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# **HARTFORD SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2010 TALCOTT MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL SUMMER LINE-UP**

SIMSBURY, CT- February 19, 2010– The **Hartford Symphony Orchestra** announces the **2010 Talcott Mountain Music Festival<sup>SM</sup>**, featuring Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, an American celebration, Motown's greatest hits, a rock n' roll retrospective, and a tribute to the Beatles. Concert-goers can bring a picnic and grab a table seat or find a place on the lawn as they sit back to enjoy the Sounds of Summer<sup>SM</sup> June 25- July 16, 2010 under the stars at The Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows.

"They say that time flies when you're having fun...and it's hard to believe that this year will be the 15th year of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra's Talcott Mountain Music Festival," says HSO Executive Director Kristen Phillips. "From its relatively modest start on the grounds of The Hartford Life Insurance Company to the performances today at the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows, certain aspects have remained constant - the experience of the sounds of summer under the stars, the enjoyment of picnics with family and friends, and the magnificent music of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Our program this year offers something for everyone...and is guaranteed to get folks out of their seats and dancing to the music!"

This summer marks Music Director Edward Cumming's grand finale season at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival. "To perform Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* at *Celebrate America*, and Motown hits with *Spectrum* will be a triple thrill for me," says Maestro Cumming.

### **VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS – plus Pachelbel's *Canon* with Fireworks!**

Friday, June 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.  
Edward Cumming, conductor

The 2010 Talcott Mountain Music Festival will begin Friday, June 25, 2010 with an enchanting evening of orchestral favorites under that stars, including such beloved works as **Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons***, Pachelbel's *Canon*, and Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* (followed by REAL fireworks!).

### **CELEBRATE AMERICA! – The Annual Red, White & Blue Tradition with Fireworks!**

Friday, July 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
Edward Cumming, conductor

The HSO will **Celebrate America** on Friday, July 2, 2010 with a red-white-and blue line-up featuring toe-tapping show tunes, thundering marches, patriotic tunes, and FIREWORKS! as led by Maestro Edward Cumming in his grand finale July 4<sup>th</sup> performance at Talcott Mountain.

### **SPECTRUM – A Tribute to Motown and R&B**

Friday, July 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Edward Cumming, conductor

After playing to nearly sold-out crowds at the 2008 Talcott Mountain Music Festival, vocal quartet **Spectrum** will return to the play a night of Motown and R&B hits with the HSO on Friday, July 9, 2010. This show will combine the chart-topping hits of the Temptations, the Four Tops, the Drifters, and, new this year, a tribute to Michael Jackson.

### **TIME TO ROCK – from Doo Wop to Hip Hop!**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Victor Vanacore, guest conductor

It will be **Time to Rock** at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 when guest conductor Victor Vanacore leads the HSO in a live concert of Rock & Roll's greatest hits, including songs by the Beach Boys, Gloria Estefan, Earth, Wind and Fire, the BeeGees, and more.

### **CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR- A Tribute to The Beatles**

Friday, July 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand in a new show, the “fab four” singers of the original Broadway production of *Beatlemania* will return to the Talcott Mountain Music Festival for **Classical Mystery Tour** on Friday, July 16, 2010. This groovy night will feature The Beatles' greatest hits, including “Hello Goodbye,” “Hard Day's Night,” “A Day in the Life,” “Yellow Submarine,” and much more!

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. for all Talcott Mountain Music Festival concerts. The festival site is located on Iron Horse Boulevard, parallel to Hopmeadow Street (Rt. 10/202), in downtown Simsbury. In the case of severe weather, rain dates for each concert will be the night after the scheduled concert at the same time.

The Hartford Symphony Education Tent, open to all ticket holders, is open from 6:00 p.m to 7:15 pm. Children can enjoy free activities such as face-painting, crafts, games and the “Instrument Zoo.”

Five-Concert subscriptions for single table seats are \$190 per seat. Five-Concert subscriptions for full eight-seat tables are \$1,420 per table. Adult Grass Passes (10 lawn tickets to be used in combination with any of the five concerts) are \$180 and Grass Passes for kids 12 and under are \$50. A family pack of 12 lawn tickets – 6 kids and 6 adults – is \$140. Grass Pass and Family Packs will increase in price after May 6, 2010. Single Tickets for both lawn and table seats will be available for purchase beginning Monday, May 17, 2010. Prices include a \$2 per adult ticket and 50¢ per child ticket facility fee paid to the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows.

Subscriptions and tickets are available in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Hartford Symphony Orchestra Ticket Services, 99 Pratt Street, Suite 500 in Hartford, or by calling (860) 244-2999. Single tickets will be available online 24/7 at [www.hartfordsymphony.org](http://www.hartfordsymphony.org) beginning May 17, 2010.

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