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The Chappaqua Orchestra Announces 2004-2005 Season

Chappaqua, New York, September 13, 2004 – In its fourth season under the baton of Maestro Michael Shapiro, The Chappaqua Orchestra announces another exciting season of thematic programs that offer broad community appeal. Entering its 46th season, the Chappaqua Orchestra continues its tradition of producing high-quality classical music to satisfy seasoned music-lovers, while enticing the uninitiated concert-goer. Standing firm on its commitment to showcase local chamber groups, soloists and composers, The Chappaqua Orchestra offers something for everyone.

“Friends” - Saturday, November 13, 2004, 8pm

Location changed to: **Reader’s Digest Auditorium, Chappaqua, NY**

“*Friends*” will offer an intriguing look at the relationship between Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms. Pianist **David Shimoni** will be the featured soloist in the Schumann *Piano Concerto*. Also on the program will be *Brahms Symphony No. 2*, and one of Clara Schumann’s *Four Fleeting Pieces* orchestrated for The Chappaqua Orchestra by Jonathan Faiman. A well-known performer and composer in her own right, Clara Schumann’s works are rarely performed compared to the works of her husband, Robert Schumann and her, some would say, “companion” Johannes Brahms. This concert will examine the powerful influence these friends had on each other and the music of their time. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 Seniors, \$15 Students).

**“When Harry Met Frodo” - Saturday, January 8, 2005, 3pm
Horace Greeley High School Auditorium, Chappaqua, NY**

The Chappaqua Orchestra will present its annual family concert with a special look at music, film, and the themes of magic and fantasy. This year’s concert, “*When Harry Met Frodo*” will feature music from the popular movies *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings*. Special guests will include the characters Gandolf, Professor Dumbledore and Gollum. To tie-in the popular themes of today with music of yesterday, the orchestra will also perform the well-known *Sorcerer’s Apprentice*, composed by Paul Dukas over one hundred years ago. This multi-media, interactive presentation is appropriate for children of all ages. The short program, quick pace, and stimulating visuals will keep younger children interested, while the challenging questions and thematic exploration will give older children and adults plenty to think about. All tickets are \$10.

**“Musical Tribute to Greeley Graduates” - Saturday, April 2, 2005, 8pm
Horace Greeley High School Auditorium, Chappaqua, NY**

“Musical Tribute to Greeley Graduates” is slated to be a very special community event honoring music education in and around Chappaqua. The Chappaqua Orchestra will recognize the achievements of past Greeley Graduates in the field of music, as well as introduce members of the class of 2005 who will go on to make their own mark in the music world. World-famous cellist (and Greeley graduate) **Edward Arron**, will be the featured soloist. Local music educators, together with the Horace Greeley High School Orchestra and Chorus, will join The Chappaqua Orchestra in this All-Elgar program. Works will include the *Enigma Variations*, the Elgar *Cello Concerto*, and of course, *Pomp and Circumstance No.1*. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 Seniors, \$15 Students).

The Chappaqua Orchestra, in conjunction with the Chappaqua Library, will also offer a four-part chamber series to take place on Sunday afternoons October 31, February 6, March 6, and April 17. Four different ensembles will be featured, including the **Concert Artists of Chappaqua**, **The Chappaqua Orchestra Wind Quintet**, the **MusicArts Ensemble**, and The Chappaqua Orchestra’s concertmaster **Sara Geller and Friends**. Concerts will be held in the Chappaqua Library Auditorium at 3pm. There is a suggested donation at the door of \$15.

For tickets and information contact The Chappaqua Orchestra at P.O. Box 461, Chappaqua, New York, 10514, call 914-921-4642, email info@chappaquaorchestra.org or visit www.chappaquaorchestra.org.

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