
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus Announce 2022-2023 Season

Waukegan, Illinois (October 12, 2022) – The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus announced their 2022-2023 season. With support from the Waukegan Park District, the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus have been a longstanding tradition in the community, offering a unique musical experience for all ages. The programming is supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

Established in 1974, the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra is led by Music Director Alexander Platt. The Symphony Orchestra provides a unique performance opportunity for more than 50 devoted musicians of varying ages and levels of musical experience. Throughout the season, concerts will feature guest soloists from around the country, including Andrew Russo on the piano, Jordan Thomas on the harp, and Mark Linley on the marimba.

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

- Celebrating Black Musicians on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 4pm
- Romantic Voices on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 4pm
- Young People’s Family Concert on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 4pm
- American Stories on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 7pm

Established in 1976, the Waukegan Concert Chorus 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:

- Songs of the Season on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 4pm
- Handel Celebration on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 4pm
- Poems to Songs on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 4pm

The Joseph A. Favero Memorial “Do-It-Yourself” Messiah & Carol Sing-Along, performed jointly by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 7pm at First United Methodist Church, located at 128 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Waukegan.

Season tickets are available for purchase. More information about the concerts, including tickets and locations, are available at waukeganparks.org/wsocc.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the Waukegan Park District (WPD) 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 WPD include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, 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 need populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Arts and cultural activities are provided by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

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 WPD employs 66 full-time and 290 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 WPD has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award for receiving the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The WPD was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013, and was named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

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