

FALL/WINTER PRESENTING SPONSOR:
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Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8 PM
FIERY TONES OF FALL

"The rich fall palette of sounds comes to life in our kaleidoscopic season opener with overtones of passion and romance." — Maestro Gerald Steichen

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Inon Barnatan

ROSSINI:
Overture to Guillaume Tell (William Tell)
BEETHOVEN:
Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37
Piano Soloist - **Inon Barnatan**
SIBELIUS:
Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 43

INON BARNATAN: "The young, Israeli-born pianist is a true poet of the keyboard...this is musicianship of the highest calibre."
— London Evening Standard

Saturday, December 5, 2009, 8 PM
HOLIDAY HIGH NOTE

"What better way to ease into the holidays than by spending an evening experiencing the orchestral beauty of Brahms's symphonies, in particular his majestic Fourth." — Maestro Gerald Steichen



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TORKE:
Bright Blue Music
MENDELSSOHN:
A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op. 21 & 61 (selections)
BRAHMS:
Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98

★★ **FESTIVE POPS**
HOLIDAY SURPRISE ★★



RIDGEFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A SOCIAL EVENT NOT-TO-BE-MISSED AT THE RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 8 PM
SPEND A NIGHT ON BROADWAY... IN RIDGEFIELD

"There is nothing like a musical comedy show-stopper to lift spirits and make you feel good all over. Come listen to your favorite melodies from Broadway's greatest hits with special performances by two of our brightest stars!"

— Maestro Gerald Steichen



Mara Bonde

MARA BONDE: Critically acclaimed for an electric stage presence and purity of tone, soprano Mara Bonde thrills audiences in Europe and the United States.

CURT OLDS: An award-winning vocalist highly praised for his interpretations of both Broadway and operatic roles, Curt Olds's list of credits runs long. He holds a master's degree in Vocal Performance/Opera from the New England Conservatory.



Curt Olds

Tickets:
\$40, \$50, \$75

WINTER/SPRING PRESENTING SPONSOR:
BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM

Saturday, February 6, 2010, 8 PM
LOVE IS IN THE AIR

"A valentine especially for you! Rodrigo's fiery guitar concerto and special guest artist mezzo-soprano Caroline Chanin singing her favorite love songs will make this a truly magical celebration."

— Maestro Gerald Steichen

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John Muratore

MONCAYO: "Huapango"
GROFÉ: Selections from Grand Canyon Suite — *Cloudburst, On the Trail, Sunset*
RODRIGO: Concerto for Guitar Soloist - **John Muratore**
TCHAIKOVSKY:
Romeo and Juliet
Overture Fantasy

ROMANTIC LOVE SONGS featuring **Caroline Chanin**

RAVEL: Boléro
JOHN MURATORE: Boston Globe characterized his guitar expertise as "...unleashing so many different varieties of tone and color in quick succession... aural iridescence."

CAROLINE CHANIN: A gifted mezzo-soprano who has sung at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and throughout the U.S. and Canada, Ms. Chanin is proud to make Ridgefield her home.



Caroline Chanin

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 8 PM
MUSIC IN BLOOM

"Spring brings new energy for adventure. Travel with the RSO to points far and wide — from Russia (with love) to warm, sunny Rome. This season finale offers a "front row seat" on our world tour. Bon voyage!"

— Maestro Gerald Steichen

Concert sponsor: **The Anne S. Richardson Fund**



Melissa Westgate

SHOSTAKOVICH:
Festive Overture
ELGAR:
Cello Concerto Soloist - **Melissa Westgate**
BARBER:
Essay #1
RESPIGHI:
Fountains of Rome

MELISSA WESTGATE: An award-winning musician and principal cellist of the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, Ms. Westgate has performed internationally in many orchestras and chamber groups. She has played in the New York String Orchestra with Isaac Stern and holds a master's of music from The Manhattan School of Music.

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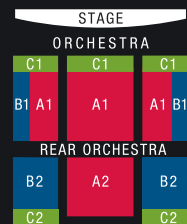
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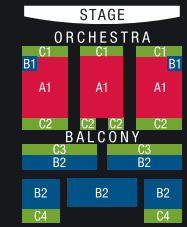
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• **The Ridgefield Playhouse:** located at 80 East Ridge Road, at the back of the Venus Building, 1 block from Main Street, across from the police station.



RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM



RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE



Ticket Pricing

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SINGLE TICKETS: date: 10/3/09 12/5/09 2/6/10 4/10/10

Adult	\$50	\$40	\$25			
Student (18 & under)	\$30	\$25	\$15			

SPEND A NIGHT ON BROADWAY, RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE 11/7/09

Concert	\$75	\$50	\$40			
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TICKETS TOTAL \$

We value your tax-deductible contribution.

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RIDGEFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Professional Symphony Orchestra

SYMPHONIC SENSATIONS

Under the baton of charismatic, multi-talented Music Director Gerald Steichen, the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra (RSO) represents some of the finest symphonic sounds available in America today.

About the Musicians

Based in bucolic Ridgefield, Connecticut, the RSO attracts award-winning musicians whose collective experience ranges from Broadway theaters to symphony halls in New York City, London, Italy, Russia, Sweden and Jerusalem. They hold master's degrees and doctorates from prestigious educational institutions including the New England Conservatory, the Manhattan School of Music, Peabody College, Eastman School of Music and The Juilliard School.

About Maestro Gerald Steichen

With a career that runs the gamut from symphony to opera, Broadway to chamber music, Gerald Steichen is Principal Pops Conductor of the Utah Symphony, Associate Conductor of the New Haven Symphony and frequently conducts the Boston Pops, New York City Opera and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. A gifted pianist, Maestro Steichen performed for the New York City Opera's acclaimed production of *Porgy and Bess*. He has appeared on Broadway and conducted national tours of *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Cats*.

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PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

All performances are Saturdays at 8 pm.

10/3/09: Fiery Tones of Fall

11/7/09: Spend a Night on Broadway

12/5/09: Holiday High Note

2/6/10: Love is in the Air

4/10/10: Music in Bloom

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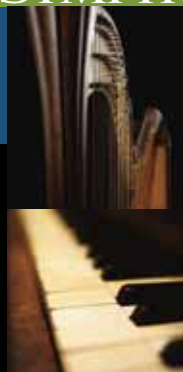


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