

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Symphony Orchestra

Presents

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

At

The Young People's Concert

Saturday, February 24

11am

Trapp Auditorium, Waukegan High School, Brookside Campus

Waukegan, IL (February 8, 2018) Join the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra for its Young People's Concert on Saturday, February 24 at 11am at Waukegan High School's Trapp Auditorium, Brookside Campus. The concert features Saint-Saëns "Carnival of the Animals." Other selections include: Vivaldi's Cello concerto, Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever," Glière's "Russian Sailor's Dance" and Schuman's "Variations on America." The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, established in 1974, has a long history of performing the annual Young People's Concert as a means to interest families in classical music and learning a musical instrument.

"Carnival of the Animals" will be narrated by Oliver Mah, a cellist and vocalist who is a third grade student at Half Day School in Lincolnshire. His parents, Natasha Mah and Timothy Mah, are the pianists. Both are Northwestern University Music School graduates, educators, and soloists who work with maestro Stephen Blackwelder, Conductor of the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. "Carnival of the Animals" is a fun introduction to classical music and introduces children to the various instruments and "voices" of the orchestra. After the concert, children are encouraged to meet the musicians and experience the musical instruments.

Students are free when accompanied by an adult. Adult tickets are \$5. For more information, please contact Debra Carl at 847-360-4746 or visit www.waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 230 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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