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### **Finger Lakes Concert Band and Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra Present Joint Concert of Holiday Classics**

*December 16 concert at Canandaigua Academy features music of Leroy Anderson, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, and much more*

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y.— The Finger Lakes Concert Band (FLCB), under the direction of Gregory Kane, and the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra (FLSO), directed by Shade Zajac, present a special joint concert featuring traditional and contemporary holiday classics on Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 pm at the Canandaigua Academy, 435 East Street in Canandaigua. At the end of the concert, they will join together for Leroy Anderson’s *A Christmas Festival*.

FLCB’s Gregory Kane says, “These are two great community ensembles, both with a rich local history. I am thrilled that these two groups can finally share the same stage together. Welcoming the FLSO to our already scheduled December 16 concert date is a real dream come true as we have discussed this for several years. I am looking forward to an incredible community event!”

Shade Zajac of the FLSO adds, “We are very excited to be collaborating with FLCB on this concert.”

The FLCB program includes the jingling sleigh bells of “Troika” from Prokofiev’s *Lieutenant Kijé*; *Holiday Emblem March*, with holiday tunes in the style of *National Emblem March*; *German Carol Festival*, a medley of carols from Germany; *Hanukkah Holiday*, a spirited arrangement of three traditional Jewish folk songs; and *It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*. You’ll also hear wind band arrangements of the Christmas carols *In Dulci Jubilo*, *Coventry Carol*, and *Silent Night*.

The FLSO will perform Leroy Anderson’s perennial holiday favorite *Sleigh Ride* and selections from Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker*. General admission tickets are \$8 – free for students 18 or under – and are available at the door.

Comprised of adult instrumentalists and advanced high school students from the Greater Finger Lakes community, the **Finger Lakes Concert Band** is sponsored by The Hochstein School. The

ensemble rehearses weekly and gives several concerts per year featuring music ranging from standard wind band literature and orchestral transcriptions to music of the jazz and pop idioms.

The **Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra** was formed in the fall of 1971 as the Wayne County Symphony and incorporated in the mid-1970s under its current name. FLSO performs in area colleges and high schools and at wineries and area churches, lakeside at the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, and at Ontario Town Hall, Smith Opera House, and Sodus Bay Lighthouse. The current roster of approximately 45 members is comprised of a very diverse group including professionals of many vocations, musicians, and students in the Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes areas.

**About Hochstein:** The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein's vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.hochstein.org](http://www.hochstein.org).

## CALENDAR LISTINGS

### **Holiday Concert by Finger Lakes Concert Band and Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra**

Sunday, December 16, 2018; 3:00 pm; Canandaigua Academy, 435 East Street, Canandaigua, NY; general admission tickets \$8, free for students 18 or under

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