical Jazz", with Wiley at the piano, "American Trumpet Concertos" with the Slovak Radio Symphony and Paul Neebe, and a recording of American contemporary music with the IU New Music Ensemble.

David and his wife Leah have a son and a daughter. Together, they enjoy traveling, hiking and mountain biking, and family music time. Wiley's website is www.DavidStewartWiley.com.

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