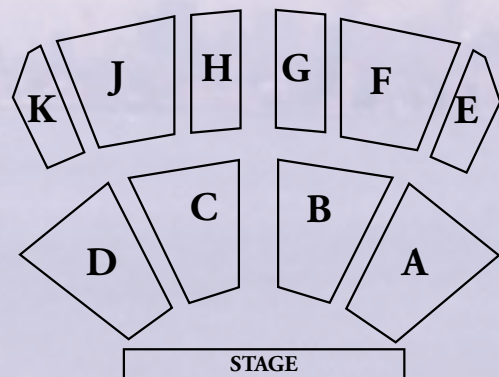


Endowment Fund

Gifts to this permanent fund, in memory of, or in honor of anyone, are critical to the Symphony's future. The fund's interest is a major source for our annual operating budget. Large gifts can be recognized by the permanent naming of orchestra chairs. Endowed chairs will be recognized in the concert programs on a separate "Endowment Fund" page in perpetuity. Gifts in honor of, or in memory of, a person will also be recognized with the giver's name (and honored person's name) in one concert program. Contact the Symphony office for more information.

Please mark the chart below with an "X" for your desired seating. Seats are subject to availability.



Seating Assignment Policy

Subscribers will be able to renew their seats during the month of July. New subscribers will have an opportunity to purchase season tickets beginning in August. Individual tickets will be available after September 14. For group rates, call the Symphony office.

PLEASE NOTE:

All concerts in the 2009 - 2010 season will start at 7:30 pm, at Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Road.

A Note from our Conductor *Elisabeth Heath-Charles*



*Hello Friends,
This is an exciting time of year
and as I write, spring is here!
Everywhere you look trees are
budding and flowers are beginning
to bloom. It makes me slow down
to embrace every color and every
fragrance.*

It is our hope that you will view the 61st season of your Butler County Symphony like a garden filled with beautiful flowers! The music committee and I have been meticulously "planting" the music all winter so that every selection is in just the right place. So, here is our musical garden, blooming for you. We hope that you will take the time to stop and "smell the roses" at least six times this year with us, your symphony orchestra.

As always, please know how much the orchestra and I appreciate your support! You are our audience and we love performing for you!

*Fondly,
Betsy*



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Music Director/Conductor*

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Travel along with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra as we make the journey from the "Old World" to the "New", accompanying the immigrants who came to America with their dreams, talents, and cultural heritage. This 61st Season explores their influence and contributions to "American" music.

October 10, 2009 COMING TO AMERICA

Folk music from Germany, Austria and Italy begins our concert. The orchestra performs a multimedia work by Peter Boyer, "Ellis Island: The Dream of America" with a slide presentation of Ellis Island and actors reciting the emotional words of actual immigrants who arrived from 1910 to 1940.

November 7, 2009 AMBER WAVES

Opening the concert with Morton Gould's poignant rendition of "America the Beautiful", the orchestra continues with the works of the immigrant composers Victor Herbert, Percy Grainger and Igor Stravinsky. BCSO Concertmistress Galina Istomin, who immigrated from Russia in 1991, and her daughter Katerina, a recent Juilliard graduate, are soloists in this program and will team up to play Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" for violin and viola.



December 5, 2009 HOLIDAYS WITH MARIANNE

Our traditional and popular program of seasonal music features internationally acclaimed opera singer Marianne Cornetti, a native of Cabot. As an ambassador from Butler County, she performs in many countries from which our ancestors came.



February 13, 2010 SHOUT, AMERICA!

We celebrate the African-American contributions of jazz and gospel. Featured are music by Elmer Bernstein from the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" and the joyful sounds of the Pittsburgh Gospel Choir.



March 13, 2010 MODERN AMERICA

This **Family Pops Concert** opens with Pennsylvania folk songs and then works its way from the music of our grandparents, our parents and, finally, to the music of American youth. Music by Duke Ellington showcases orchestra members in jazz solos. The orchestra plays delightful selections from the "Dead Symphony", a tribute to the music of the Grateful Dead. "High School Musical" and "Hannah Montana" music is presented by the award winning North Star Kids from Pittsburgh. The Young Artist Competition winner (high school category, tba) will also appear.



April 24, 2010 HEAR US NOW

Focusing on our home state, the program showcases "Symphony No. 1" by Pennsylvania born composer Samuel Barber. Four Butler County native composers (tba) will each contribute one movement to create a new work titled "Butler County Suite". Also featured is internationally acclaimed pianist, Mihae Lee, who plays Grieg's "Piano Concerto Opus 16". Mihae is the wife of French hornist William Purvis, a Butler native who has often performed with the BCSO.



For over 60 years, the Butler County Symphony

has played a key role in the cultural vitality of Butler and Butler County. Ticket sales provide less than half of our orchestra's expenses. Thus, we rely on donations from supporters interested in perpetuating live classical music as a part of our community's cultural enrichment. Donations also compensate for school educational programs from pre-K through 12 and make it possible to honor young musicians of note. It is hoped that these educational programs will be a source of tomorrow's audiences and supporters.

Butler County's accomplished orchestra depends upon your donation for its ongoing success. We invite you to join a growing number of County citizens who are interested in providing live music for thousands of Butler area residents. We sincerely hope that you will donate this season. **Tax deductible** contribution levels (above the season ticket cost) are:

- Patron - \$10 (individual) or \$20 (couple)
- Sustainer - \$21 to \$150
- Silver Baton - \$151 to \$350
- Gold Baton - \$351 to \$1250
- Platinum Baton - \$1251 to \$3500
- Conductor Circle - \$3501 to \$7500
- Symphony Circle - \$7501 or more

All categories are highlighted in our concert program booklets. In addition, the last three levels are given special public recognition. Call the Symphony office for more details.

Contributors are members of the Symphony Association and are eligible to vote for officers and board members at the annual meeting in May.

SEASON TICKET ORDER FORM

Seats are reserved. (See diagram on reverse side)

Name* _____

*Contributor-Name is listed in the program.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Choose one of these subscription plans:

PLUS Season - all 6 concerts (\$75 per subscription)

BASIC Season - 5 concerts (\$65 per subscription)

MINI Season - 4 concerts (\$60 per subscription)

	Number of concerts		Number of subscriptions
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BASIC Subscription	(5)	x \$65 = \$	_____
MINI Subscription	(4)	x \$60 = \$	_____
Student PLUS	(6)	x \$30 = \$	_____
Student BASIC	(5)	x \$25 = \$	_____
Student MINI	(4)	x \$20 = \$	_____

Donation Amount (Tax deductible) = \$ _____
(Donation required to be listed in program.)

Postage and Handling \$2.00
(Include if tickets are mailed to you)

Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

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Oct. 10 _____ Nov. 7 _____ Dec. 5 _____

Feb. 13 _____ Mar. 13 _____ Apr. 24 _____

My employer matches contributions.

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Individual concert tickets (on sale after Sept. 14):

•All concerts except Dec. 5: Adult pre-sale \$15, \$18 at door.

•Dec. 5 concert: Adults pre-sale \$20, \$22 at door.

•Student tickets all concerts: \$5

Join us... for our 61st Season!