
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus Announce 2021-2022 Season

Waukegan, Illinois (September 30, 2021) – The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus announced the 2021-2022 season. With support from the Waukegan Park District, the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus have been a long-standing tradition in the community, offering a unique musical experience for all ages. The programming is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra was established in 1974 and is led by Music Director Alexander Platt. The Symphony Orchestra provides a unique performance opportunity for over fifty devoted musicians of varying ages and levels of musical experience.

The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra will offer the following concerts this season:

- Inspirations on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 4pm
- Mozart Mania on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 4pm
- Young People’s Concert on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 11am
- Russian Gems on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3pm
- Celebrations: Juneteenth & Pride Month on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 7pm

The Waukegan Concert Chorus was established in 1976 and is led by Music Director Randy Casey. The Concert Chorus is an independent sister organization to the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra.

The Waukegan Concert Chorus will offer the following concerts this season:

- An Afternoon of A Cappella on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 4pm
- Folk Music Celebration on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 4pm
- Aaron Copland and Friends on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 4pm

The Joseph A. Favero “Do-It-Yourself” Messiah & Carol Sing-Along, performed jointly by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 7pm at St. Anastasia Church, located at 624 Douglas Avenue in Waukegan.

Concert dates, times, and locations are subject to change. More details about the concerts, including tickets and locations, are available at waukeganparks.org/wsocc. For more information about joining the symphony orchestra or chorus, contact Ty Rohrer at trohrer@waukeganparks.org or (847) 360-4744.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 53 properties and more than 742 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, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, 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. We offer something for everyone!

The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District employs 64 full-time and nearly 200 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the District's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The Waukegan Park District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2021.

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